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Areas of Practice

Litigation (Commercial)
Litigation (Real Estate)
Landlord Tenant Law
Eminent Domain
Mortgage Foreclosure

Honors and Awards

- AV Rated by Martindale Hubbell
- Selected for inclusion in New York Super Lawyers, 2006 - Present
- New York County Lawyers' Association Civil Court Practice Section Award, 2000
- American Jurisprudence Award in Negotiable Instruments

Education

Brooklyn Law School

- J.D. - 1973
- Honors: American Jurisprudence Award in Negotiable Instruments, 1972
- Honors: New York County Lawyers' Association Civil Court Practice Section Award, 2000
- Law Journal: Landlord/Tenant Law Column, New York Law Journal, Editor and Co-Author, 1993
- Law Journal: Rent Regulations Column, New York Law Journal, 1997

Long Island University, C. W. Post College, Brookville, New York

- B.A. - 1970

Thinking outside, inside and around the box is something Warren Estis does exceptionally well. His expertise in litigation, combined with a deep understanding of transactions and leasing, has given Mr. Estis unique insight into these areas. He is able to approach complex situations from both the legal and business points of view, and often sees opportunities and potential problems that others overlook.

As the firm's lead trial attorney, Mr. Estis supervises and trains litigators in preparation for trial, a responsibility for which he is admirably suited. Mr. Estis has tried numerous cases in various courts, both jury and non-jury, and has argued appeals before the Court of Appeals, Appellate Division, and the Appellate Term. He handles all matters of general commercial litigation, including landlord-tenant disputes, breach of contract, transactional disputes, real estate partnership disputes, condemnation proceedings, mortgage foreclosures, brokerage commission actions, rent strikes, holdover proceedings, ejectment proceedings, loft litigation, owner occupancy actions and co-op/ condo disputes.

In assembling land and buildings for renovation and demolition projects, Mr. Estis is adept at meeting the financial needs of owners and developers with the creative restructuring of loans and relocating and moving tenants.

Mr. Estis' credentials include editor and co-author of the Landlord/Tenant Law and Rent Regulations columns in the New York Law Journal, and the book The New York Rent Regulation Reform Act of 1997. He is also co-author of the Landlord-Tenant chapter in West's multi-volume treatise General Practice in New York. He is a former member of the Housing Advisory Council of the Civil Court of the City of New York and a member of the Supreme and Civil Court Practice Sections of the New York County Lawyers' Association and the Real Property Division of the American Bar Association. Mr. Estis has frequently lectured judges and court attorneys at continuing legal education programs sponsored by the New York State Judicial Institute.

Published Works

- "Landlord/Tenant Law Column" (Editor/Co-Author), New York Law Journal, August 1993-present
- "Rent Regulations Column," New York Law Journal, June 1997-present
- "Landlord-Tenant Law Column" (Co-Author), General Practice in New York, West, 1997
- "The New York Rent Reform Act of 1997" (Co-Author), Matthew Bender, 1997

Representative Cases

- In re Metropolitan Transit Authority, 86 A.D.3d 314, 927 N.Y.S.2d 67
- TAG 380, LLC, v. ComMet 380, Inc., 82 A.D.3d 673, 922 N.Y.S.2d 2
- W&W Glass, LLC v. 1113 York Ave. Realty Co., Inc., 83 A.D.3d 438, 920 N.Y.S.2d 347 (1st Dep't 2011)

Bar Admissions

- New York, 1974
- U.S. District Court Southern District of New York, 1974
- U.S. District Court Eastern District of New York, 1974
- U.S. Court of Appeals 2nd Circuit, 1974
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims, 1974
- U.S. Supreme Court, 1977
- U.S. Tax Court, 1974



- Carnegie Hall Corp. v. Niffenegger, 2007, 12/5/07 NYLJ, p. 1, col. 3
- 220 West 98 Realty LLC v. New York Province for the Society of Jesus, 8 Misc.3d 1020(A), 2005 WL 1792597 (Civ. Ct. N.Y.Co. 2005)
- 501 East 87th St. Realty Co., LLC v. Ole Pa Enterprises Inc., 191 Misc.2d 796, 745 N.Y.S.2d 827 (Sup. Ct. N.Y. Co. 2002), aff'd 304 A.D.2d 310, 757 N.Y.S.2d 31 (1st Dep't. 2003)
- Sommer v. Ann Turkel, Inc., 530 N.Y.S.2d 946 (N.Y.City Civ.Ct. 1988)
- Sommer v. Ann Turkel, Inc., 522 N.Y.S.2d 765 (N.Y.Sup.App.Term 1987)
- Hudson View Properties v. Weiss, 450 N.E.2d 234 (N.Y. 1983)
- Barbizon Hotel v. McDaniel, 448 N.Y.S.2d 619 (N.Y.City Civ.Ct. 1982)
- La Guardia v. Cavanaugh, 423 N.E.2d 9 (N.Y. 1981)

Representative Clients

- Carnegie Hall Corporation
- Solow Development Company
- The Riese Organization
- The Related Companies, L.P.
- The Water Club
- The Expansion Group
- Getty Properties Corp.
- Somerset Partners
- Rockrose Development
- TF Cornerstone Inc.
- J.D. Carlisle LLC

Classes/Seminars

- In June 2016, Warren A. Estis and Michael A. Pensabene presented seminars for the continuing legal education program at the New York State Judicial Institute, which provides statewide education and training for the judges and justices of the New York State Unified Court System.
- New York State Judicial Seminar (Faculty), 1994 – 2008

Professional Associations and Memberships

- American Bar Association, Member
- New York State Bar Association, Member
- New York State Trial Lawyers Association, Member
- New York City Bar Association, Member, Committee on Superior Courts, 1992 - 1995
- New York City Bar Association, Member, Special Committee on the Housing Court, 1987 - 1992
- New York City Bar Association, Member, Civil Court Committee, 1984 - 1987
- New York County Lawyers Association, Member, Committee on the Judiciary, 1994 - Present
- New York County Lawyers Association, Member, Civil Court Practice Section, 1996 - Present
- New York County Lawyers Association, Housing Court Task Force, Member, 1996 - 2000
- Housing Part of the Civil Court of the City of New York, Member, Advisory Council, 1990 - 1998