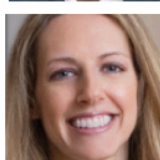
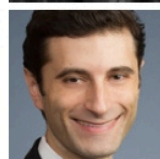
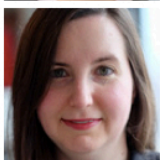
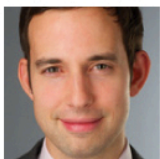
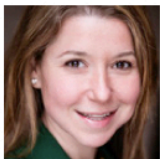


NYLJ Rising Stars 2016: David Shanies



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Principal
David B. Shanies Law Firm

David Shanies launched the David B. Shanies Law Firm in Manhattan in February. David, who spent the majority of his legal career in the litigation department of Hughes Hubbard & Reed, said the timing was right to start his own firm and he was "ready for a new challenge."

His expertise includes complex commercial litigation; civil rights matters; white collar criminal and regulatory defense; and alternative dispute resolution.

"Not only is David brilliant and hard-working, but he has extraordinary talent for evaluating a case and devising a strategy for achieving a successful resolution, whether it is by settlement or trial," said Edward Little, a partner at Hughes Hubbard and chair of its white-collar defense group.

Over the years, David, 37, has worked on several of the nation's largest financial crisis-related litigations and investigations, including Lehman Brothers and MF Global. And he was the lead associate on Hughes Hubbard's white-collar team on criminal/regulatory investigation cases related to the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR), FOREX and ISDAFIX markets and trading.

David also has been involved in notable and successful pro bono cases, including the representation of Ruddy Quezada. After spending 24 years in prison for murder, Quezada was exonerated and his conviction was vacated. David worked on behalf of Vanessa Gathers, whose case was one of many involving New York Police Department detective Louis Scarcella. A Brooklyn judge found in February that Scarcella had extracted a false confession from Gathers and vacated her 1998 manslaughter conviction. David was lead counsel in the post-conviction investigations involving Scarcella, creating an information-sharing network for private and Legal Aid attorneys working on the cases.

I enjoy giving a voice to people who need and deserve it. Especially now that I am running my own practice, I get to fight for the causes I believe in. I love this work.

Pro Bono/Civic Activity

Last year, the Legal Aid Society presented David with its Pro Bono Publico Award for exceptional services to the society and its clients, including his work on wrongful conviction cases in Brooklyn. He also is a board member on the New York City Bar Association's criminal law committee and serves on the Brooklyn conviction review subcommittee. Additionally, he is on the board of the New York State Bar Association's committee on white-collar criminal litigation, is a member of the Federal Bar Council American Inn of Court and has served in a pro bono capacity as a special assistant corporation counsel in the New York City Law Department.

