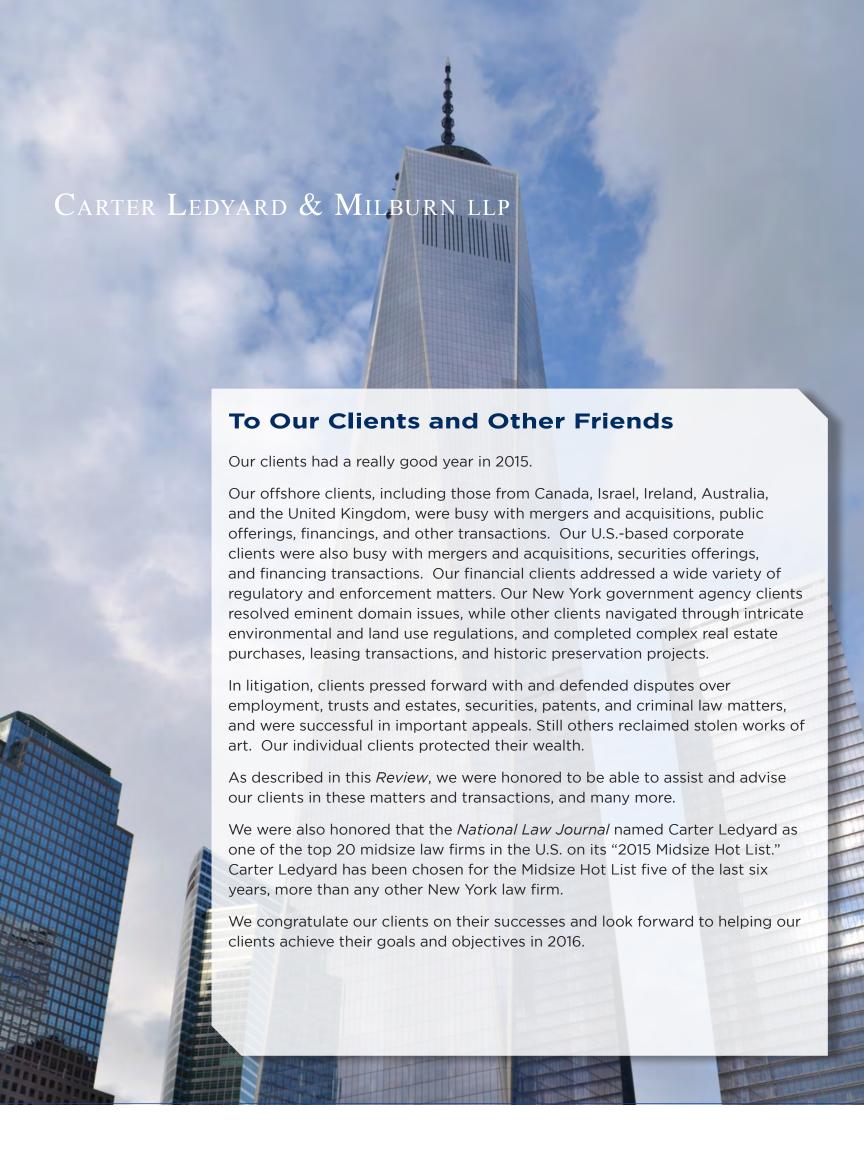


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# Carter Ledyard welcomes foreign companies to the U.S.

# **ISRAEL**

For over 25 years, Carter Ledyard has represented numerous Israeli public, private, and governmental entities in connection with their activities in the U.S., including many Israeli companies that are publicly traded on U.S. exchanges. In 2015, we assisted our Israeli-based clients in a wide range of activities, transactions, and regulatory matters.

#### > Securities

Carter Ledyard counseled various publicly traded companies based in Israel on their U.S. securities and corporate matters, including B Communications Ltd. (NASDAQ and TASE: BCOM), Eltek Ltd. (NASDAQ: ELTK), EZchip Semiconductor Ltd. (NASDAQ and TASE: EZCH), Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd. (NASDAQ and TASE: GILT), Magal Security Systems Ltd. (NASDAQ: MAGS), Magic Software Enterprises Ltd. (NASDAQ and TASE: MGIC), Mer Telemanagement Solutions Ltd. (NASDAQ: MTSL), and Pointer Telocation Ltd. (NASDAQ: PNTR).

Our attorneys also assisted:

RADA Electronic Industries Ltd. (NASDAQ: RADA), a leading defense electronics contractor, with its public offering of 6,910,569 ordinary shares. Chardan Capital Markets, LLC acted as the sole underwriter for this transaction.

Internet Gold - Golden Lines Ltd. (NASDAQ and TASE: IGLD), a subsidiary of Eurocom Communications Ltd., with its resale registration statement on Form F-3.

Formula Systems (1985) Ltd. (NASDAQ and TASE: FORTY) with its shelf offering of secured and convertible debentures in Israel.



#### > Mergers and Acquisitions

We acted as U.S. counsel to EZchip Semiconductor Ltd., a leader in high-performance processing solutions for carrier and data center networks, for its merger with Mellanox Technologies Ltd. (NASDAQ:MLNX), which develops end-to-end interconnect solutions for servers and storage systems. Mellanox acquired all of EZchip's outstanding ordinary shares for approximately \$811 million.

Carter Ledyard acted as U.S. counsel to Mer Telemanagement Solutions Ltd. in connection with its acquisition of Vexigo Ltd., a privately-held Israeli-based software company supporting video advertising over the internet and on mobile devices.

We represented cVidya Networks, Inc., a leading supplier of data analytics solutions to communications and digital service providers, with the U.S. aspects of its acquisition by Amdocs Limited, a leading provider of customer experience software solutions and services.

# **IRELAND**

Carter Ledyard assisted Trinity Biotech plc (NASDAQ: TRIB), a leader in the biotech industry specializing in point-of-care and clinical laboratory diagnostic testing, with a \$115 million private placement debt offering, and provided general advice on U.S. matters.





# **AUSTRALIA**

We represented Brandon Capital Partners, a venture capital firm for life science companies, in establishing its business in the U.S., and advised on broker-dealer and investment advisor regulatory matters.

Carter Ledyard represented the Sydney-based asset management firm Kaplan Equity Limited with the U.S. aspects of its acquisition of all of the shares of Summit Water Holdings Pty Ltd from its parent Summit Water Development Group LLC.

We represented Nucleus Network Limited, a clinical research organization, in a claim for payment of fees for clinical trial services rendered to a U.S. drug company.

# **GREECE**

Carter Ledyard represented the Puerto Rican affiliate of a Greek company in connection with a project finance transaction involving the construction and maintenance of a solar power generation facility for the government of Puerto Rico.

## **CANADA**

Carter Ledyard has represented Canadian corporations, financial institutions, and government entities in cross-border activities for more than 60 years. In 2015, we assisted in numerous private placements, acquisitions, and credit facilities.

#### > Credit Facilities

We advised Keyera Corp., an energy processing company, in connection with the increase and extension of an unsecured revolving credit facility, increasing the credit facility from \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion.

We assisted Superior Plus Corp., an energy company with a diverse portfolio of energy services and products, and its subsidiaries with an extension of a \$570 million credit facility.

Carter Ledyard advised Alaris Royalty Corp., a financing company, on the closing of a new four-year \$200 million revolving credit facility.

## > Acquisition

We helped Cardinal Energy Ltd., an oil focused company, in a light oil acquisition valued at \$142.5 million in the greater Mitsue area of Alberta.

#### > Private Placements

Carter Ledyard assisted NuVista Energy Ltd., an oil and natural gas company, in a \$110 million public offering and an additional \$2 million private placement.

