



# Andrew P. Barsom

PARTNER

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Andrew's practice is focused primarily within the areas of Financial Services Litigation; Commercial Litigation; and Appellate Litigation wherein he is a trusted and respected advisor to the Firm's clients. Andrew's breadth of experience includes working with clients in the banking industry, commercial lenders, private investors and developers, commercial and private landlords, commercial and consumer leasing companies, commercial equipment financing companies, assisted living and managed residential communities as well as skilled nursing facilities in default related engagements.

Within each of his practice areas, Andrew mainly focuses on the prosecution of litigation on behalf of the Firm's clients. To date, Andrew has successfully prosecuted virtually every type of default related litigation including residential and commercial foreclosure actions, contract collection actions, fraudulent transfer actions, restitution claims under equitable theories of recovery, applications for prejudgment remedy, replevin and summary process (eviction) actions. His experience with default related litigation encompasses all aspects of litigation from development of an initial strategy and assessment of a claim through briefing and argument of appeals, both as an appellant and appellee, in front of Connecticut's highest courts. More importantly, he has successfully collected on many of the monetary judgments entered in favor of the Firm's clients to demonstrate actual results derived from the strategy implemented alongside the client from the outset of the engagement.

In addition to his experience prosecuting litigation on behalf of clients, Andrew also has substantial experience negotiating, drafting and advising clients regarding loan modification agreements, short sale agreements, forbearance agreements, settlement agreements, stipulated judgments, voluntary liens on real property and other alternatives to litigation.

## Experience

- *Geriatrics, Inc. v. McGee*, 332 Conn. 1 (2019) involved a situation where Andrew took over after trial by different counsel and appealed an adverse judgment entered against the plaintiff under the Connecticut Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act related to a nursing home resident's power of attorney transferring funds to himself and his spouse. On appeal, the Supreme Court reversed the judgment and ordered a new trial on the allegations of the nursing home's complaint alleging the fraudulent transfer.
- BNY Western Trust v. Roman, 295 Conn. 194 (2010) involved an appeal of a claim for intervention as of right in a mortgage foreclosure action in which a third party sought to enforce rights it claimed to have acquired from a third party successful bidder at a foreclosure sale. On review, the Supreme Court of Connecticut agreed with Andrew's position that the proposed intervenor's claim was not submitted timely and ordered the appeal dismissed for lack of jurisdiction in a written opinion.
- AS Peleus, LLC v. Success, Inc., 162 Conn. App. 750 (2016) involved an appeal from the entry of a
  judgment of strict foreclosure in a commercial mortgage foreclosure wherein the mortgagor contested
  the ability of a loan servicing agent to properly introduce and testify certain business records
  establishing standing to foreclose on behalf of the mortgagee. Andrew successfully defended the claims
  asserted by the mortgagor which resulted in the judgment of foreclosure being affirmed after review.
- Customers Bank v. Boxer, 148 Conn. App. 479 (2014) involved an issue of first impression as to what constituted payment of rent to qualify for protection under the federal Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act of 2009 ("PTFA") wherein the occupant of the foreclosed property claimed to have provided services and repairs to the property as a defense to eviction after a completed foreclosure. The Appellate Court agreed with Andrew's position that the occupant was not a "bona fide" tenant and affirmed the judgment previously entered by the trial court.
- Selene Finance, L.P. v. Tornatore, 137 Conn. App. 130 (2012) involved an appeal from the Superior Court's denial of an untimely filed motion to open a judgment of strict foreclosure in contravention of Connecticut General Statutes section 49-15. The appeal was successfully defended by Andrew who obtained an order affirming the action of the trial court in favor of the Plaintiff.

#### Honors

• Super Lawyers® Connecticut Rising Stars 2011; 2014-2021

### **Professional Affiliations**

• Connecticut Bar Association

### **Publications**

• Connecticut Foreclosures: An Attorney's Manual of Practice and Procedure (13<sup>th</sup> Edition) (2023)

## Capabilities

### **Practice Areas**

- Commercial Litigation
- Appellate Advocacy
- Financial Services
- Banking and Financial Services
- Title Insurance Litigation and Real Estate Transactions

## Credentials

### Admitted to Practice

- Connecticut
- United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- United States District Court, District of Connecticut

### Education

- University of Hartford, B.A., magna cum laude
- Quinnipiac University School of Law, J.D.