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## Brett R. Leitner

### Founding Partner

As a Founding Partner and Senior Trial Attorney at Leitner Varughese, Brett Leitner has dedicated his career to helping people who have been seriously injured because of the negligence of others obtain the justice and compensation that they deserve under the law.



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Mr. Leitner is routinely called upon to handle high-profile and newsworthy cases, many of which have been televised or reported on in national and regional news and media outlets, including the New York Law Journal, the New York Post, the New York Daily News, Channel 7 Eyewitness News, CBS News, Today's Verdict, BronxNet, Cablevision, Best of Long Island Press, Newsday, News 12 Long Island, Long Island Herald, Daily Mail UK and FIOS 1, amongst others.

Mr. Leitner focuses his practice on representing victims of nursing home abuse and neglect, medical malpractice, and catastrophic injury cases involving car and truck accidents, construction accidents, and accidents involving negligent property and building owners and managers.

In just the past few years, Mr. Leitner and his firm have facilitated in the recovery of over \$100 MILLION on behalf of clients that were injured as a result of car and truck accidents, construction accidents (involving New York State Labor Law violations), slip/trip and falls, and defective pharmaceuticals, including the recovery of over \$50 MILLION alone in verdicts and settlements on behalf of the victims of nursing home neglect and abuse. Other attorneys often call upon Mr. Leitner to handle their most serious cases.

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Prior to founding Leitner Varughese, Brett Leitner was a senior trial attorney in the Nursing Home Litigation Unit at a nationally renowned personal injury and mass tort law firm, where he spent years advocating for and representing elderly nursing home residents throughout all areas of New York State who had been neglected, abused, and/or mistreated while living in a nursing home facility. These cases are gravely serious and involve claims of injuries including assaults, extensive bed sores due to patient neglect, many of which require surgeries, falls with serious fractures and/or brain injuries, violation of residents' rights, medication errors, as well as claims of untimely and wrongful death.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Leitner developed extensive trial and litigation skills for years practicing at a national AMLAW 100 litigation firm, as well as at an AMLAW 200 international litigation and business law firm that provided counseling, risk management, litigation management, trial, appellate and transactional legal services to sophisticated corporate clients. Mr. Leitner also has significant experience successfully representing and defending claims of professional malpractice against doctors, nurses, hospitals and nursing homes, as well as defending landowners and business owners against premises liability claims.

### **Education:**

Mr. Leitner obtained his J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, where he received an academic scholarship and was a member of the school's Journal of International and Comparative Law. He obtained his B.A. from the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor.

### **Bar Admissions:**

Mr. Leitner is admitted to practice in the State of New York, U.S. District Court, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, and the U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit.

### **Professional Associations and Memberships:**

- New York Metro Super Lawyers, Top Rated Medical Malpractice Attorney
- Top 100 Trial Lawyer, National Trial Lawyers
- Premier 100 Trial Attorney, National Academy of Jurisprudence
- American Bar Association
- New York State Trial Lawyers Association
- New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers
- Best Attorneys of America - Lifetime Charter Member (invited)
- National Academy of Personal Injury Attorneys, Inc. (invited)
- (Top 10 Attorney Award for State of New York)
- Peritum American Attorneys (invited)
- Personal Injury Law Experts (invited)