We advised Manitok Energy Inc., an oil and gas exploration and development company, in a \$16.8 million non-brokered private placement.





## **ENGLAND**

Carter Ledyard represented Bohai Leasing Company in its acquisition of Cronos Limited, a leading lessor of shipping containers. Bohai, which also owns the Seaco group of container lessors, integrated Cronos to create one of the largest container leasing companies in the world. We advised Bohai on the acquisition and on a concurrent bond offering to help fund the acquisition, and also advised Seaco and Cronos on post-closing steps to integrate the operations and financial arrangements of the two companies.

Carter Ledyard represented Cognito Europe Limited and its U.S. affiliate, engaged in the media advisory and systems business, on a separation agreement involving non-compete issues with two of its U.S. executives.

We assisted Tangerine Holdings U.K., engaged in the sale of veterinary nutraceuticals products, in establishing its business in the U.S.

Carter Ledyard assisted Opitilead Limited in establishing its business in the U.S. and negotiating its service agreements with U.S. customers.

We represented HLD Group Limited, a company registered in Malta, with the proposed purchase by auction of a U.S. manufacturer of kitchen and bath products.

# **SCOTLAND**

Carter Ledyard represented Archangel Investors Limited, an angel investor based in Edinburgh, Scotland, and Maclay Murray & Spens LLP (whose client was the Scottish Investment Bank, a Scottish quasi-governmental body), with the sale to Akamai Technologies Inc. of Bloxx Limited, a provider of web filtering services, in which Archangel and SIB were principal shareholders.



# Keeping businesses growing

Carter Ledyard's Corporate Department provides sophisticated counsel on complex and demanding transactions in the United States and around the world. We enjoy a reputation as one of the leading midsize business law firms. Carter Ledyard is a particularly attractive resource for mid-market companies seeking knowledgeable and experienced corporate counsel without the excessive cost and structural inefficiencies often encountered when dealing with the mega law firms.

2015 was another busy year for our client CooperSurgical, Inc. CooperSurgical focuses on supplying women's healthcare providers with market leading products and treatment options to improve the delivery of healthcare to women. Its customers are doctors, principally obstetricians and gynecologists, hospitals, and clinics, including providers of in-vitro fertilization and other assisted reproductive technologies.

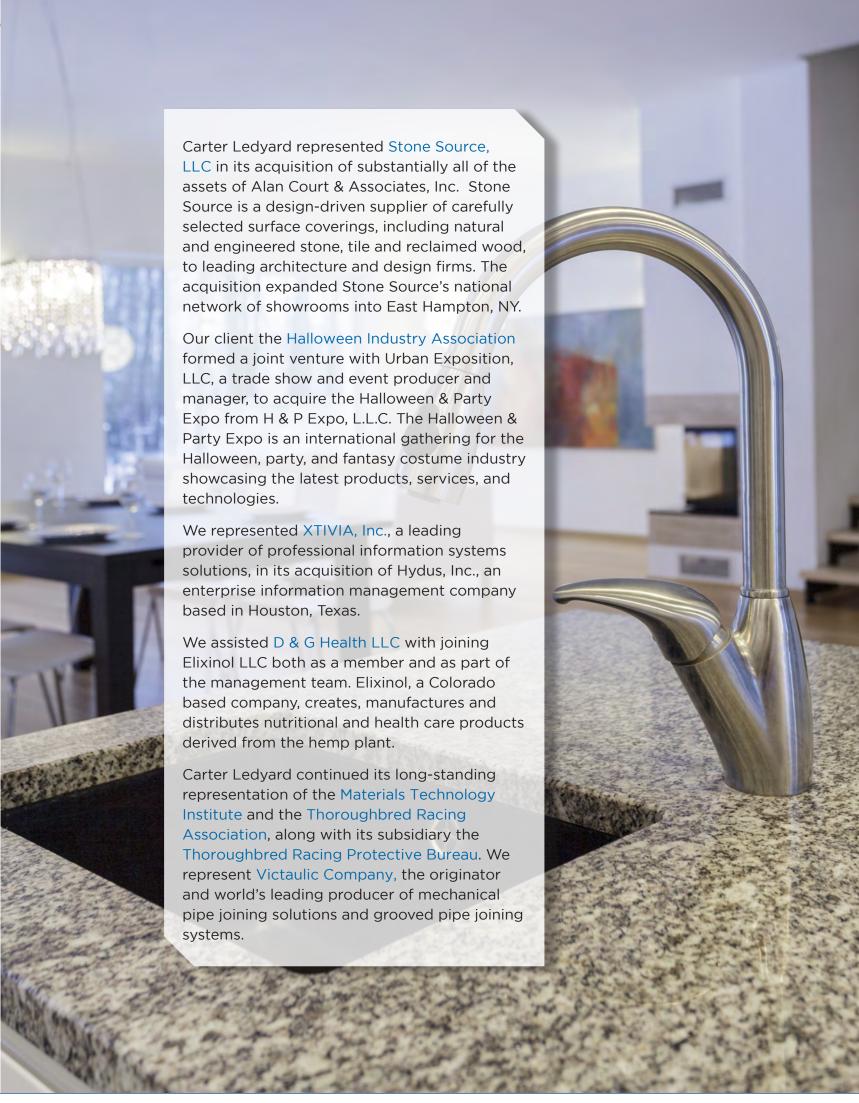
We represented CooperSurgical in its acquisition of Reprogenetics, LLC, a genetics laboratory specializing in pre-implantation genetic screening, pre-implantation genetic diagnosis, and non-invasive prenatal testing. We worked with U.K. counsel to assist CooperSurgical with its acquisition of Research Instruments Limited, a U.K.-based supplier of technologies and medical devices used by fertility clinics. We also assisted CooperSurgical and its affiliates in negotiating sponsored research and other collaborative arrangements with universities and teaching hospitals, with supply and distribution agreements, and with preliminary agreements related to its investigation of new products and potential acquisitions.

#### **NEW PARTNER**



Ronald R. Jewell
Partner, Corporate Department

Ronald R. Jewell advises corporate clients on mergers and acquisitions, restructurings, financings, and joint ventures, and represents private equity, hedge, mezzanine, debt, and distressed funds in their investment activities. In addition to his work with M&A and financing transactions, Mr. Jewell also has experience in counseling directors and special committees in general corporate and corporate governance matters. His practice covers a broad range of industry sectors, including consumer products, apparel, textiles, retail, life science and health care, telecommunications and media, equipment leasing, manufacturing, construction, natural resources, industrial chemicals, defense, and transportation. Mr. Jewell's experience encompasses numerous cross-border transactions, including in Latin America, where he has been active in representing international hedge funds in portfolio investments and corporate clients in joint ventures, acquisitions, and licensing and distribution arrangements.



## DOMESTIC TRANSACTIONS •



Carter Ledyard represented the Shingle Springs Tribal Gaming Authority in its \$190 million refinancing of its existing bank loan for its Red Hawk Casino located in Northern California. The refinancing significantly reduced the Authority's interest costs and allows for future expansion of its very successful casino.

We assisted Keybanc Capital Markets in bringing to market a historic \$52.9 million private placement by the Navajo Nation of investment-grade tax-exempt general obligation bonds. As an unsecured full faith and credit issuance by the Nation that was not tied to gaming, the bonds were unique among tribal financing transactions. The funds were used to refinance an existing bank loan that had been used to build courthouses and other public facilities on the Nation's reservation.

