

## BJ Finneran, OF COUNSEL

BJ Finneran has been a successful civil litigator for over 20 years, litigating complex commercial disputes in the state and federal court systems. BJ represents multinational financial institutions, banks and Fortune 500 companies, with a specialty in the areas of commercial litigation, real estate litigation and banking law.

BJ effectively represents lenders and special servicers in connection with non-performing portfolio and commercial CMBS loans involving workouts, receiverships, class actions and judicial and non-judicial foreclosures. BJ also represents real estate clients in actions involving breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, and business torts.

BJ employs his extensive litigation experience in crafting innovative litigation strategies that result in successful outcomes in any court or matter. His skills, combined with ZEK's aggressive litigation strategy, enable ZEK's clients to prevail in complex commercial matters, often early in the litigation process.

BJ is a trial lawyer. He utilizes his extensive courtroom and trial experience as an Assistant District Attorney and commercial trial attorney in successfully representing ZEK clients at trial, in evidentiary hearings involving multiple fact and expert witnesses, in arbitrations, in mediations, and in settlement conferences.

In a recent case with national implications, BJ successfully defeated claims brought by a major New York municipality against a lender seeking to hold the lender liable for the cost of repairing abandoned homes and remediating urban blight. BJ also successfully resolved a case against a mortgage servicer accused of improperly disposing of the mortgagor's personal property.

Currently, BJ is representing a multi-national bank in connection with an action challenging lender loan practices that could have far reaching ramifications and application to countless other loans and litigated matters. BJ is also working with ZEK's lender clients to successfully defend challenges to the lenders' standing to bring foreclosure actions on defaulted residential mortgage loans.

BJ joined ZEK's New York office in 2008.

