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EDUCATION

- Seton Hall University School of Law, (J.D., cum laude, 2003)
- University of Richmond (B.A., 1993)

PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction
- Digital Media Law
- Employment
- Health Law
- Insurance & Insurance Litigation
- Intellectual Property & Technology
- International Practice Group
- Not-For-Profit

A Partner at Ruskin Moscou Faltischek P.C., Tom Telesca is a member of the firm's Litigation Department and Chair of the International Practice Group. Tom also serves as the firm's Assistant General Counsel.

Tom has extensive experience in a wide range of commercial litigation, including corporate dissolutions, franchise, shareholder and partnership disputes, antitrust or unfair business practices, trademark and patent infringement, misappropriation of trade secrets, enforcement of restrictive covenants, RICO actions, securities litigation, construction and real estate related matters, contract disputes, and Article 78 proceedings against municipalities and corporations. He has also prosecuted civil rights claims against municipalities and private entities.

Tom also prosecutes trademark applications in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on behalf of both foreign and domestic clients and represents his clients in proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board.

Tom is also a member of the firm's Insurance and Insurance Litigation Practice Group, where he provides counsel on professional liability matters and regularly represents clients in connection with claims against directors and officers.

Tom is admitted to practice in New York and New Jersey, as well as numerous federal courts, including the U.S. Court of International Trade. He is Chair of the Committee on International Contract and Commercial Law of the International Section of the New York State Bar Association. Tom is also a member of the Young Practitioners Committee of the International Trademark Association and the Commercial Litigation Committee of the Nassau County Bar Association.

During law school, Tom studied international law in Tokyo, Japan at Temple University. He also authored *Sovereignty or the Precautionary Principle, Which Will Save Our Fish?*, which was published in the Fall 2003 edition of the *Southeastern Environmental Law Journal*. Prior to law school, he taught English as a second language in South Korea.

Tom currently serves as Vice President and Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Marine Conservation Society, a not-for-profit that he founded which focuses on marine mammal and sea turtle strandings. He has also served as an adjunct professor at Molloy College in Rockville Centre, NY. He has taught courses on civil litigation, evidence, business organizations and property law.

Reported and Other Noteworthy Cases

- *Karsah International, Inc. et al., v. Jung Soo Kim*, 2022 WL 4117329 (Supreme Ct. New York Co. 2022)
- *Goat Fashion Ltd. v. 1661, Inc.*, 2020 WL 5758917 (S.D.N.Y. 2020)
- *Eric Axelrod vs. Howard Klein, et al.*, 2016 WL 5957675 (S.D.N.Y. 2016)
- *Eric Axelrod vs. Howard Klein, et al.*, 2016 WL 6330433 (S.D.N.Y. 2016)
- *Krishnan vs. Suffolk Anesthesiology Associates, P.C.*, 2016 WL 3773956 (Supreme Ct. Suffolk Co. 2016)
- *Tamai v. Suffolk Anesthesiology Associates, P.C.*, 17 N.Y.S. 3d 386 (Supreme Ct. Suffolk Co. 2015)
- *Chillemi v. Town of Southampton*, 943 F.Supp.2d 365 (E.D.N.Y. 2013).
- *National Grid v. LeSchack & Grodensky, P.C.*, 954 N.Y.S.2d 131 (2d Dept. 2012).
- *Reino de Espana v. American Bureau of Shipping, Inc.*, 691 F.3d 461 (2d Cir. 2012).
- *Bradway v. Town of Southampton*, 826 F.Supp.2d 458 (E.D.N.Y. 2011).
- *Former Employees of Invista, S.A.R.L. v. U.S. Secretary of Labor*, 714 F.Supp.2d 1320 (Ct. Int'l Trade 2010).

Publications

- Thirty-One Ruskin Moscou Faltischek Attorneys Named As New York Metropolitan Area Super Lawyers For 2023 (Press Release)
- Thirty-One Ruskin Moscou Faltischek Attorneys Named As New York Metropolitan Area Super Lawyers For 2022 (Press Releases)
- Franchise Law Journal – Must Arbitrators Follow the Law? (Articles, Commercial Litigation)
- Thomas Telesca – Who's Who 2021 In Intellectual Property & Labor Law (Articles, Intellectual Property and Technology)
- RMF Attorney Thomas A. Telesca Wins Injunction For Goat Fashion In Trademark Infringement Case Against Sneaker Platform Goat Group (Articles, Intellectual Property and Technology, International Practice Group)
- Franchisors Beware: The Death of No-Poach Agreement. Are Non-Competes Next? (Commercial Litigation)
- EU's data protection regulation could impact LI firms (International Practice Group)
- A New Precedent For Physician Restrictive Covenants In NY (Commercial Litigation)
- Ruskin Moscou Faltischek Obtains Victory in Court Setting Precedent for Restrictive Covenants in Healthcare (Press Releases)

- Should Your Company Register its Trademark in China? Ask Ben Franklin. (Articles, Intellectual Property and Technology, International Practice Group)
- Pitfalls of the Madrid Protocol – Just Ask Fiat (Articles, International Practice Group)
- Getting Caught in the Web – When a Website Confers Personal Jurisdiction (Commercial Litigation)
- Protecting Your Global Trademark Using The Madrid Protocol (Articles, Intellectual Property and Technology, International Practice Group)