#### NEW PARTNER



**Steven Paul McSloy**Partner, Corporate Department

Steven Paul McSloy has over 25 years of experience concentrating on corporate finance, including commercial lending, debt securities issuance, tax-exempt lending, workouts, joint ventures, and general corporate matters. He is also one of the nation's leading experts on Native American Law and finance, and has been lead counsel in financing hotels, casinos, retail outlets, energy projects, and municipal buildings on tribal lands. Steve McSloy has extensive experience representing investment banks, commercial banks, developers, and governments in all manner of financings, including Rule 144A debt issuances, high yield bonds, syndicated credit agreements, asset-based lending, private placements, workouts, and restructurings. He is an elected member of the International Masters of Gaming Law. He has served as the General Counsel of the Oneida Indian Nation of New York and its Turning Stone Casino, and as an Assistant Professor of Corporate Law at St. John's University School of Law.

# Carter Ledyard enforces the rules of the financial road

Carter Ledyard's Insolvency and Creditors' Rights Practice represents secured and unsecured creditors, debtors, and asset acquirers in bankruptcy cases and non-bankruptcy workouts. Our attorneys advise banks, mortgagees, lessors of real and personal property, and other creditors in the enforcement of their rights, as well as indenture trustees and creditors' committees, together with institutional and individual creditors' committee members.

**Chapter 11.** Carter Ledyard has represented and continues to represent clients in the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy. Lehman's plan of liquidation was confirmed in 2011, and we continue to act on behalf of various clients with respect to claim objections and other postconfirmation matters. Most recently, we represented a half-dozen Korean securities firms which purchased commercial paper issued by Asian Lehman subsidiaries and guaranteed by the parent company. These claims were the subject of an objection asserting that, because the only evidence of a guaranty was a so-called "general guaranty" which was adopted in a resolution by the Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. board, these claims were unenforceable. After litigation and informal discovery, we negotiated favorable settlements of these claim objections.

The firm, together with local counsel, also commenced a chapter 11 reorganization case in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Arkansas on behalf of a manufacturing company that is a long-time client of the firm. A plan of reorganization is in process.

**\$4 million secured.** Carter Ledyard continued to represent The Bank of New York Mellon as the indenture trustee for notes issued by Majestic USA and Majestic Capital (Majestic) in connection with Majestic's bankruptcy filing in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. Our recent efforts focused on a dispute concerning the allocation of approximately \$8 million in settlement proceeds received by the liquidating trusts, as successorsin-interest to the debtors, on account of certain claims made against the officers and directors of the debtors. After filing a brief in support of its proposed allocation methodology, Carter Ledyard negotiated a settlement pursuant to which noteholders are to receive approximately \$4.2 million of the settlement proceeds.

Indenture trustee. We also represented The Bank of New York Mellon as indenture trustee for debt issues in a number of chapter 11 cases filed in New York, Delaware, and Indiana spanning a broad range of industries, including continuing care facilities, pharmaceutical manufacturers, and insurance providers. Carter Ledyard also represented the indenture trustee of debt issued by foreign energy companies.

# Carter Ledyard knows financial compliance

Carter Ledyard's Financial Institutions Regulatory and Enforcement Group advises, counsels, and defends broker-dealers, investment advisors, hedge funds, clearing agencies, and financial institutions in financial industry securities- and derivatives-related matters involving the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Commodities Futures Trading Commission, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, the National Futures Association, and other self-regulatory organizations, exchanges, and state securities regulators.

# > Funds and Investment Companies

Carter Ledyard assisted clients in the formation of U.S. and offshore hedge funds, including master-feeder funds, side-by-side funds, fund of funds, and Delaware series limited liability company structures. We helped domestic and offshore private investment funds and their investment managers develop strategies to comply with major new regulations under the Dodd-Frank Act. Carter Ledyard also advised various U.S. and offshore feeder funds regarding compliance matters and gave ongoing assistance with updating their confidential offering memoranda and subscription documentation.

#### **EXCHANGE TRADED PRODUCTS**

We continued our work for World Gold Trust Services, LLC - the Sponsor of GLD®. GLD® was the first exchange traded fund to track a commodity. We also represented The Bank of New York Mellon in its capacity as trustee for a number of exchange traded products that issue and redeem shares in exchange for deposits and deliveries of various precious metals.

# DISTRESSED DEBT AND SECONDARY LOAN MARKET TRANSACTIONS

Carter Ledyard has extensive experience with the purchase and sale of domestic and foreign distressed bank loans, financial claims, and privately held equity. We represented hedge funds, special purpose vehicles, and other financial institutions, in hundreds of transactions involving distressed and par/near par bank loans, trade claims, and securities.

Through our membership in the Loan Syndications & Trading Association and its Trade Practices and Forms Committee, our attorneys are actively involved in establishing market practice and developing standards.

#### > Investment Advisers

As part of our knowledge of, and entry, in the emerging FinTech space, we have formed "robo-advisers" and have represented them in seeking registration with the SEC as well as advising them in on going compliance matters. We also represent a major bank that acts as trustee and custodian to unit investment trusts and ETFs regulated under the Investment Company Act. As part of our Corporate Practice, we often advise on investment company status issues.

# > Secondary Fund and **Private Equity Fund** Managers

Secondary funds purchase interests in venture capital and private equity funds from existing investors. They are private funds of funds, and their managers, along with the managers of private equity funds, have registered with the SEC as investment advisers as a result of the Dodd-Frank Act. Carter Ledyard assists the funds with registration and compliance under the Investment Advisers Act and other statutes.

### > Broker-Dealer

In 2015, we assisted Robinhood Financial, LLC with the international and other expansion of its business, and provided advice on related complex regulatory considerations. Additionally, we represented start-ups Neighborly and Equidate in their acquisitions of brokerdealers and with related regulatory and compliance matters.

Carter Ledyard assisted several other broker-dealers in their FINRA New Membership Applications. We represented broker-dealers and their registered representatives in enforcement investigations with FINRA and the SEC, including assisting in settlement negotiations and preparing Wells responses.

# Carter Ledyard protects imagination and invention

Carter Ledyard's Intellectual Property
Department helps clients protect, litigate, and
negotiate the transfer, license, and franchise of
intellectual property assets, including patents,
trade secrets, trademarks and trade dress,
domain names, and copyrights. Both owners and
independent innovators in industries as varied as
electronics, computer software, biotechnology,
pharmaceuticals, chemistry, chemical
engineering, mechanical engineering, financial
services, life sciences, fashion, entertainment,
consumer products, publishing, computer
software, and internet-related services, turned to
us for effective and creative advice.

