

CHUCK FAX ELECTED RWL EQUITY PARTNER

Well-Respected Litigator Had Impressive Results In 2017

RWL is pleased to announce that Chuck Fax has been elected as an equity partner. “Chuck’s extraordinary resume speaks for itself and his successes in the courtroom last year and in previous years have been very impressive. As co-lead counsel in the Whirlpool class action and in other matters, Chuck’s skills as a litigator have shined. We are delighted at Chuck’s well-deserved election,” said Alan M. Rifkin, managing partner of the Firm.

Chuck’s career as a litigator has been punctuated by high profile cases of national import. Currently, he is co-lead plaintiffs’ counsel in a nationwide class action against Whirlpool Corporation in which the trial court observed that “the [impressive] results obtained by class counsel . . . undoubtedly took the most capable and experienced professionals in the country,” and awarded approximately \$15 million in attorneys’ fees (Whirlpool has appealed that decision). Simultaneously, Chuck serves as co-lead counsel in a putative worldwide class action brought on behalf of survivors of the Hungarian Holocaust in World War II, seeking reparations against the Hungarian government for its complicity in the Holocaust. He is also a member of the Federal Monitor’s team overseeing a major automotive manufacturer’s compliance with its Deferred Prosecution Agreement entered into with the U.S. Department of Justice arising out of the manufacturer’s recall of defective vehicles.

In past years, Chuck served as lead counsel defending the Governor of Puerto Rico against an island-wide class action brought by the inmates of 42 prisons alleging cruel and unusual conditions of confinement in violation of the Eighth Amendment. He was also lead counsel to the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority in defense against a clean water environmental enforcement action by EPA. Earlier in his career, Chuck served as Special Outside Counsel to (then) Mayor Kurt Schmoke of Baltimore City, and represented the board of directors and certain officers of (then) Grumman Corporation in a wide-ranging Foreign Corrupt Practices Act investigation brought by DOJ.

Chuck is the co-author, together with U.S. District Judge Paul Grimm and attorney Paul Mark Sandler, of the acclaimed federal treatise, DISCOVERY PROBLEMS AND THEIR SOLUTIONS (ABA Publ., 406 pp. 2013), now in its third edition – with a fourth edition in preparation. And for the past ten years, he has written a regular column on updates in federal civil procedure for the American Bar Association Section of Litigation quarterly magazine, LITIGATION NEWS. From 2010-2015, Chuck was an adjunct professor at the University of Baltimore School of Law, teaching a course on federal and Maryland discovery practice and procedure, and he has been named a Washington, D.C. and Maryland “Super Lawyer”[®] for the past ten years.

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