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Gary Leydig is a trial attorney and counselor servicing businesses and business owners in connection with their commercial transactions and disputes. He is also a mediator and arbitrator of commercial, real property and construction disputes.

Mr. Leydig handles arbitrations, jury and bench trials, injunctions, equitable remedies and appeals in state and federal courts in Illinois and throughout the United States. While Mr. Leydig is a nationally recognized leader in the representation and protection of dealers, distributors and franchisees in their disputes with their suppliers and franchisors, his practice encompasses a broad range of commercial transactions and disputes, including those involving franchise and distributorship terminations, contract negotiation and formation, breach of contract litigation, Uniform Commercial Code, construction industry litigation, real property disputes, mortgage and mechanic's lien foreclosures, trade secrets, restrictive covenants, copyright infringement, mergers and acquisitions, corporate and partnership control and dissolution, fraud, deceptive trade practices, unfair competition and lender liability.

Recognitions:

“AV” Peer Review Rating (highest rating for both legal ability and ethics). Martindale-Hubbell

Named to “*Who’s Who Legal, the International Who’s Who of Business Lawyers,*” published by the International Bar Association

Top 100 Franchise Lawyers in the United States. *Franchise Times*

“Illinois Super Lawyer”. (Top 5% of Illinois lawyers.) *Law & Politics*

“Leading Lawyer”. (Top 5% of Illinois lawyers.) Law Bulletin Publishing Company

Practice History:

Of Counsel to Riordan Fulkerson Hupert & Coleman (September 2006 to present)

Of Counsel to Worker Sitko & Hoffman LLC (1999-2005) and, following merger of firms, Partner in Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP (2005-2006)

Partner in Levin McParland Phillips & Leydig. 1993-1998

General Counsel to American Railway Corporation, Inc. 1990-1993

Partner and Associate in Hinshaw & Culbertson. 1980-1990

Education:

University of Chicago, Graham School. Certificate in Mediation, 2005

College of William & Mary, Marshall-Wythe School of Law. JD (Order of Barristers), 1980

University of Illinois at Urbana. BA, 1977

University of Edinburgh. Edinburgh, Scotland U.K., 1975

Licensed:

State of Illinois

Admitted to Practice:

Supreme Court of Illinois

United States Supreme Court

United States Court of Appeals, 7th and 8th Circuits

United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois (including its Trial Bar) and numerous other district courts in other states

ADR Certifications and Appointments:

Mediator, Circuit Court of Cook County Law Division Major Case Court-Annexed Civil Mediation

Arbitrator, American Arbitration Association - Commercial Panel

Memberships and Associations:

Member, American Bar Association (Forum Committee on Franchising, Section of Litigation, Section of Antitrust Law, Section of Business Law and Section of Alternative Dispute Resolution)

Member, Illinois State Bar Association (Section on Trial Practice and Procedure, Section on Business Law, Section on Real Estate Law and Section on Alternative Dispute Resolution)

Publications:

“Franchise Laws: How They Can Protect You As A Dealer”, *The Material Handling Wholesaler*. November, 1998

Contributor, W. Holloway and M. Leech, *Employment Termination: Rights and Remedies*. The Bureau of National Affairs, Inc. (BNA), 1985

Reported Decisions:

A partial list of the published opinions from cases in which Mr. Leydig was the principal attorney includes:

Girl Scouts of Manitou Council v. Girl Scouts of the United States of America, 549 F.3d 1079 (7th Cir. 2008) (Finding local, nonprofit Girl Scout council and the national organization are covered by the Wisconsin Fair Dealership Law.)

Minnesota Supply Company v. The Raymond Corporation, 472 F.3d 524 (8th Cir. 2006) (Issues relating to dealership termination.)

Kingbrook, Inc. v. Pupurs, 202 Ill.2d 24, 779 N.E.2d 867 (Ill. Sup. 2002) (Issues relating to commercial real estate brokerage commission.)

H.R.R. Zimmerman Co. v. Tecumseh Products Co., CCH Business Franchise Guide ¶12, 445 (N.D. Ill. 2001) (Issues relating to franchise termination.)

Pyramid Controls Inc. v. Siemens Indus. Automation, Inc., CCH Business Franchise Guide ¶11, 461 (N.D.Ill. 1998), affd. 172 F.3d 516 (7th Cir. 1999) (Issues relating to franchise termination.)

To-Am Equipment Co., Inc. v. Mitsubishi Caterpillar Forklift America, Inc., 953 F.Supp. 987(N.D. Ill. 1997), affd. 157 F.3d 658 (7th Cir. 1998) (Issues relating to franchise termination.)

Mid America Title Co. v. Kirk, 867 F.Supp. 673 (N.D. Ill. 1994), affd. 59 F.3d 719, 1995 Copr.L.Dec. ¶27, 418, 35 U.S.P.Q.2d 1502 (7th Cir. 1995) (Issues relating to copyright infringement.)

Cleveland Wrecking Co. v. Central Nat. Banking in Chicago, 216 Ill.App.3d 279, 576 N.E.2d 1055 (Ill. App. 1991) (Issues relating to construction delay damages and mechanic's liens.)

Dean v. KIS Corp., 121 F.R.D. 74, 11 Fed.R.Serv.3d 1185 (N.D.Ill. 1988) (Issues relating to procedure.)

Hartford Acc. And Indem. Co. v. Sullivan, 846 F.2d 377, 10 Fed.R.Serv.3d 1331 (7th Cir. 1988) (Issues relating to civil conspiracy, bank fraud and banker's blanket bond.)

Rebaque v. Forsythe Racing Inc., 134 Ill.App.3d 778, 480 N.E.2d 1338, 42 UCC Rep.Serv. 222 (Ill.App. 1985) (Issues relating to breach of Indy Race Car contract and conversion.)