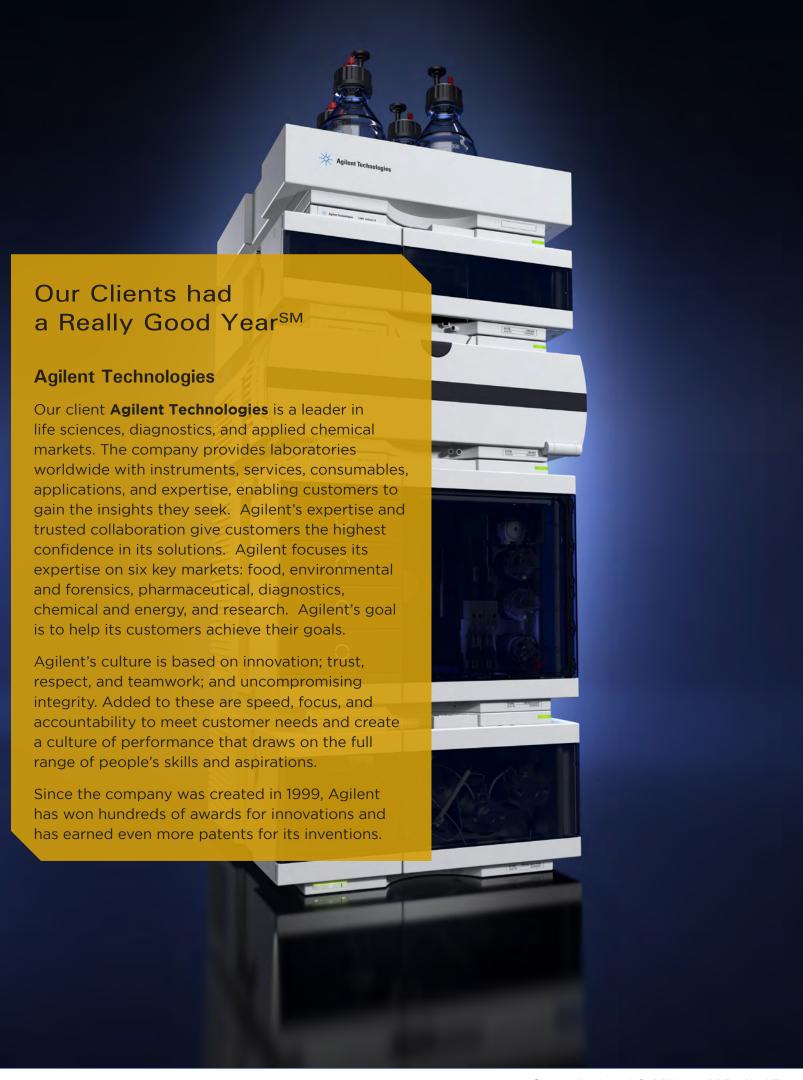
Patents litigated. We represented Agilent Technologies in multiple appeals to the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit from decisions of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Patent Trial and Appeal Board relating to patents on laboratory analytical and testing systems. We continued to advise Harris FRC Corp. on ongoing Hatch-Waxman patent litigation and parallel U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Inter-Partes Review proceedings regarding VIMPAT®, a widely prescribed therapy for epilepsy. We represent Kaneka Corporation in ongoing litigation in the U.S. District Courts and the Court of Appeals to enforce patents relating to the manufacture of CoQ10, a naturally fermented and non-synthetic nutritional supplement.

Marks protected. We monitored third party activities worldwide for infringement of the trademarks of Qalaa Holdings, American National Standards Institute (ANSI), and Fashion Rocks LLC. Carter Ledyard obtained trademark and domain name registrations in key countries worldwide for the NANO HOTEL brand. We represented Robinhood Markets in registering its marks and logos in the United States and internationally.

Patents obtained. We represented pioneering companies and institutions in obtaining patent protection for their proprietary technology, including Riverside Research Institute, Solar-Tectic LLC, MELA Sciences, Platform Imaging LLC, Actronix, and Monmouth University. We filed an international design application to protect the BRILLANTE line of jewelry created by Paolo Costagli.

Infringement stopped. On behalf of Arrow Electronics and its subsidiary Transim Technology, Carter Ledyard stopped infringement of a patent directed to an online system for building and simulating electronic circuits. For the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), we stopped use of the infringing ISOXPRESS service mark, including on social media. For ANSI, we continued to halt infringement of ANSI's certification marks. For the Estate of Paul Jenkins, we stopped use of a copyright-infringing film.

**Rights licensed.** We assisted in negotiating patent and technology licenses for many companies, including Riverside Research Institute (search engine systems), RealityMine LP (viewer engagement analysis software), and YCD Multimedia (in-store video systems software).



# We stand up for our clients to protect their rights and interests

Carter Ledyard has a long track record of obtaining favorable results for clients in a diverse array of matters such as employment, securities and capital markets, media and first amendment law, commercial and fiduciary litigation, trusts and estates law, and bankruptcy. We are successful because we represent our clients' legal rights zealously based on a thorough understanding of each client's legal, business, and personal needs.

## > Obtaining Dismissal of Claims Against Clients

In a victory before the New York Appellate Division, Second Department, Carter Ledyard helped the City of New York obtain the dismissal of approximately \$600,000 of a \$1.1 million claim for legal fees and expenses relating to challenges to the City's Willets Point development project. In a case of first impression, the City was granted partial summary judgment dismissing the portion of the claim seeking fees and expenses incurred prior to the public hearing held to consider use of the eminent domain power. Those fees and expenses related primarily to an Article 78 proceeding which had been brought to challenge the project largely due to environmental matters. Those challenges were either dismissed or voluntarily discontinued. The remainder of the claim is being disputed by the City.

#### PROTECTING BUSINESS RIGHTS

We obtained a temporary restraining order for Crest Hill Capital against former account executives who had set up a competing company and had been soliciting Crest Hill sales representatives and clients. Despite the fact that there were no non-solicitation or non-competition agreements in place, the Supreme Court, New York County, temporarily restrained the former account executives from soliciting or contracting with any of Crest Hill's independent sales offices or merchant accounts. Carter Ledyard obtained a second decision in the New York Appellate Division confirming the entry of the TRO a few days later and successfully defended against an emergency appeal of the TRO.

Carter Ledyard secured a complete victory on summary judgment on behalf of our clients Gabriel Ettenson and David Newman, the majority members of a New York limited liability company known as ENS Health LLC. The 2015 decision in Shapiro v. Ettenson, confirmed our clients' rights under the New York Limited Liability Company Law to adopt an operating agreement, amend the company's articles of organization, and take various other actions in the interests of the company, over the objections of a minority member.

#### ATTORNEY GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS

We assisted the trustees of the Victor E. Perley Fund, a private foundation established by Victor E. Perley to benefit underprivileged children, in connection with an investigation by the New York Attorney General's Office relating to allegations of improper expenditures by the Fund's new leader and a fellow trustee.

We also represented a former director of a charitable foundation in connection with a settlement with the New York Attorney General's Office relating to allegations of misuse of foundation assets.

#### SUCCESSFUL APPEALS

We assisted Kaneka Corporation in the successful appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit of a summary judgment decision by the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California which had dismissed Kaneka's patent infringement action against manufacturers of the dietary supplement coenzyme Q10. Kaneka, which owns a process patent for the manufacturing of coenzyme Q10, alleged that the defendants' manufacturing processes infringed Kaneka's patent. A three member panel of the Federal Circuit unanimously agreed with Kaneka's construction of the patent, reversed the District Court's decision and remanded the case for further proceedings.

Carter Ledyard helped the Loreley Financing companies achieve appellate victories before the New York Supreme Court Appellate Division, First Department and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. The victories, in Loreley Financing (Jersey) No. 3 Ltd. v. Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc. and Loreley Financing (Jersey) No. 3 Ltd. v. Wells Fargo Securities LLC, secured our clients' rights to continue their pursuit of nearly \$200 million in fraud claims arising out of capital markets transactions involving the sale of collateralized debt obligations.



# LITIGATION AND DISPUTES

# **Employment Law**

Carter Ledyard helps clients across a variety of industry sectors comply with labor and employment laws and enforce and protect their employment-related rights. Regardless of the size or location of our clients, Carter Ledyard's employment team consistently provides management with practical advice in line with their business goals. This year we:

- Advised on employment contracts, separation agreements, releases and waivers of employment claims, severance, benefits, and other employment termination issues;
- Provided general employment counsel concerning best practices, manuals, policies and procedures, and wage and hour laws;
- Assisted companies with matters arising from the hiring of employees from competitors;
- Mediated and negotiated the resolution of employment claims at the pre-litigation stage to save clients the time and expense of litigation;
- Defended against federal and state employment claims by employees; and
- Represented companies and management against claims in a wide variety of forums such as state court, federal court, and FINRA arbitrations.

