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DAVID KOCHMAN '04 NAMED "RISING STAR" BY NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL

June 5, 2013

David A. Kochman, an Associate at Reed Smith, graduated from Cardozo in 2004 and has been listed as one of the Rising Stars in the legal profession by the New York Law Journal.

David Kochman's practice at Reed Smith focuses on complex commercial litigation and appellate matters. His representations range from individually owned businesses to Fortune 50 corporations, spanning an array of industries including financial services, investment transactions and structured products, entertainment, digital media and e-commerce, retail, apparel, corporate trusts, real estate and restaurant.

Last year alone, argued over 15 substantive motions in trial courts around the country and prosecuted three appeals.

Pro Bono / Civic Work

Since 2006, David has led the pro bono representation of an Alabama death row inmate in federal habeas proceedings before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. As counsel of record for the inmate, who has been on death row since 1988, David now has a certiorari petition before U.S. Supreme Court.

David also has led in the creation of a new program for Special Olympics athletes; co-founded the Hurricane Insurance Claim Help Library; served as attorney-coach for a local high school in the New York State Bar Association's mock trial tournament; and has successfully fought the removal of a Tibetan asylum applicant.

Experience

Reed Smith: 2008-present; Anderson Kill & Olick, 2004-2008

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[Cardozo Named One of Billboard's Top Music Law Schools for 2019 \(/news/cardozo-named-one-of-billboards-top-music-law-schools-2019\)](#)

Billboard named Cardozo School of Law one of the top law schools in the country for training lawyers in the music industry. Cardozo is ranked among law schools around the nation, including Harvard and University of California, Berkley.

August 16, 2019

[Cardozo Welcomes the J.D. Class of 2022 \(/news/cardozo-welcomes-jd-class-2022\)](#)

Integrity, generosity, grit and joy were the guiding themes of Dean Melanie Leslie's welcome to the Class of 2022 for their first day of orientation.

Education

J.D., Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, 2004; B.A., Emory University, 2001

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[Class of 2019 Gives Back to Cardozo \(/news/class-2019-gives-back-cardozo\)](#)

Cardozo's 3L Class Gift is an annual tradition at the Law School. Led by a student committee, these individuals dedicate their efforts to enhancing engagement and fundraising efforts among classmates, friends and family in our community.

May 29, 2019

[Cardozo Hosts 41st Commencement \(/news/cardozo-hosts-41st-commencement\)](#)

A star-studded line-up kicked off Cardozo's 41th Commencement Exercises. Graduates received J.D. and LL.M. degrees at Lincoln Center's David Geffen Hall on May 28.

April 12, 2019

[Randall Rothschild '97 Talks Real Estate, Law and Business \(/news/randall-rothschild-97-talks-real-estate-law-and-business\)](#)

Dean Melanie Leslie interviewed Randall Rothschild '97 on April 9 as part of the *Pathways* speaker series. Rothschild discussed how Cardozo prepared him for a career in the real estate industry.