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Clinical Professor of Law

Director, Complex Civil Litigation Center & Investor Protection Center

Sam Tenenbaum is an expert in the field of litigation and has practiced in courts throughout the United States as well as in foreign jurisdictions. He serves as a Commissioner on the Uniform Laws Commission. He has been a visiting Professor at Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law, Hebrew University (Jerusalem) Faculty of Law and IDC (Herzlia) Radzner Law School. He consults as a member of Tenenbaum Law, LLC.

EDUCATION

- Northwestern University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1973
 - Order of the Coif
 - Editor-in-Chief, *Northwestern University Law Review*
- Ohio State University, B.A., 1970
 - Pi Sigma Alpha , National Political Science Honor Society.

AREA OF EMPHASIS

- Litigation & International Law

COURSES

- Complex Civil Litigation
- Investor Protection Center
- International Team Project
- Legal issues related to Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

TEACHING AND ADVISING

- Complex Civil Litigation Clinic 2003-Present
- Investor Protection Clinic 2005-Present
- Legal Issues related to Israeli-Palestinian Conflict – Spring 2010
- International Team Project
 - India 2004
 - Thailand/Cambodia 2005
 - South Africa 2006
 - Ecuador 2007
 - Ethiopia 2008
 - Egypt 2009
 - Turkey 2010
 - Indonesia/Malaysia 2011
 - Ghana 2011
 - South Africa 2012
 - Morocco 2015
 - Japan 2015
 - Israel 2016
 - Colombia 2017

- Mexico 2018
- Senior Research Advisor
 - Spring 2006
 - Fall 2007, 2020
 - Spring 2008
 - Spring 2014
 - Spring 2019
- Directed Research Advisor - Spring 2007
- Visiting Professor, Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law – Spring 2005, Fall 2020
- Visiting Professor, Hebrew University Faculty of Law – Spring 2011
- Visiting Professor IDC Herzeliya, Radzyner Law School – Spring 2018

AWARDS

- Federal Bar Association Cummings Award for Pro Bono Service - 2019
- Dean's Teaching Award 2004-2005
- Northwestern University Service Award - 1993
- Jewish National Fund -1989

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Achieved multi-million dollar settlements and judgments for exonerated wrongfully convicted clients.
- Representation of at least 122 elderly African American residents of Chicago's west and south sides who were defrauded out of at least \$10 million of equity in their homes in a reverse mortgage scheme. The representation included defense of foreclosure and eviction cases, development of claims against wrongdoers and lenders and participation in a consumer creditors' committee in the multi-billion dollars bankruptcy of one of the lenders and litigation related thereto.
- Obtained settlement valued at more than \$1 billion on behalf of Associate, GIM, COM, and IDEM membership groups of the Chicago Board of Trade in litigation relating to allocation of equity in connection with the Exchange's restructuring from a not-for-profit to a for-profit corporation.
- Co-lead counsel in billion dollar crypto currency class action
- Obtained a multi-million dollar judgment on behalf of a U.S. company in a commercial arbitration before the Stockholm Sweden Chamber of Commerce against a foreign government owned manufacturer. Obtained enforcement of and administered the judgment in USA courts.
- In a case of first impressions, obtained dismissal of arbitration award for violations of New York Convention.
- Won a landmark Illinois unfair competition case.
- Won a seminal case in the area of lender liability for credit disclosures.
- Successful defense of a client, a large Chicago-area container company, against racial discrimination charges and won judgment for violation of an agreement not to compete and unfair competition.
- Obtained judgment requiring demolition of a building for lease violation.
- Pro Bono representation in habeas corpus proceeding, obtained a new trial from U.S. Court of Appeals and not guilty verdict on murder case retrial of man wrongfully imprisoned for eight years.
- Successfully represented a Congolese woman in her bid to obtain political asylum in the United States. The client, a former government official and an advocate for women's political rights and democratic change, was brutally beaten and tortured as a result of her political affiliation and ethnicity. She also witnessed the murder of her husband, brother and cousin by brutal government

backed militias. After a contested hearing on client's petition, the immigration court granted asylum and the INS waived appeal.