## **NEW PARTNER**



Mitchell C. Shapiro
Partner, Litigation Department

Mitchell C. Shapiro concentrates on antitrust, trade regulation, class action, electronic payment systems, and complex commercial litigation. He has extensive experience representing Fortune 500 companies and trade associations in significant individual and class action litigation cases, in addition to appellate and mediation work. He has represented clients before the U.S. Department of Justice-Antitrust Division; the Federal Trade Commission; the Antitrust, Consumer Frauds and Health Bureaus of the Office of the New York State Attorney General (and the Antitrust and Trade Bureaus of numerous other states); the NAAG Payment Systems Working Group; the FCC; the SEC; the Federal Reserve; and the New York State Division of Human Rights. Mr. Shapiro joined Carter Ledyard from MCShapiro Law Group PC, where he was a founding and managing partner.

# Internal Investigations and White-Collar Defense

Carter Ledyard persuaded the U.S. Department of Justice to neither prosecute nor civilly fine our private Swiss bank client, Banca Intermobiliare di Investimenti e Gestioni.

We convinced the United States Attorney for the EDNY to close its year-long investigation of our client Core Services without filing any charges. Our lawyers, accompanied by tax experts, persuaded the U.S. Attorney's Office and the IRS that our client's unusual bookkeeping practices were not unlawful.

Carter Ledyard persuaded the Manhattan District Attorney to not prosecute the head of a Manhattan law firm for grand larceny, based in part on the client's restitution.

We negotiated resolutions of federal insurance fraud cases involving millions of dollars of losses that left our clients able to go on with their lives, with one client receiving no jail time and another client receiving a substantially shorter sentence than his co-defendant.

Carter Ledyard assisted the City of Mount Vernon with a review of police department policies and procedures after the death of a resident in the city jail. Our attorneys provided a comprehensive analysis and made specific recommendations, including increased use of desk appearance tickets for nonviolent misdemeanors as opposed to immediate arrest and incarceration, especially for arrestees that might spend a weekend in jail for minor infractions.

We convinced a New York court to hold the Board of Parole in contempt for the manner in which the Board repeatedly violated our client's right to a fair parole hearing.

#### **NEW COUNSEL**



**Leonardo Trivigno**Counsel, Litigation Department

Leonardo Trivigno focuses on restructuring and bankruptcy matters. Mr. Trivigno has represented corporate trustees for public and private corporate and municipal debt in connection with defaults and restructurings, defendants in adversary proceedings, including former investors with Bernard Madoff in "claw-back" actions, and purchasers of residential mortgage backed securities. He also has represented clients in general commercial disputes, including claims for breach of contract, unjust enrichment, quantum meruit, trademark infringement, civil RICO violations, and commercial mortgage foreclosures, and has represented clients in criminal cases. Mr. Trivigno has litigated matters before the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, and federal and state trial courts in New York, New Jersey, Delaware, and Pennsylvania. He has also arbitrated matters before the International Chamber of Commerce, the American Arbitration Association, and FINRA.

# Helping clients navigate environmental issues

Carter Ledyard's Environmental and Land Use Practice Group continues to grow and evolve to address our clients' needs in New York's dynamic real estate and energy markets. In 2015, we continued our tradition of service to state and municipal agencies while also providing a wide range of services to private developers, residential building owners, energy firms, and non-profit organizations.

We advised a number of New York State public agencies, including Lower Manhattan Development Corporation on redevelopment projects in Lower Manhattan, Battery Park City Authority on real estate and licensing issues in the World Financial Center and Battery Park City community, Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation on leases for housing and other development located on Roosevelt Island, and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority on environmental and zoning issues in Manhattan and elsewhere. We continue to assist the Long Island Power Authority and New York Power Authority on issues related to the transmission and distribution of electricity throughout New York State.

#### **MISSIONS PRESERVED**

We provided advice and representation in litigation and administrative proceedings to national and local environmental groups, including the Coalition to Save the Frick in its successful effort to persuade the Frick Collection to reconsider its proposal to replace its landmark Russell Page garden with a large new building; East River 50s Alliance in its ongoing efforts to rezone a residential neighborhood to prevent out-of-scale "megatower" development and to create affordable housing in a contextually zoned community; and Coastal **Environment Coalition in its ongoing** efforts to protect critical coastal resources and promote sustainable development adjacent to Long Island Sound in Westchester. We are pro bono counsel to the Natural Resources Defense Council in its continuing efforts to support New York City's ban on restaurant use of foam food service containers, which contribute disproportionately to litter in streets, parks and waters, and are notoriously difficult to recycle.

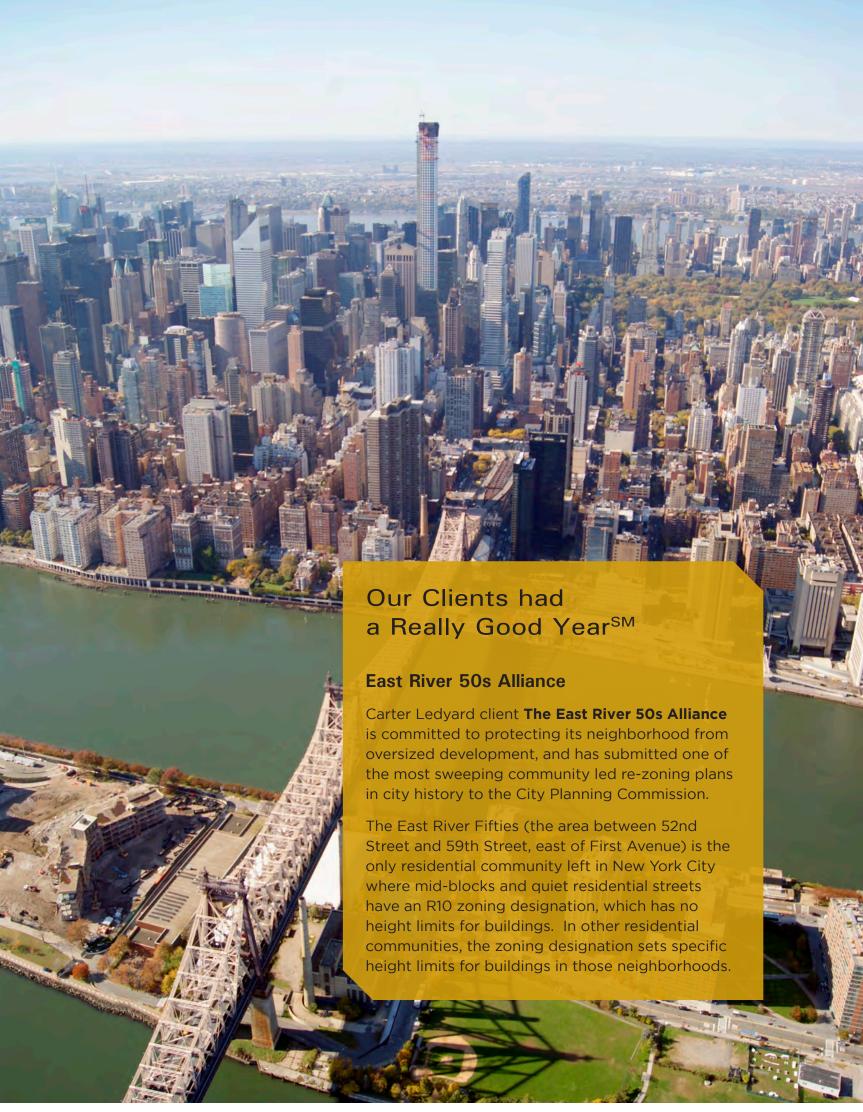


#### **NEW PARTNER**



**Christopher Rizzo**Partner, Litigation Department

Christopher Rizzo is Co-Director of the firm's Environmental and Land Use Practice Group. Mr. Rizzo's practice includes a wide variety of litigation, environmental, and land use matters. They include litigation and transactional matters arising out of environmental impact reviews for state and city-sponsored projects; compliance with zoning, preservation laws, and building codes; open space preservation, open space easements, development agreements and licenses; management of hazardous materials; and energy generation. His practice also includes general litigation, often related to land use disputes and contract disputes. In a pro-bono capacity, he is involved in several community-based organizations focused on the revitalization of New York City's parks and public spaces. He currently serves as chairman of the Friends of Van Cortlandt Park Inc., trustee of the Porzelt Foundation, member of the North Riverdale Merchants Association, and board member of New Yorkers for Parks.



