



# George Mastoris

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An accomplished litigator, George represents a broad array of companies involved in high-stakes and high-profile civil and criminal litigations, arbitrations and appeals. He co-heads the New York Litigation Practice and his experience spans a number of substantive areas, including antitrust, securities, insurance, financial technology, and bankruptcy. George's clients include some of the world's largest financial services companies, insurance companies and multinational manufacturing concerns, as well as blockchain and biotechnology startups, retailers, and private equity firms.

George Mastoris es socio litigante en la oficina de Nueva York de Winston & Strawn. El Sr. Mastoris se dedica al litigio comercial complejo y tiene experiencia en la ley antimonopolio, litigio por bancarrota, propiedad intelectual y litigio internacional. En el contexto comercial y de ley antimonopolio, el Sr. Mastoris ha representado a una amplia gama de clientes en litigios civiles y penales, así como también en actuaciones judiciales y apelaciones que incluyen a grandes empresas fabricantes, empresas de telecomunicaciones, bancos, préstamos comerciales, farmacéuticas y firmas de biotecnología. El Sr. Mastoris también cuenta con amplia experiencia en quiebras y ha representado tanto a las entidades dedudoras como a las acreedoras en una amplia variedad de procedimientos, así como en la práctica internacional del arbitraje.

#### **Representative Matters:**

- Sheridan Healthcorp, Inc.: a fines del 2010, el Sr. Mastoris y un equipo de abogados lograron la satisfactoria suspensión total y por tiempo indefinido de un juicio federal antimonopolio en contra de Sheridan por parte de AvMed, Inc., compañía de seguros de Florida que había sido demandada anteriormente por Sheridan, en un tribunal estatal, debido al incumplimiento del contrato. La demanda del tribunal estatal, que también incluía contrademandas antimonopolio en contra de Sheridan, se resolvió recientemente en términos muy favorables para Sheridan.
- Great West Investors LP: en una demanda iniciada por incumplimiento de contrato y rectificación por más de 350 \$ millones, el Sr. Mastoris actualmente representa a Great West, el inversionista principal del conglomerado multinacional Power Corp., en contra de Thomas H. Lee Partners, uno de los fondos de renta variable más grandes del mundo.
- Capmark Financial Group: el Sr. Mastoris dirigió al equipo en un juicio por quiebra que superó satisfactoriamente a una impugnación permanente derivativa presentada contra el deudor por los acreedores ordinarios que pretendían presentar demandas por preferencia y transferencia fraudulenta.
- Omnicare, Inc.: el Sr. Mastoris ha representado a Omnicare, Inc., la farmacia institucional más grande del país, en relación con diversos asuntos. Recientemente, fungió como el abogado responsable de la gestión cotidiana de una demanda por 1,1 \$ mil millones presentada por Omnicare en contra de UnitedHealth Group, por violación de las leyes antimonopolio a nivel estatal y federal, en relación con el suministro de medicamentos de conformidad con Medicare Parte D, así como los procedimientos posteriores y en curso de apelación.
- Medlmmune, Inc.: el Sr. Mastoris y otros abogados de DL fueron fundamentales para que Medlmmune obtuviera un mandato de la Suprema Corte de revocar un precedente del tribunal de primera instancia federal donde a los concesionarios acreditados se les excluyó de interponer declaraciones de no violación, invalidez o inoponibilidad.
- En un arbitraje ante la LCIA, el Sr. Mastoris representó la inquietud de una importante empresa europea de telecomunicaciones que había sido demandada por una compañía aeroespacial norteamericana por incumplimiento de contrato, resolviendo satisfactoriamente el arbitraje por una parte reducida de la cantidad establecida en la demanda.

El Sr. Mastoris obtuvo un doctorado de la Escuela de Derecho de Columbia en el 2002, donde fue un miembro de la *Human Rights Law Review* y se tituló como académico de Harlan Fiske Stone. Recibió un diplomado de la Universidad de Princeton en 1999.

