

Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Intellectual Property
- Entertainment, Media and Communications
- Digital Media
- Investment Management Group

Education

- J.D., New York University School of Law, 1975
- B.S., State University of New York at Buffalo, magna cum laude, 1972

Bar Admissions

- New York (1976)
- U.S. Supreme Court (2000)
- U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second (1984), Ninth (1998) and First (2002) Circuits
- U.S. District Courts for the Southern (1976) and Eastern (1984) Districts of New York

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Donald S. Zakarin, named as one of the top 100 Attorneys in the New York Metro Area by Super Lawyers in 2009 and 2010, is the Chairman of Pryor Cashman's Litigation Group. He represents clients involved in a broad spectrum of complex legal and business activities, including corporate and securities litigation, antitrust litigation, foreign exchange litigation, copyright and trademark litigation and general commercial litigation. He has successfully defended corporate clients and individual executives and directors in federal securities fraud class actions and shareholder derivative suits and has guided both corporate and individual clients through Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and N.Y. State Attorney General investigations. Mr. Zakarin recently secured the dismissal of a class action brought against a major United States publishing company involving claims of fraudulent concealment.

Mr. Zakarin also secured the dismissal of a multi-million dollar claim by the United States Small Business Administration against the limited partners of a Small Business Investment Company in which the SBA sought to compel the limited partners to fulfill their capital contribution obligations. He also secured a multi-million dollar recovery in resolving the claims of the former manager of a major recording artist and secured a judgement after trial dismissing the authorship claims of a writer respecting a Grammy winning musical composition.

In addition to conducting arbitrations, Mr. Zakarin has been selected to serve as a party-designated arbitrator in a number of complex arbitrations. Mr. Zakarin has served as an arbitrator in two arbitrations involving multi-million dollar claims against feeder funds to Bernard Madoff as well as an international arbitration involving one of the major aluminum producers in the world.

Mr. Zakarin has extensive trial experience, having tried and litigated numerous jury and non-jury cases in state and federal courts throughout the country during the past 36 years, including a variety of contract and corporate disputes and intellectual property cases. Mr. Zakarin has represented numerous companies and individuals in copyright, contract and other disputes in the entertainment industry, most specifically in disputes arising in the recording and music publishing industries. Mr. Zakarin has also conducted lengthy arbitration proceedings on behalf of corporate and individual clients.

Mr. Zakarin is frequently called upon by the press to comment upon litigation matters. To read samples of such press coverage, please [click here](#).

Mr. Zakarin has been a litigation partner at Pryor Cashman since 1983. He is a 1975 graduate of New York University School of Law where he was a member of the Journal of International Law and Politics. He graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Buffalo in 1972 with a major in Management Science and was a member of the national honor societies, *Phi Eta Sigma* and *Beta Gamma Sigma* (the national business school honor society).

Publications

- Author, *Artist-Manager Disputes*, 1988 ABA Entertainment Litigation Forum

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Member, Litigation Section

Distinctions

- Named as “Super Lawyer” in Business Litigation by *Super Lawyers – Corporate Counsel Edition* magazine (2010)
- Named as one of the top 100 Lawyers in New York Metro Area by *New York Super Lawyers – Metro Edition* magazine for 2009 and 2010
- Named as a Super Lawyer in the area of Business Litigation by *New York Super Lawyers – Metro Edition* magazine (2008, 2009, 2010 & 2011 editions)
- Named by *Legal 500 – United States – Volume III – Litigation* as being among the leading litigators in the United States (2007 edition)
- Named by *Legal 500 – Intellectual Property, Technology, Media & Telecoms US* as being among the leading intellectual property lawyers in the United States (2007 edition)

News

- Pryor Cashman’s Entertainment, Media and Communications Group Recognized by Law 360 Among Top 5 Groups in the U.S. for 2011
- Pryor Cashman Wins Dismissal of Claims Brought by Duke Ellington's Heirs Against EMI Mills Music, Inc.
- Pryor Cashman Obtains Major Victory in Post-Roberts Class Action Lawsuit Over Lenox Terrace Apartments
- 30 Pryor Cashman Attorneys Selected As NYC Super Lawyers
- Legal 500 US 2011 Names Pryor Cashman One of Top U.S. Copyright Firms
- Litigation Chair Donald Zakarin Named Among Top 100 Lawyers in NYC By New York Super Lawyers
- Twenty Pryor Cashman Partners Selected As NYC Super Lawyers
- Pryor Cashman Wins Arbitration for Client Coqui Capital, LLP, Defeats SBA
- Pryor Cashman Wins Trial for System of a Down Members Over Grammy-Award Winning Song

- Partners Zakarin and Brickell Named In Super Lawyers Corporate Counsel Edition As Top Business Litigation Attorneys
- Litigation Chair Donald S. Zakarin Named Among Top 100 Lawyers in NYC by New York Super Lawyers
- Fourteen Pryor Cashman Partners Selected as 2009 New York Super Lawyers
- Pryor Cashman Client EMI Opts Out of Google Books Settlement
- Litigation Chair Donald Zakarin Quoted by Reuters in Article About Sun Microsystems's Rejection Of IBM Buyout Bid
- Pryor Cashman Files Securities Fraud Action on Behalf of Investors Against Paramount
- Litigation Chair Donald Zakarin Quoted by Reuters in Article About BCE Buyout
- Pryor Cashman Obtains Dismissal of Suit Brought Against Client by SBA
- Litigation Chair Donald Zakarin Quoted by CNBC In Citigroup/Wachovia Story
- Eleven Pryor Cashman Partners Selected as 2008 New York Super Lawyers
- Pryor Cashman Featured in January 7, 2008 Edition of Forbes Magazine
- Pryor Cashman Wins Summary Judgment Dismissing Copyright Infringement Claims Relating to Mariah Carey Hit Song
- Pryor Cashman Obtains Dismissal With Prejudice of Claims Relating to Song "I Love This Bar" by Toby Keith
- Partners Donald Zakarin, Tom Ferber and Brad D. Rose Named Among Top Intellectual Property Litigators In U.S.
- Five Pryor Cashman Attorneys (Ferber, Janowitz, B. Rose, Zakarin and Knight) Named Top U.S. Lawyers By Legal 500
- Partners Donald Zakarin, Tom Ferber and Brad D. Rose Named by Corporate Counsel as Being Among Top Intellectual Property Lawyers in U.S.
- Partner Donald Zakarin Speaks to Reuters About Supreme Court's Reversal of Philip Morris Damage Award