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### EDUCATION

- St. John's University School of Law (J.D., 2012 Dean's List)
- The University at Buffalo (B.A., 2008 Dean's List)

### PRACTICE AREAS

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Commercial Litigation
- Health Law: Regulatory
- Insurance & Insurance Litigation
- International Practice Group
- Real Estate

Ross J. Kartez is an industry leader in the field of complex commercial dispute resolution. In addition to his work as a member of the Firm's commercial litigation department, Ross is an independent mediator and commercial arbitrator. Ross was elected to serve as the Chair of the Dispute Resolution Section of the New York State Bar Association from 2021 to 2022. With over 1,500 members, the Dispute Resolution Section is the most active bar organization in the country devoted to the study, promotion, and development of mechanisms for resolving complex disputes. Ross also acts as outside general counsel for a handful of companies and commonly recommends including dispute resolution practitioners in the day-to-day operations of businesses.

Ross handles a wide-range of disputes, dealing with important small claims matters to issues involving hundreds of millions of dollars. Ross' practice focuses primarily on matters involving breach of contract claims, insurance coverage issues, real estate disputes, lender recourse, secured claims, enforcing guarantees, securities matters, shareholder and partnership claims, business torts, employment disputes, alternative dispute resolution and other business-related issues.

A large portion of Ross' practice involves claims related to professional liability, and errors and omissions. This includes defending and pursuing claims against attorneys, stockbrokers, broker-dealers, investment advisors, accountants, architects, engineers, directors, officers, insurance agents/brokers, and members of the real estate industry. Ross regularly advises insurers, insureds, policyholders, and other parties related to claims and defenses in complex insurance coverage and other insurance-related matters.

Ross' success and leadership in the dispute resolution field resulted in his invitation to join the American Arbitration Association's prestigious Panel of Commercial Arbitrators. Ross joined the AAA's highly-regarded Panel as one of the youngest arbitrators in the country. Ross regularly lectures on the importance of utilizing strategic and creative approaches to resolving disputes, and is the creator and co-chair of the Judith S. Kaye Arbitration Competition, the premiere arbitration competition for law students in the New York metropolitan area. While at St. John's University School of Law, Ross served as an executive board member of the Dispute Resolution Society and participated in the prestigious International Chamber of Commerce Mediation Competition in Paris, France, as well as the St. John's/FINRA Securities Dispute Triathlon in New York City. While in law school, he gained experience representing clients as an intern for the St. John's University Securities Arbitration Clinic.

Ross' success as a lawyer has led to various industry recognitions, including his inclusion in the Long Island Business News' 40 Under 40 List and the Long Island Herald's Inaugural Top Lawyers of Long Island. Ross was only one of two litigation attorneys named a Top Lawyer of Long Island. At the outset of his career, The Hugh L. Carey Center for Dispute Resolution at St. John's School of Law awarded Ross the Mangano Grant, a grant awarded to young alumni to pursue opportunities and conduct research in the field of alternative dispute resolution. Ross has been included on the Super Lawyer "Rising Star" list for 2020 and 2021, an honor reserved for only 2.5% of lawyers within New York State.

Ross represents clients in Federal Court, State Court, and all arbitration forums (including AAA, JAMS, FINRA, ICC, CPR, and NAM). Ross is admitted to practice law in the State of New York, the State of New Jersey, and the U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Eastern, Northern, and Western Districts of New York. He is a member of the NYSBA's Dispute Resolution Section, Commercial and Federal Litigation Section, and International Section. He has been published in the Dispute Resolution Lawyer, and currently serves on the Executive Committee of both the Dispute Resolution Section and the International Section.

## PUBLICATIONS

- Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C. Announces the Promotion of Ross Kartez to Partner (Press Releases)
- RMF Attorney Ross Kartez to Represent North America During the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators' Young Members Group ADR World Tour (Press Releases)
- Insurer Waived Ability to Disclaim Coverage After Failing to Provide Timely Reservation of Rights Notice to Underlying Claimant (Alerts, Insurance & Insurance Litigation, Insurance & Insurance Litigation)
- Seventeen Ruskin Moscou Faltischek Attorneys Named As New York Metropolitan Area Super Lawyers For 2020 (Press Releases)
- RMF Attorney Ross Kartez Promoted to Chair-Elect of the Dispute Resolution Section of New York State Bar Association (Press Releases)
- Last Call For Expungement: FINRA's Rule Increasing the Cost and Burden of Obtaining Expungement Goes into Effect on Sept. 14, 2020 (Alerts, Commercial Litigation)

- RMF Attorney Ross Kartez Presents At NCBA's Program – Anatomy of a Virtual Mediation (Announcements)
- RMF Associate Ross Kartez to Chair CLE Webinar on Effective Representation of Clients in Video Mediation (Press Releases)
- Executive Order States COVID-19 Causes Property Loss and Damage (Alerts, Insurance & Insurance Litigation)
- New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Ohio Propose Legislation Requiring Insurers to Pay Business Interruption Claims Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic (Alerts, Insurance & Insurance Litigation)
- Proposed Legislation in New York Requiring Insurers to Cover Business Interruption Claims (Alerts, Insurance & Insurance Litigation)
- DFS Issues Letter Directing All Insurance Carriers to Issue "Explanation of Benefits" to Insureds with Business Interruption Coverage (Alerts, Insurance & Insurance Litigation, Insurance & Insurance Litigation)
- In Uniondale, A Law Firm Adds Practice Group (Insurance & Insurance Litigation, Insurance & Insurance Litigation, Press Releases)
- Ruskin Moscou Faltischek P.C. Establishes Insurance & Insurance Litigation Practice Group, With Michael D. Brown to Chair (Insurance & Insurance Litigation, Insurance & Insurance Litigation, Press Releases)
- Ruskin Moscou Faltischek P.C. Sponsors Program At New York International Arbitration Center Honoring Justice Scarpulla (Press Releases)
- Ruskin Moscou Faltischek's Ross Kartez Vice-Chair, New York State Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section (Press Releases)
- MLMIC Demutualization Plan Will Yield Substantial Cash Distributions To Eligible Policyholders: (Alerts, Health Law: Transactional)
- Ruskin Moscou Faltischek P.C. Appoints Two New Litigation Attorneys (Press Releases)