

PARTNER

TODD HARRIS HESEKIEL

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Todd Harris Hesekiel practices in McLaughlin & Stern's real estate and litigation departments. In addition to being a partner with the firm, he is also the administrative partner of the firm's Garden City office, which consists of more than 20 attorneys.

Hesekiel has extensive experience in both business/commercial and real estate litigation. He represents business/commercial clients in contract, corporate, partnership, collection and business divorce cases. On the real estate side, Hesekiel represents property owners, contract vendees, lenders, landlords and tenants in contract, title priority, right of first refusal, commercial landlord/tenant, mechanic's lien and other similar cases. In addition, he represents several prominent title insurance companies and their insureds, in all forms of real estate title litigation.

Prior to joining McLaughlin & Stern, Hesekiel was employed by Ackerman, Levine, Cullen, Brickman & Limmer, LLP, a Great Neck-based law firm. In 2015, he was Ackerman Levine's managing partner. The following year, the firm consolidated with McLaughlin & Stern and Hesekiel was named administrative partner.

Hesekiel also serves as the vice chair of the

Long Island Alzheimer's & Dementia Center's board of trustees. The group operates an adult day care program for patients with Alzheimer's disease and dementia, and runs a support group for the patients' caregivers. He also supports numerous charities, including the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the Special Olympics.

Hesekiel is admitted to practice in New York State and before the Second Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals and the U.S. District Court for the Eastern, Southern and Western Districts of New York. He is a member of the New York State Bar Association, and the Nassau County Bar Association.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Boston University and a Juris Doctor from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, where he was a member of the Journal of International and Comparative Law.

He notes that, "It was the different, analytical way of thinking in this profession that drew me to the field of law. Legal analysis is a different way of thinking—it requires an ability to problem solve not found in many other areas. Also, the ability to assist clients as they enter into new ventures,

and/or continue to grow existing ones, always intrigued me."

Hesekiel is inspired by his children, who have taught him some surprisingly business related life lessons. He explains, "Seeing the way they approach challenges in their lives and how they are able to adapt constantly to different situations has taught me a lot over the years and helped me grow into an advisor who sees issues from many different angles."

As far as business advice he'd like to share, he tells other professionals, "Always listen completely before offering a thought or opinion. Things might not always be as they first seem."



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