# Helping a developing New York

Carter Ledyard continued its long tradition of achieving positive results for its clients in all phases of acquiring real property by eminent domain.

Pre-trial settlement negotiated. In representing the New York State Urban Development Corporation d/b/a Empire State Development in connection with its Columbia University Project in West Harlem, Carter Ledyard settled the last claims remaining from ESD's 2012 acquisition of properties for the project. The settlement of these claims resolved a decade of litigation involving opposition to the project, which involved many court decisions, including a seminal decision by the New York Court of Appeals.

Subway service. Carter Ledyard also continued to serve The City of New York and the Hudson Yards Development Corporation in connection with the No. 7 Subway Line Extension - Hudson Yards Project in Manhattan. We recently attended the City's September 13, 2015 opening of the extension and its new 34th Street Subway Station. We settled a claim involving the acquisition of subsurface easements for the tunnels running under a Mercedes-Benz dealership on terms favorable to our client. This year we also settled the last fixture claim from the Stage 4 acquisitions on favorable terms. We settled a claim involving the acquisition of easements for the purpose of constructing a new subway entrance at 34th Street and 11th Avenue.

Properties acquired. We acted as Special Condemnation Counsel to the County of Suffolk in connection with the acquisition of properties and property interests necessary for the Fire Island Inlet to Moriches Inlet Project, involving the re-creation of protective dunes and beach berms to reduce the risk of coastal erosion and tidal inundation on Fire Island and on the south shore of Long Island. The project is being constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in partnership with the State Department of Environmental Conservation and the County.

Assuring just compensation. In representing The City of New York and its Economic Development Corporation, Carter Ledyard successfully defeated an appeal with respect to the dismissal of a majority of an EDPL § 702 claim for attorneys' and experts' fees and costs that the claimant asserted after the City voluntarily withdrew development plans in order to reformulate them. Carter Ledyard successfully argued that the dismissed fees and expenses were not incurred in connection with the condemnation proceeding and thus were not compensable under the statute.



# MARITIME LAW +

Carter Ledyard's Maritime Practice represents and advises commercial shipping companies, passenger cruise lines and tour boat operators, equipment lessors, brokers, marine insurance underwriters, P&I and FD&D clubs, cargo receivers, energy companies, and financial institutions worldwide in complex commercial disputes, corporate transactions, and regulatory matters.

In 2015, we continued our work for New York Cruise Lines, Inc. on a variety of matters relating to New York City's thriving tourism and waterfront dining and entertainment industries. NYCL's businesses include Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises, which celebrated its 70th anniversary in 2015, North River Lobster Company, which offers fresh seafood in a casual vessel setting, the Beast thrill-ride speedboat, and World Yacht Dining Cruises, offering a premiere dining destination on the Hudson River.



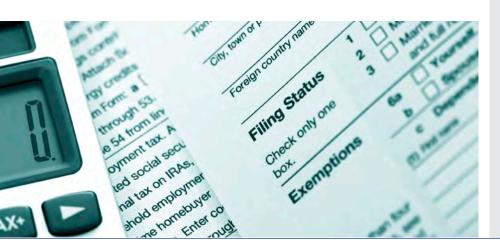
# Carter Ledyard knows domestic and global tax

Carter Ledyard's Tax Department provided tax advice and support to institutional and individual clients on a variety of U.S. federal income tax and state and local matters. Our client base includes large multinational corporations, financial institutions, dealers and traders in securities, hedge funds, retailers, high-tech companies, tax-exempt organizations, and U.S. and foreign individuals.

We advised our institutional clients on cross-border and domestic tax matters, including income tax treaty issues, mergers and acquisitions, Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), Passive Foreign Investment Companies, bad debt deductions and cancellation of indebtedness income, the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, like-kind exchanges and other real estate tax matters, debt and equity issuance, derivative transactions, installment sales, and more.

We provided support to our U.S. and foreign taxexempt clients, including tax advice on business pertaining to cross-border investments and with respect to Unrelated Business Taxable Income matters of U.S. tax-exempt clients.

We continued advising individuals on compliance with the Streamlined Filing Compliance Programs (onshore and offshore) as well as Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts obligations.



# ERISA AND EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Carter Ledyard's ERISA and executive compensation work involves tax-qualified and welfare plan compliance, investment of pension plan assets under ERISA, corporate transactions, and the design and taxation of executive equity-based and deferred compensation arrangements.

Pension plans. Clients such as The Bank of New York Mellon, Orsay Alternative Funds, Alaris Royalty Corp., and Taube Hodson Stonex Partners Limited asked for input on disclosures and provisions in a variety of debt and equity offerings and credit agreements. We advised clients cVidya, Inc., CooperSurgical Inc. and Archangel Investors Limited on employee benefits matters in the context of corporate acquisitions.

**Executive compensation.** Our client AgJunction consulted us on a variety of issues in connection with its adoption and administration of equity compensation arrangements for its executives and its acquisition of Novariant.

Compliance. Carter Ledyard helped taxexempt clients The Trustees of Sailors' Snug Harbor and The Hudson River Foundation with plan compliance issues and the selection of an annuity provider. We assisted Orient-Express Hotels Inc. with administrative issues presented by its selection of new service providers for its profit sharing plan.

# Helping our clients improve the world

Carter Ledyard represents a wide variety of taxexempt clients, from private foundations and public charities to business leagues, social welfare organizations, and cemeteries. During 2015, we worked with our clients to revise their certificates of incorporation and bylaws, preserve their historic buildings, support international missionaries, develop cross-border philanthropic strategies, and engage in impact investing, in addition to regularly assisting clients with tax compliance, employment issues, governance questions, and the preservation of our clients' intellectual property.

Our attorneys formed a number of new charities with a wide range of social goals, from a private foundation focused on grant-making in the U.S. and Asia to a public charity providing enrichment programs and support to a public school in the Bronx. We also helped several families with multiple private foundations consolidate and refine their philanthropic visions, and we established a public charity and a for-profit benefit corporation that will work cooperatively to fund, promote, and develop building resources for homes in areas vulnerable to hurricanes.

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics
Engineers, a leading publisher of the world's
technical literature and developer of international
standards that underpin many of today's
telecommunications, information technology
and power generation products and services,
engaged in an intensive, multi-level analysis of
its governance structure. Carter Ledyard helped
IEEE devise a structure that will continue a
tradition of strong member involvement in both
governance and operations and, at the same
time, comply with applicable legal standards
related to governance.

Carter Ledyard continued representing several nonprofit organizations and their directors in investigations by the New York State Attorney General's Charities Bureau, securing significant settlements in two matters.

We assisted The Blue School, a preschool through eighth grade private school, in purchasing a new building in lower Manhattan that will enable it to expand its class offerings and better serve its students with its innovative learning model.

