

**BOOK REVIEW: COMMERCIAL LITIGATION IN NEW YORK STATE
COURTS (THIRD EDITION)**

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The multi-volume treatise, *Commercial Litigation in New York State Courts* (Robert L. Haig, Editor-in-Chief), first appeared in 1995 with a Second Edition in 2005. The Third Edition has now been published by West and adds 19 new chapters to the 88 chapters in the Second Edition. The Third Edition includes the work of 144 principal authors, most experienced commercial litigators practicing in New York State courts and also 20 distinguished judges.

As a commercial litigator, I find this treatise to be in an invaluable resource. For example, I recently had occasion to file an Article 78 proceeding and declaratory judgment action in New York State Supreme Court against a state agency. The Third Edition contains a new Chapter 102, "CPLR Article 78 Challenges to Administrative Determinations," by The Honorable Victoria A. Graffeo, Associate Judge of the New York Court of Appeals. This chapter contains a general overview of Article 78 and its history as well as a thorough discussion of the current state of the law, practical advice, appellate considerations and practice aids (including a checklist and sample forms for the notice of petition and petition).

In a time when clients, courts and lawyers are concerned about costs and delays in litigation, chapters 60 through 63, all written by experienced litigators, cover "Techniques for Streamlining and Expediting Litigation," "Litigation Management by Corporations," "Litigation Management by Law Firms," and "Litigation Technology." These chapters are full of practical advice and contain appropriate cross references to other chapters that provide detailed treatment of particular topics. Robert Crotty's chapter (62) "Litigation Management by Law Firms" contains a discussion of several alternative fee arrangements, a particularly timely discussion as

law firms seek alternatives to the hourly rate and corporate and commercial clients face increasing pressure to reduce legal expenses and maximize the value they receive for legal fees.

In addition to the new chapter on Article 78, new chapter titles in the Third Edition include: Comparison With Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts; Coordination of Litigation Within New York and between Federal and State Courts; Litigation Avoidance and Prevention; Litigation Management by Law Firms; Litigation Technology; Civility; Healthcare Institution Litigations; White Collar Crime; The Interplay between Commercial Litigation and Criminal Proceedings; Consumer Protection; Information Technology Litigation; and Commercial Real Estate.

Commercial Litigation in New York State Courts (Third Edition) is a most valuable resource for the commercial litigator.

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