



Business Litigation & Dispute Resolution

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Strategic specialized prosecution and defense of business and individual interests in business litigation cases worldwide; offering leading expertise, track record, and value based solutions

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Rated among Super Lawyers™ in Business Litigation in New York in 2017, 2018 and 2019 and obtaining an award by Martindale-Hubbell for Highest Level of Professional Excellence 2019 (AV Preeminent), we are a leading specialist law firm for international business litigation, dispute resolution and investigations. With over 30 years of combined experience in the industry, we offer quality services to both individuals and private businesses locally and globally.

Our steadfast focus is to protect your interests and relentlessly fight for your rights. We understand that litigation should be the last resort but if and where necessary, must be handled creatively and strategically to protect your reputation and defend your rights in a court of law. Our team has experience serving as lead trial counsel in multi-million dollar cases, as well as chief strategy counsel in managing teams from global law firms for highly nuanced, confidential and high profile cases.



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2017-2019, one of the best lawyers in business litigation and corporate disputes



Avvo Rating

George Benaour is featured and rated by Avo as a top attorney in multitude of practice areas



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Practice Areas



Our qualified team prosecutes and defends a broad range of domestic and international litigations and arbitrations worldwide. We are leading specialists in business litigation in New York, and offer solutions globally for handling cross-border litigations, arbitrations, alternative dispute resolution matters and investigations.



Contracts & Business Torts



Investigations & Due Diligence



Commercial Debt & Asset Recovery



Chapter 11 & Chapter 15
Bankruptcy Creditor
Litigation



International Business
Dispute Resolution &
Arbitration



Discovery in Aid of Foreign
Proceedings (Section 1782) &
Foreign Judgment
Enforcement



Background and Cases



[Chigirinskiy v. Panchenkova](#) (Dkt No 14-4410, SDNY District Court 2014-2018); represented former Russian oligarch Shalva Chigirinskiy and obtained settlement in \$100M commercial litigation after 4 years; the case involved parallel commercial litigation proceedings in Connecticut state court; criminal indictments, which were dismissed, and contentious state court child custody proceedings.

[Dear Invest AB v. Brent Borland](#) (SDNY District Court 2018): obtained \$1M default judgment against debtor for breach of promissory notes; related proceedings continuing in Belize; the debtor was criminally indicted by US Department of Justice.

[Sardarov and Black Ocean v. Jonathan Faiman](#) (SDNY District Court 2019): prosecution and immediate settlement of \$4M

debt on behalf of plaintiffs.

[Proarch Design Solutions v. Lazercad Inc.](#) (EDNY District Court 2018): ongoing defense of claims for breach of contract on behalf of architectural design firm against vendor in federal court.

[In re: A123 Systems, Inc.](#) (Chapter 11 Bankruptcy, Delaware Bankruptcy Court): Lead counsel for BAE Systems in a high profile case in U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Delaware. The case resulted in \$28.5 million valuation of client's claim (largest unsecured claim in the case), successful negotiation and drafting of post-petition supply agreement for critical product supply from the Chinese purchaser of debtor's assets of lithium-ion battery technology, and negotiation of resolution of IP rights. Led claim formulation, e-discovery and settlement

Workflow Requirements and Engagement

We understand litigation risk and expense well, and when our clients are in a fight, we do not take advantage. We ask that our clients cover basic expenses and fees at a feasible agreed rate, and compensate us for success. We provide the following services:

Second opinions and advisory services on ongoing and contemplated cases

Lead counsel representation for plaintiffs and defendants

Litigation support

Local counsel

Costs and engagement deals largely depend on the circumstances and the complexity of the case. A typical litigation engagement involves a monthly budget (calculated based off \$400/hr rate and estimated amount of hours), and/or success fee (e.g. 10-15% of recovered funds).

George Benaur



George Benaur, the founder and owner of the firm, has been selected to New Jersey and New York Super Lawyers® and as AV Rated, Preeminent by Martindale Hubbell in Business Litigation. Mr. Benaur specializes in serving as general counsel for international businesses, and in domestic and international business litigations. He is a recognized trial advocate, speaker and writer. He represents clients worldwide in litigations, general counsel matters and investigations. George has served as lead counsel on many of the significant and complicated civil litigations both domestically and internationally. He regularly handles unique matters calling for the creative, sensitive and artful resolutions and works with a network of trusted counsel around the world, especially in Russia and the United Kingdom to offer global solutions to his clients.

Benaur has extensive experience representing individuals and international corporations in corporate transactions, investments, compliance matters, as well as complex litigations, pre-litigation dispute resolution, investigations, and contract drafting and negotiation, both domestically and internationally. He has had back-to-back successes in a broad range of high-stakes cases.

George was co-counsel in the representation of BAE Systems Controls in a high-profile bankruptcy of A123 Systems Inc. in Delaware, resulting in \$28.5 million valuation of the client's proof of claim, successful negotiation for post-petition product supply and intellectual property rights. He also served as counsel for BAE Systems in a three-year litigation in Los Angeles federal court over a research and development agreement for a new, highly sophisticated positioning device in the drilling industry, resulting in settlement in case involving allegations of over \$100 million in damages. George also served as counsel in the \$2 billion restructuring of the Brazilian meat producer Independencia and obtained orders for recognition of a Brazilian reorganization proceeding and for permanent injunction enforcing the Brazilian reorganization plan in Chapter 15 proceedings in S.D.N.Y. Bankruptcy Court. George has been lead counsel for Shalva Chigirinskiy, and has also worked with Black Ocean and NTV America in general counsel capacity, among others. Some other clients for whom George has handled complex cases include major pharmaceutical conglomerates, international banks and high-net worth individuals.

George was born and raised in Moscow, Russia (former Soviet Union) and then immigrated to the United States in 1988. He received his B.A. in English from Lafayette College in 1999, professional degree in acting from the London Academy of Music and Drama in 2000, and his J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in 2004. George's practice is currently principally based in New York, with affiliations and strong working relationships with firms and advisors in Moscow and London.

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