- Obtained multi-million dollar settlement after \$52 million verdict for Chicago food manufacturer against national restaurant chain.
- Co-counsel on behalf of eleven former death row inmates in case where Illinois Supreme Court upheld governor's broad pardon power.
- Class counsel in securities fraud action
- Representation of former death row inmate in wrongful conviction suits against Chicago Police for torture. Leads settlement counsel, obtained multi-million money settlements for victims of police torture.
- Representation of class of insurance policy holders in New Orleans in connection with claim against insurance companies related to Hurricane Katrina.
- Representation of bank in successful defense of bank holding company against minority shareholder claims.
- Represented major automobile manufacturing and its financing arm in connection on one of the largest automobile dealer failures.
- Obtained a \$7.6 million pre-complaint settlement resulting from a failed independent counsel corporate investigation.
- Obtained a \$1 million settlement of a dispute between U.S. off-the-road tire distributor and an importer.
- Counseled lead customer organization in MF Global bankruptcy.
- Successfully litigated landmark case against IRS related to taxation of wrongful conviction award.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Commissioner, Uniform Laws Commission, March 2004- Present
Committees: Electronic Recordation of Custodial Interrogations, Uniform Faithful Presidential Electors Act, Non-Parental Rights to Child Custody and Visitation Act, Study Committee on Hague Convention on Protection of Children; Study Committee on Internet Privacy
- Member of the Bar, United States Supreme Court
- Member, Illinois Bar
- Admitted to practice before the U.S. Courts of Appeal for the Second, Fourth, Seventh, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh and Federal Circuits.
- Practiced in courts throughout the United States as well as in foreign jurisdictions.
- Law Clerk to the United States District Judge Richard W. McLaren , United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, September 1973 – September 1975.
- Member, Chicago, Illinois State and American Bar Associations
- American Bar Association Business Section of Litigation, Trial Practice, Business Torts, Civil Rights and Dispute Resolution and White Collar Crime Committees
- American Association of Law Schools, Sections on Clinical and Jewish Law
- Illinois Financial Security Coalition
- Commodity Customer Coalition Advisory Committee
- Northwestern University International Law Colloquium
- Northwestern University School of Law Faculty Advisory Committee – developed strategic initiatives for Law School
- Northwestern Scholars
- Center for Jewish Law & Judaic Studies Academic Advisory Board – DePaul University
- Academic Engagement Network

PUBLICATIONS

- Guidelines for Establishing a Law School Investor Advocacy Clinic (with Thomas H. Morsch)
- Israeli Securities Law and Clinical Education Development

PROFESSIONAL TALKS

- Symposium on Free Speech and Campus Violence and Disruption 2018 (Host and Speaker)
- Midwest Security Roundtable and Investor Protection Conference 2017 (Host and Speaker)
- Eleventh Annual Public Interest Law Week
 - Defining Public Interest: Broadening the Scope, November 2001
- Moderator: India, Pakistan and the United States; Does the U.S. have a responsibility to South Asia, November 2003

- Northwestern University School of Law and Tel-Aviv University Faculty of Law Mutual Conference, June 2004
 - The Clinic and the Death Penalty – Anatomy of a Legal Struggle
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- Northwestern University School of Law and Tel-Aviv University Faculty of Law Mutual Conference, December 2007
 - New Horizons in Clinical Legal Education
- Securities Experts Round Table 2005,2008

OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION

- Israeli Securities Law and Clinical Education Development
- Lender Liability Related to Credit Inquiries (co-authored with Tracy L. Treger)
- Bank Liability in Responding to Credit Inquiries
- The Chicago Board of Education and Access to Information, 68 Nw.U.L.Rev. 363 (1973)

COMMUNITY WORK: PUBLIC OFFICES, ETC.

- Commissioner, Uniform Laws Commission, March 2004- Present
 - Member, Drafting Committee on Faithful Presidential Electors
 - Member, Drafting Committee on Electronic Recordation of Custodial Interrogations
 - Member, Protection of Children Study Committee
- Martindale – Hubbell –Preeminent AV Rated and Top Rated Lawyer
- Who's Who in American Law
- Who's Who in America
- Who's Who in the World
- Who's Who 2018 Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award
- Leading Lawyer, Commercial Litigation
- Leading Lawyers Illinois Advisory Board, Leading Lawyer 2019
- The American Registry- America's Most Honored Professionals Top 1 %
- Lawyers of Distinction Membership Committee, Nominated as Top 10% Lawyer
- National Law Journal Top Lawyers of Chicago
- National Law Journal Top Lawyers in Midwest
- Chicago's Top Rated Lawyers
- Faculty Row – Super Professor
- Chairman, Curriculum Review Committee
 - District 39 Board of Education, Wilmette, Illinois

- President, Beth Hillel Congregation, Wilmette, Illinois 1992-1994
- International Society for the History of the Map
- British Cartographic Society
- New York Map Society
- Washington (DC) Maps Society
- Chicago Map Society

OUTSIDE INTERESTS

- Antique Maps
- Travel
- Golf
- Photography