

RESUME OF MICHAEL A. CARDOZO

Michael Cardozo is a litigation partner in the international law firm of Proskauer Rose LLP. and the former New York City Corporation. He is an experienced commercial, government and sports litigator who has vast experience in lawsuits involving New York City, other governmental entities, the workings of the New York State court system and sports leagues.

Before his appointment as Corporation Counsel by Mayor Bloomberg, Michael was a litigator with Proskauer from 1967-2001. He served as chief outside counsel to the NBA, the NHL and Major League Soccer. In that capacity he litigated numerous antitrust and class action litigations for the NBA, NHL and Major League Soccer including Robertson v NBA (challenging the NBA's player restrictions), NBA v SDC Basketball Club (involving the right of a sports team to relocate) and Fraser v Major League Soccer (a lengthy antitrust jury trial in which plaintiffs unsuccessfully challenged the League's player rules).

As New York City's 77th and longest-tenured Corporation Counsel, Michael was the chief lawyer for New York City heading the city's 700-lawyer law department from 2002 through 2013, serving as legal counsel to Mayor Michael Bloomberg, elected officials, the City and all its agencies. His experience in representing virtually every city agency, as well as his extensive dealings with the federal and state governments, has also given him a unique insight on the way in which the government operates.

In this capacity, Michael set an impressive track record of reducing the city's payout of settlement and judgments by 14% and advised on scores of significant litigations including the city's recovery of a more than \$100 million judgment against Exxon, countless challenges to New York City regulations, and the defense of the more than 3,000 personal injury suits against the city alleging damages stemming from the recovery efforts following the 9/11 attack. Among the successful cases Michael personally argued was a real estate tax dispute with the government of India before the U.S. Supreme Court and a \$2.5 billion bond case in the New York Court of Appeals.

Since his return to Proskauer in 2014, Michael has taken on a wide variety of commercial cases and separate suits against New York City and the States of Florida and New Jersey. He also helps to oversee the Firm's pro bono practice and its diversity programs.

Long active in the public sector, Michael presently serves as a member of Chief Judge DiFiore's Task Force on the Constitutional Convention, the Board of Directors of Sanctuary for Families, and the Advisory Board of Legal Outreach, which works with and supports minority high school students who aspire to become lawyers. He previously served as president of the 22,000-member New York City Bar Association, chair of both the Fund for Modern Courts and the Columbia Law School Board of Visitors and head of two court system task forces.

Memberships

American Arbitration Association Commercial Arbitration Panel, Member; Commercial Arbitration Panel for Sport, Member; CPR International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution, Panel Member
Legal Outreach, Member Advisory Board; New York City Bar Association, Former President; Fund for Modern Courts, Former Chair; New York State Judicial Institute on Professionalism in the Law; Chief Judge's Task Force on the Constitutional Convention, Member; Sanctuary For Families, Member, Board of Directors.

Other Distinctions

American Lawyer Lifetime Achievement Award; Citizens Union Public Service Award; New York Urban League Frederick Douglass Medallion for Leadership and Service; The Federal Bar Council's Emory Buckner Award for outstanding public service; The Fund for Modern Courts' Career Public Service Award; The Fund for Modern Courts' Cyrus R. Vance Tribute for dedicated work towards judicial reform; Columbia University Law School's Lawrence A. Wien Prize for Social Responsibility; George A. Katz Torch of Learning Award from American Friends of Hebrew University; Legal Outreach Public Service Honoree; Human Relations Award, Anti-Defamation League

Best Lawyers in America; New York Law Journal's Impact Award; New York Super Lawyers; The Legal 500 United States