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Alex Gigante is a leading publishing attorney with over forty years of experience and advises individual and corporate clients in a wide range of litigation, publishing, media, online and intellectual-property matters. He also possesses significant expertise in antitrust and contract law, Sarbanes-Oxley, employment issues, and acquisitions of businesses and assets.

Alex was formerly Executive Vice President for Legal Affairs for Penguin Group (USA) LLC, where he was responsible for setting legal policy for the company and its affiliate and subsidiaries, supervising legal and contract departments, overseeing outside counsel, directing litigation strategy, and negotiating special business projects. Prior to joining Penguin, Alex was a partner in his own litigation law firm for thirteen years, specializing in intellectual-property matters, with particular emphasis on book publishing. Alex has also served as general counsel of Simon & Schuster and as a litigator both with the law firm of Proskauer, Rose, Goetz & Mendelsohn LLP and the New York City Law Department, where he was chief attorney and responsible for litigating high profile cases having a major impact on city operations, *including City of New York v. Train*, 420 U.S. 35, in which the U.S. Supreme Court compelled the federal government to unfreeze \$9 billion of funding for water pollution control.

Alex is proficient in French, German and Italian and regularly counsels clients in complex international publishing transactions and intellectual property acquisitions.

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second and Eleventh Circuits
- Federal Court of Claims
- Supreme Court of the United States

EDUCATION

- Bard College, BA, *cum laude* New York University School of Law, JD
- Brooklyn College, BA, *cum laude*

EMPLOYMENT

- Penguin Group (USA) Inc.
- Mailman & Gigante
- Simon & Schuster, Inc.
- Proskauer, Rose, Goetz & Mendelsohn LLP
- New York City Law Department

ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- New York City Bar Association
- American Arbitration Association, Arbitrator
- World Intellectual Property Association (WIPO)
- Former Adjunct Professor, Entertainment & Media Law, Cardozo School of Law

PRACTICES

- Employment
- IP/ Internet Transactions
- Litigation

INDUSTRY SECTORS

- Publishing

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York

LANGUAGES

- French
- German
- Italian