## Cuestiones clave

- City of Philadelphia, et al. v. Bank of America, et al. Counsel for Goldman Sachs & Co. in multi-billion dollar antitrust matter alleging that competitor banks conspired to fix interest rates for municipal bonds
- Sizemore et. al. v. Zhao et al. As lead counsel for Defendant Binance US, obtained complete dismissal for in massive class action alleging securities laws violations arising from sale and promotion of digital assets
- Licht v. Binance Holdings Ltd. et al. and Gonzalez v. Binance Holdings Ltd. et al. Lead counsel for Defendant Binance US in two civil RICO actions alleging involvement in so-called "pig butchering" schemes
- Sjunde AP-Fonde v. Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC et al. Counsel for Goldman Sachs in high-profile Rule 10(b)(5) securities class action litigation
- RIA R Squared v. DW Partners et al. Lead counsel in fraud and breach of contract action arising from three large commercial real estate transactions; successfully appealed dismissal of case brought by prior counsel
- Azad v. Jenner. Represent Caitlyn Jenner and her manager in federal securities fraud and state law class action arising from sale and marketing of digital assets

- In re Interest Rate Swaps Antitrust Litig. and Iowa Public Employees Retirement Assoc.et al. v. Bank of America Corp., et al. Counsel for defendant Goldman Sachs & Co. in two multi-billion-dollar antitrust putative class actions; obtained complete denial of class certification in Interest Rate Swaps matter
- FM Global. COVID-19 litigations. Counsel for one of the world's largest property and casualty insurers in over 12 litigations involving billions of dollars in claims for damages stemming from COVID-19 pandemic
- Represent defendant in Title VII class action alleging religious discrimination arising from COVID-19 vaccination policy. Secured significant victories in several of those matters to date.
- MH Sub I et al. v. Muehter. Successfully enjoined defendant executive from joining competitor company for the entire term of his non-compete provision in restrictive covenant and misappropriation action
- In re DBMP LLC; In re Aldrich Pump LLC, et al. Counsel for asbestos claimants creditors in proceedings arising out of separation of billions of dollars of asbestos liabilities from solvent companies' assets
- NYU Medical Center v. Factory Mutual Insurance Co. Argued and won summary judgment in US\$1.6B claim arising out of damage caused by Superstorm Sandy; decision recently affirmed by the Second Circuit
- Harmoni International Spice Corp. v. Bai, et al. Lead day-to-day counsel for plaintiff in high-stakes antitrust and civil RICO action against a cartel of foreign agricultural producers and their affiliates in the United States; argued and won Ninth Circuit appeal of district court dismissal
- FCPA Investigation and Related Litigation. Represented major financial institution in multi-billion-dollar DOJ investigation along with follow-on derivative and class action securities litigation
- In the Matter of Gladius Network LLC. Lead counsel for cybersecurity company in government investigation relating to digital assets; negotiated groundbreaking no-penalty settlement with SEC
- In re Caesars Entertainment Operating Co. Counsel to Examiner in a massively complex investigation of 27 separate debt and real estate transactions involving billions of dollars
- Financial Technology Investigations and Advice. Regularly advises financial technology companies in connection with compliance issues and regulatory proceedings involving digital assets and securities law
- In re ODD Antitrust Litigation. Represented Panasonic Corp. in billion dollar antitrust class action alleging price fixing of optical disc drives. Helped lead joint defense group's successful efforts to defeat motion for class certification, including briefing motions and overseeing expert phase of case
- Omnicare v. United Healthcare, et al. Counsel in US\$1.4B price-fixing and fraud action arising out of the merger between health care conglomerates United Healthcare and PacifiCare
- Sheridan Healthcorp, Inc. v. Avmed, Inc. Obtained extremely favorable settlement for group of plaintiff anesthesiologists in federal and state monopolization actions against Florida HMO
- Voting Rights Cases. Represented Common Cause NY, ACLU, and NYCLU in successful negotiations with New York State Board of Elections and Governor's office regarding ballot access issues
- Aguilar v. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Trial counsel to group of families subjected to pre-dawn raids by ICE; helped obtain US\$1M settlement and injunctive relief

## Recent Experience

An Am Law LOTW Shout Out-Worthy Gold Medal Victory In \$Jenner

### Reconocimientos

George was selected to *Lawdragon's* "500 Leading Global Cyber Lawyers" in the area of Litigation, inc. Digital Assets, Cryptocurrency in 2024 and 2025, "500 Leading Global Antitrust & Competition Lawyers" in 2025, and "500 Leading Global Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers" in 2025. He was recognized as a "Key Lawyer" in the 2024 edition of *The Legal 500 US* in the area of Dispute Resolution: Securities Litigation: Defense. He was named a "2019 Technology Law Trailblazer" by the *National Law Journal*, which recognized him for his groundbreaking work in connection with securities regulation and digital assets, and as a "Rising Star" by *New York Metro Super Lawyers* from 2014–2018. George's work on the *In re ODD Antitrust Litigation* has been recognized by a number of legal publications and helped Winston be named the "2018 Antitrust Firm of the Year" by *Benchmark Litigation US* and the "2015 Team of the Year" in cartel defense by *The Legal 500 US*.

