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John Baranello is both Managing Attorney of Moses Singer and Partner to its prestigious Litigation practice group. He has significant courtroom experience across a variety of matters in New York and New Jersey state and federal court. John brings a high level of energy and attention to all aspects of a matter and strives to obtain practical results as efficiently as possible.

John's practice is dedicated to business litigation. His clients span from world-class distributors of functional food ingredients to high level managers and distributors of medical sales devices. He handles contract claims, trade secret lawsuits, estate disputes, restrictive covenant litigations, and judgment enforcements.

Additionally, he counsels start-up businesses and helps individuals navigate through the early phases of new endeavors.

John is a proud graduate of Regis High School, where he was the recipient of the Timothy F. Beckett, Jr. Award, given to the student who best exemplifies the ideals of Christian service to others, leadership, the promotion of justice for all, and the pursuit of excellence that Dr. Timothy Beckett, Regis Class of '66, embodied while at Regis and throughout his life. John was selected for inclusion in The 2026 Leading Litigators in America guide.

John is actively involved in several non-profit organizations:

A Need We Feed: Board Member of this Toms River, NJ-based non-profit that provides free meals to those in need, sourced from local sponsors.

First Tee – Raritan Valley Chapter: Board Member of this organization that supports golf clinics for junior golfers in New Jersey.

Cristo Rey – Brooklyn: Member of the Board of Trustees for this high school, which collaborates with corporate sponsors to offer transformative educational opportunities for students in Brooklyn.

Practices / Industries

- Litigation
- Banking Litigation
- Bankruptcy Litigation
- Complex Commercial Litigation
- Employment Litigation
- Entertainment Litigation
- Fiduciary Duty Litigation
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Maritime & Admiralty Litigation
- Trusts & Estates and Family Law Litigation
- Trade Secrets, Noncompete & Unfair Competition Litigation

John's dedication to his profession and community service highlights his commitment to both legal excellence and social responsibility.

Prior results do not guarantee a similar outcome.

Education

- Rutgers School of Law (J.D.)
 - Co-Chair, Public Interest Law Foundation
 - Mentor, Minority Student Program
 - Associate Editor, Rutgers Law Record
- Boston College (B.A., *cum laude*)
- John Cabot University (Italy) Study Abroad Program

Bar/Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- New Jersey
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- New York

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Regis High School Association
- Richmond County Bar Association

Recognition

- 2026 Lawdragon 500 Leading Global Litigators
- 2026 Lawdragon 500 Leading Corporate Employment Lawyers
- 2026 Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America
- Super Lawyers 2025
- Super Lawyers Rising Stars: 2013-2023

Representative Matters

- Successfully defended an international food manufacturer and led a litigation team through a successful resolution of a multi-year federal trade secret “bet the company” litigation involving a widely-used food enhancer sold in retail stores throughout the country.

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Successfully defended nationwide class actions against various financial institutions at the state, federal, and circuit court levels resulting in dismissals and favorable settlements of class action suits pre-discovery.

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Successfully settled a very large surrogate’s court matter involving disputing family

members over a tremendously large estate involving commercial properties throughout New York City and Upstate New York.

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Successfully resolved one of the first real estate closing lawsuits involving the defense of COVID-19 as an impediment to closing on a property, litigating the novel issue of whether COVID-19, notwithstanding subsequent state orders reopening various parks and government owned properties, provided a valid defense to a company's failure to show up to a closing.

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Successfully resolved numerous wage and hour and non-compete litigations, and employee misclassification lawsuits across a variety of industries, including freight-forwarding and restaurant businesses.