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Steven Kapustin, Partner in Reger Rizzo & Darnall's Philadelphia office, has represented a wide range of clients throughout his career. Mr. Kapustin is able to provide clients with more than 40 years of commercial litigation experience, having participated in all phases of litigation in over 20 jurisdictions. He has represented petroleum refineries and marketers, distributors, franchisors and franchisees, real estate developers, business owners, securities firms, investors, automobile dealers, and individual professionals in both litigation and alternative dispute resolution settings.

ADR Experience

Mr. Kapustin has extensive experience as a neutral arbitrator, mostly as Chair in American Arbitration proceedings, Court Ordered Arbitration, and private arbitrations. His experience includes rulings on numerous professional separations (physicians, accountants, lawyers), and franchise, shareholder and partnership disputes, with extensive experience concerning information disclosure issues and financial evaluations.

He has been an advocate for both claimants and respondents in commercial and securities proceedings and has extensive commercial mediation experience, both privately and as a Judge Pro Tem with the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. He is a member of the Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and South Carolina bars, and has been certified as a South Carolina State mediator, after completing more than 40 hours of mediation training.

Franchise Experience

Mr. Kapustin has represented franchisors and franchisees in disputes relating to territories, franchisee fees, trademarks violations and adherence to standards; manufacturers and distributors in controversies involving antitrust violations, pricing, commissions and terminations; shareholders and investment houses in matters relating to disclosures, investment suitability and broker terminations; employers and employees in termination, restrictive covenant, and age and sexual discrimination cases; business owners in shareholder disputes; and companies and individuals who are the subject of civil investigations by state and federal governments.

Mr. Kapustin possesses a keen understanding of the intricate laws regarding specialty franchises, such as gasoline dealers being subject to the federal Petroleum Marketing Practices Act and automobile and agricultural equipment dealers being subject to state regulations. He also brings to the firm his extensive experience in successor liability cases, where it is alleged that entities are hiding assets by illegitimate corporate or personal transfers.

Education

- J.D., Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law (1972)
- A.B., University of Pennsylvania (1968)

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Practice Groups

- Franchise & Distribution
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Litigation
- Business & Corporate
- Real Estate

Jurisdictions Admitted to Practice

- Pennsylvania
- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals
- U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals

Professional & Bar Association Memberships

- American Bar Association's Forum On Franchising
- American Bar Association, *Dispute Resolution Section Member*
- Federal Bar Association, *Member*
- American Bar Association's Environment, Energy and Resources Section, *Petroleum Marketing Committee Member*
- Montgomery County Bar Association, *Franchise Law Committee Member*
- Montgomery County Bar Association, *Federal Courts Committee Member*
- Montgomery County Bar Association, *Law & Liberty Lecturer*

Speaking Engagements & Presentations

- *Round Table Moderator*, International Franchise Association's Annual Convention (2012-2013)

Honors & Awards

- Included in the list of *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* by Philadelphia Magazine (2006-2017)
- Rated as an "AV" Preeminent Attorney by [Martindale-Hubbell®](#)

Certifications

- Certified Mediator, South Carolina
- Judge Pro Tempore, Philadelphia Commerce Court

Publications & Press Mentions

- *Featured, 2016 Top Laterals/New Partners.* [The Legal Intelligencer](#). (March 22, 2016)
- *Featured, People in the News.* [The Philadelphia Inquirer](#). (October 12, 2015)
- *Featured, People in the News.* [The Legal Intelligencer](#). (July 24, 2015)