## **Actividades**

Most recently, George was named a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

George is also actively involved in pro bono work; in addition to ongoing work in the field of voting rights and campaign finance reform, he recently helped obtain a landmark settlement against Immigration and Customs Enforcement, whose officers were alleged to have conducted a number of unconstitutional home raids.

### Credenciales

#### **EDUCACIÓN**

George received a J.D. from Columbia Law School in 2002, where he was a member of the Human Rights Law Review and graduated as a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. He received an A.B. from Princeton University in 1999. In 2018, George graduated with distinction from Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies, where he focused on Strategic Studies and Conflict Management.

#### ADMISIÓN EN EL COLEGIO DE ABOGADOS

New York

## Información y noticias relacionadas

#### **Speaking Engagements**

- Co-panelist, "Corporate Rep Deposition Tips and Tricks," ALM Complex Claims & Litigation Forum (February 2023)
- Co-Moderator with Christine Edwards, "Setting the Stage: The Business Technology Climate in the Age of COVID-19," Winston & Strawn's Disruptive Technologies Legal Summit (September 2020)

#### **Publications**

- Co-Author, "The SEC's Approach to Digital Asset Regulation Harms Investors," Bloomberg Law (March 2023)
- Quoted, "Winston & Strawn Attorneys Back Digital Asset Association in Civil Crypto Fight," The National Law Journal (March 2023)
- Co-Author with Sofia Arguello and Patrick Opdyke, "<u>Antitrust Concerns in No-Poaching, Wage-Fixing, and Non-compete Agreements</u>," LexisNexis (June 22, 2021)

Co-Author with Robert de By, "How to Avoid a Culture Clash in Business Mediations," The Reporter (March 2007)

#### **RECOGNITIONS**

Winston Lawyers Featured on *Lawdragon* 500 Leading Global Bankruptcy & Restructuring Lawyers List JUNE 27, 2025

#### **RECOGNITIONS**

Winston Team Led by Jeffrey Steinfeld Featured in Litigator of the Week

#### **RECOGNITIONS**

MAY 16, 2025

Winston Partners Featured on the 2025 Lawdragon 500 Leading Global Cyber Lawyers 2025

MAY 7, 2025

#### **BLOG**

Winston Musicians Win Judges' Choice Award & Raise \$37,000 for the LAFD Foundation at Law Rocks Battle of the Bands

MARCH 20, 2025

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#### **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT**

Ivan Poullaos Speaks on ANDA Litigation Strategies at 9th International IP Skills Summit MARCH 6. 2025

#### **RECOGNITIONS**

Winston Attorneys Featured on the 2025 *Lawdragon 500* Leading Global Antitrust & Competition Lawyers List JANUARY 30, 2025

#### IN THE MEDIA

George Mastoris Discusses DOJ's Antitrust Action Against Google With *InformationWeek* DECEMBER 11. 2024

#### **WEBINAR**

How Will the U.S. Election Results Impact Your Financial Services Businesses and Clients? NOVEMBER 15, 2024

#### **BLOG**

Banking Reform: An Increase In Scrutiny

OCTOBER 3, 2024

#### SEMINAR/CLE

Winston & Strawn Hosts Leadership and Communication Workshop with Internationally Acclaimed Author and Neuroscientist

OCTOBER 1, 2024

#### **RECOGNITIONS**

Winston & Strawn Recognized in The Legal 500 U.S. 2024

JUNE 12, 2024

# Capacidades

Antitrust/Competition	Financial Services Litigation Bankruptcy Li	tigation & Investigations
Financial Restructuring	Class Actions & Group Litigation Commer	rcial Litigation & Disputes
Financial Innovation & Regulation Litigation/Trials		
Securities, M&A & Corpo	orate Governance Litigation Technology Antitr	rust Patent Litigation
Compliance Programs	Privacy & Data Security Insurance Litigatio	n Health Care
Insurance Financial	Financial Services Cryptocurrencies, Digital Assets & Blockchain Technology	
Retail & Luxury		