### NEW COUNSEL



Anne K. Gerson Counsel, Tax-Exempt Organizations Group

Anne K. Gerson is a member of the firm's Tax-Exempt Organizations
Practice Group. Ms. Gerson represents and counsels tax-exempt
organizations on a variety of matters, with a particular focus on federal
tax issues and issues specific to arts-related organizations. Her practice
includes advising on the formation of new nonprofits; corporate
governance and fiduciary issues; and the establishment and preservation
of tax-exempt status. Ms. Gerson frequently provides guidance on
complex tax issues and financial transactions between tax-exempt and
taxable participants. She also conducts investigations involving the
misappropriation of charitable funds and represents clients in connection
with Internal Revenue Service audits. She currently serves as a Director
and Chair of the Audit Committee of Law Students for Reproductive
Justice, Inc.





# REAL ESTATE -

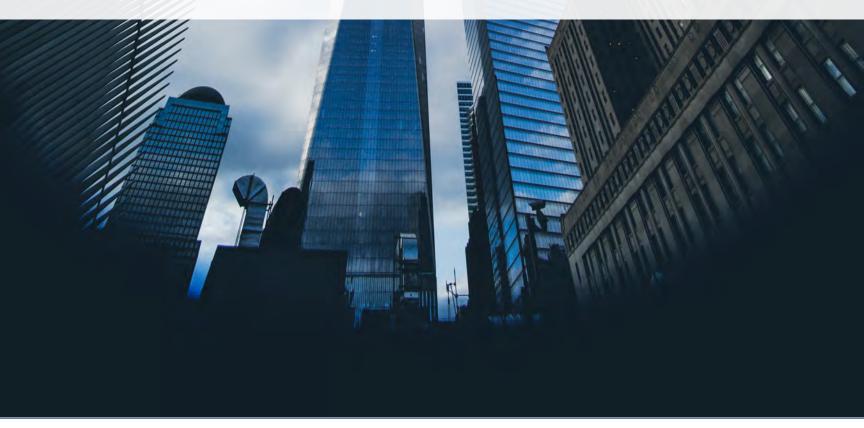
Carter Ledyard understands that real estate is more than just an asset on a client's balance sheet - it represents an opportunity. Whether a property or client is local or offshore, we help clients realize that opportunity through leasing transactions, sales and acquisitions, mortgage loans, construction agreements, joint ventures, and other transactions.

Carter Ledyard's real estate attorneys helped clients from New York City to Central America acquire and develop properties; secure undeveloped land; lease historic buildings; negotiate construction agreements; negotiate assignments, amendments, and settlements of triple net leases; and administer residential development projects.

We represented a tax-exempt client in closing on the purchase of a prime development site on the upper west side of Manhattan, and in related acquisition financing of more than \$100 million.

We represented the owner of a prime Wall Street office building in a \$70 million financing secured by the property.

We continued to represent the owners of the historic Paramount Building, located at 1501 Broadway, in leasing matters at the Building.



# Advising on transactions and disputes in the art world

Carter Ledyard is adept at navigating the complexities of art-related transactions and disputes. In 2015, our attorneys provided a wide range of legal services to artists, collectors, estates, and foundations.

- **Foundations.** Established charitable foundations to manage large art collections, while funding charitable activities and grant programs. Carter Ledyard advised the estate and foundation of Madeline Gins and Arakawa in promoting the founders' artistic legacies through their artist-established Reversible Destiny Foundation.
- Art Transactions. Negotiated large-scale and long-term consignments, and negotiated gift and loan agreements with major museums.
- **Estate planning.** Developed estate planning strategies to avoid the need for untimely liquidations of art. Carter Ledyard assisted the Estate of Anita and Arthur Kahn with estate planning and estate management for a historic collection of postwar art and advised on the collection's record-breaking Christie's sale.
- Art-Related Litigation. Recovered purchase prices from sellers on authenticity and title claims, recovered lost and stolen artwork, represented clients in the dissolution of large collections in divorce and wind-downs of trusts, recovered murals under the Visual Artists Rights Act, and defended clients against warranty claims arising out of private sales and auctions in Europe and the U.S.
- Licensing and copyright. Licensed works for scholarly and commercial use.
- Authentication. Helped foundations, estates, experts and collectors to freely express opinions about authenticity.



# Helping clients protect the people and causes they value

From intention to execution, Carter Ledyard's Trusts and Estates Department has guided clients in translating their wishes into actions that protect the people and the causes they value. The Trusts and Estates Department enjoyed another active year in 2015.

Protecting legacies. We drafted many wills, trusts, and prenuptial, postnuptial and other estate planning agreements and documents for clients, some straightforward but many quite complex. Much of the current complexity in estate planning is generated by the differences between the federal and state estate tax systems. Under the changes to the New York estate tax enacted in 2014, the New York estate tax exemption amount available for decedents dying after April 1, 2015 is \$3,125,000 (scheduled to increase to \$4,187,500 in April 2016). In comparison, the current federal exemption amount is \$5,430,000. Due to the discrepancy in credit amounts available at the state and federal level, we were challenged to draft documents with flexibility to avoid the resulting fiscal "cliff" and the payment of unnecessary estate taxes.

In addition to creating wholly domestic estate plans, we also serviced U.S. clients with interests abroad or non-citizen spouses and non-citizen clients with U.S. properties or families.

**Advantages gift programs.** We continued to be active in helping clients plan and implement family gifting strategies. Grantor retained annuity trusts (GRATs) and family loans calling for interest at the lowest permissible rate continued to be attractive estate planning tools for our clients. We structured GRATs holding closely held businesses, real estate, and partnership interests.



# Carter Ledyard gives back

### > Clemency Project 2014

We are currently working with the Clemency Project 2014 – an undertaking sponsored by the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the American Civil Liberties Union, and Families Against Mandatory Minimums – which was formed to assist nonviolent longtime federal prisoners who likely would have received shorter sentences had they been sentenced today. Petitions that meet the Project's criteria are reviewed by a national Steering Committee and then by the Pardon Attorney's Office of the U.S. Department of Justice; petitions approved by that Office are sent to the President for action. Litigation partner Michael Shapiro; associates Hugo E. Arenas, Melissa J. Erwin, Matthew B. James, Alexander G. Malyshev, and Jacob H. Nemon and legal assistant Bill Borenstein have been involved in screening preliminary applications submitted on behalf of inmates by other pro bono lawyers and forwarding qualifying petitions to the Steering Committee.

#### > Her Justice

Carter Ledyard continued its work with Her Justice (formerly inMotion), a nonprofit organization providing free legal services to women and their families families in domestic violence matters. Attorneys Hugo E. Arenas, Michael H. Bauscher, Bryce C. Bernards, Melissa J. Erwin, Christine A. Fazio, Kortni Hadley, Anup Khatri, Alexander G. Malyshev, Karen E. Meara, Justin L. Peters, Edward J. Pudup, Emily K. Sheahan, Leonardo Trivigno, Judith Wallace, Iliza B. Weitzer, and Josephine J. Yoon, and non-legal staff members Bill Borenstein and Marina Cerda, helped with Non-Immigrant U-Visa Petitions. Bryce C. Bernards, Mary Winchurch Brown, and Melissa J. Erwin assisted a client with her uncontested divorce.

#### > Immigration Equality

Carter Ledyard works with Immigration Equality, a nonprofit organization providing free legal services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and HIV-positive undocumented immigrants. Attorneys Hugo E. Arenas, Michael H. Bauscher, Guy Ben-Ami, Aaron R. Cahn, Brandon J. Isaacson, Judith A. Lockhart, Pamela A. Mann, Patricia Matzye, Emily K. Sheahan, and Iliza B. Weitzer represent clients who face persecution in their home countries.

#### HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL MENTORSHIP

For several years, Carter Ledyard attorneys have served as mentors and advisors to the mock trial team from William Cullen Bryant High School in connection with the annual New York State High School Mock Trial Tournament. In 2015, Guy Ben-Ami, Bryce C. Bernards, Jeffrey S. Boxer, Matthew D. Dunn, Kortni M. Hadley, Alexander G. Malyshev, Karen E. Meara, Jacob H. Nemon, Edward J. Pudup, Leonardo Trivigno, Emily K. Sheahan, Iliza B. Weitzer, and Madelyn K. White served as mentors and advisors.

#### **BRONX WILLS PROJECT**

For more than 20 years, our Bronx Wills Project has helped elderly, low-income Bronx residents with estate planning and simple wills and received special recognition from the New York State Bar Association. Alison Powers Herman, Justin L. Peters, Edward J. Pudup, and Josephine J. Yoon travel every month to Legal Services NYC's Bronx office to advise clients.

# We're proud of our staff's good work

Michael H. Bauscher volunteers for the Bedford Youth Soccer Program. Aaron R. Cahn serves on the board of Concert Artists Guild. Rosemarie Deptula is a Lector and Eucharistic Minister at Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church. Denise A. Dixon is treasurer of the Donald Van Blake Tennis & Education Foundation. David Gale volunteers at Meals on Wheels. Matthew D. Dunn serves on the board of the New York chapter of the Irish International Business Network, and coaches youth hockey and baseball in Westfield, New Jersey. James Gadsden is a member of the choir at St. James Episcopal Church and a volunteer mediator at the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York. Victor J. Gallo is a member of Maplewood Township's Environmental Advisory Committee and volunteers for the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Essex County NJ. Anne K. Gerson serves on the board of Law Students for Reproductive Justice, Inc. Steven J. Glusband serves as the President of the Roxbury Run Village Association. John M. Griem, Jr. serves on the board of directors of the Conrad Foundation. Kelley Harrison volunteers at the Humane Society of New York. Jay A. Henao volunteers at The Liberty Humane Society of Jersey City. Macculloch M. Irving serves on the boards of the Blanton-Peale Institute and the Middlesex School Alumni Association, and is a member of the Vestry of Trinity Church. David I. Karabell serves on the advisory board for the College of Liberal Arts at Temple University; serves on the finance committee of The University Club: is a director, vice president, and counsel for Friends of the Upper East Side Historic Districts; and is a volunteer tour guide for the Central Park Conservancy. Stephen L. Kass serves as a director of the National Center for Law and Economic Justice and is an emeritus director and member of the policy committee of Human Rights Watch. Jennifer H. MacDonald teaches Sunday school to the K-5 class and serves on the children's education committee at Brick Presbyterian Church.

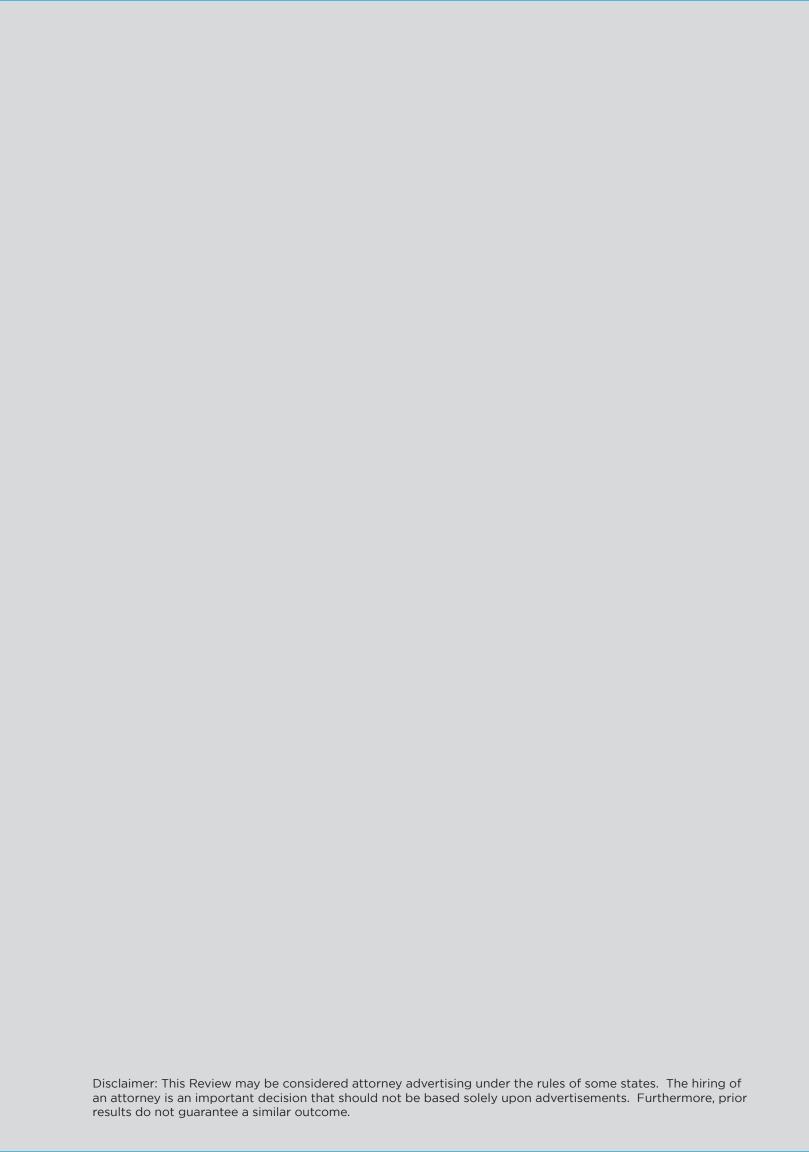
Jeanine McPartlin participated in the food drive at St. Luke's Episcopal Church to benefit the Queens Interfaith Hunger Network. Daniel J. McSwiggan serves on the board of Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City. Karen E. Meara serves as secretary of the board of the Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York. Steven Paul McSloy teaches pro bono for the California Tribal College and advises the Native American Law Students Association at Columbia Law School. Emily Moog serves as secretary of the Board of the Fort Place Cooperative, Inc. Shirley Renelique volunteers for Free the Girls. Christopher Rizzo is chairman of the Friends of Van Cortlandt Park Inc., trustee of the Porzelt Foundation, member of the North Riverdale Merchants Association, and a board member of New Yorkers for Parks. Michael Shapiro is a member of the board of the NYSACDL Foundation and chair of the Prosecution and Judicial Complaint Center. Ronald D. Spencer serves as chairman of the Fund for Park Avenue. Robert J.A. Zito is the Regional Chair The Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, President and Director of The Holland Lodge Foundation, and Trustee of The Down Town Association, and serves pro bono on the clergy staff of Trinity Church Wall Street. Aaron R. Cahn, James Gadsden, and Josephine J. Yoon represented a debtor pro bono through the Consumer Bankruptcy Project. Victor J. Gallo, Stephen L. Kass, and Karen E. Meara provide pro bono services to Natural Resources Defense Council. Kortni M. Hadley, Justin L. Peters, Edward J. Pudup, and Josephine J. Yoon coordinated the firm's contributions to the Toys for Tots program. Suzanne Anastasi, June Chotoo, Marianne Decker, Clare Finn, Joanne Guido, Lisa Martino, Bonnie Pitera, and Patricia Theobalds crocheted two beautiful blankets for FEGS Blankets of Love Program, which will be given to women and families affected by domestic violence.

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