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Alex Gigante is Special Counsel with Cowan, DeBaets, Abrahams and Sheppard. Mr. 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.

Mr. Gigante 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, Mr. Gigante was a partner in his own litigation law firm for thirteen years, specializing in intellectual-property matters, with particular emphasis on book publishing. Mr. Gigante has also served as general counsel of Simon & Schuster and as a litigator both with the law firm of Proskauer Rose Goetz and Mendelsohn 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.

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

### ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- NYC Bar Association
- Arbitrator, American Arbitration Association and WIPO.
- Former Adjunct Professor, Entertainment & Media Law, Cardozo School of Law

### EMPLOYMENT

- Penguin Group (USA) Inc. - Executive VP for Legal Affairs/Corporate Counsel
- Mailman & Gigante - Partner
- Simon & Schuster, Inc. – Vice President/General Counsel
- Proskauer Rose Goetz & Mendelsohn – Litigation Associate
- New York City Law Department – Division Chief

### EDUCATION

- J.D., NYU School of Law,
- B.A., cum laude, Brooklyn College

### PRACTICES

- Corporate Formation, Finance and M&A
- Employment
- IP/Internet Transactions
- Litigation

### INDUSTRY SECTORS

- Publishing

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Supreme Court
- Second Circuit Court of Appeals
- Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals
- Federal Court of Claims
- Southern District of New York
- Eastern District of New York
- New York