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Areas of Focus

Appellate and Supreme Court

National Security and Crisis

Human Rights and Global Strategy

Tariff Task Force



Overview

Ben Alter advocates for clients in complex civil and appellate litigation, with substantial experience in high-stakes matters at the intersection of international relations, national security, and human rights. He also provides legal and strategic advice to clients navigating sensitive government and internal investigations. Ben’s clients have included Fortune 500 businesses, leading universities, victims of terrorism, and former government officials. A former federal law clerk, Ben plays a key role in crafting litigation strategy, and has briefed appeals in the US Supreme Court, federal courts of appeals, and state courts.

Ben’s practice is informed by his experience advising senior US Treasury Department officials on their public engagements relating to economic sanctions and national security, as well as his work as an editor at *Foreign Affairs* magazine. Ben also maintains an active pro bono practice focused on democracy and human rights, which draws on his time as an Arthur Liman fellow in the general counsel’s office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

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Credentials

Admissions

- New York, 2019

Education

- Yale Law School, JD, 2018
- Yale University, BA, *magna cum laude*, 2011

Court Admissions

- US Supreme Court, 2024
- US Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, 2019
- US Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 2026
- US District Court, District of Columbia, 2025
- US District Court, Southern District of New York, 2019

Clerkships

- Hon. Pierre N. Leval, US Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, 2019-2020
- Hon. Ronnie Abrams, US District Court, Southern District of New York, 2020-2021

Service / Recognition

Service to the Bar

- New York City Bar Association Task Force on the Rule of Law, Member
- New York City Bar Association, Federal Courts Committee, Member