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Stuart Coleman has counseled registered funds and their independent board members and market-leading investment advisers for more than 40 years, through cycles of industry expansion and innovation and in times of economic and regulatory crisis.

He has represented many of the top complexes in the United States, including open-end, closed-end and interval funds; registered hedge and private equity funds; exchange-traded funds (ETFs); and business development companies. Stuart also has represented board special litigation committees and has served as an expert in a significant matter before the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and in private litigation.

Community Impact

He is passionate about the performing arts in New York City and has served on the boards of several dance companies and performing arts venues.

He serves as a trustee of New York University School of Law.

Memberships

- Task Force on Fund Directors, American Bar Association
- Task Force on Fund Director's Guidebook, American Bar Association
- Task Force on Independent Director Counsel, American Bar Association
- Former Member, Investment Management Regulation Committee, the New York City Bar Association, including as Chair
- Board of Trustees, New York University School of Law
- Former Board Member, New York City Ballet
- Board Member, New York City Center
- Trustee, The George Balanchine Trust
- Board Member, Works & Process at the Guggenheim

Recognitions

- *Chambers USA* (Band 1: Nationwide: Investment Funds: Registered Funds) (2008-26)

Services

- Investment Management
- Registered Investment Funds
- Independent Trustee Counsel
- Private Investment Funds
- Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs)
- Business Development Companies

Education

- New York University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*)
 - Order of the Coif
- Wesleyan University (B.A., *magna cum laude*)

Admissions

- New York

- *Chambers Global* (Band 1: USA: Investment Funds: Registered Funds) (2020-24) (2026)
- *The Legal 500 US* (Investment Fund Formation and Management: Mutual/Registered/Exchange-Traded Funds, 2013-24) (Leading Lawyer, 2015-20) (Hall of Fame, 2020-24, 2026)
- Independent Counsel of the Year, *With Intelligence's* Mutual Funds and ETF Awards (2020)
- *Chambers Global* (USA: Investment Funds: Hedge Funds) (Band 1, 2009) (Band 2, 2010)
- *Best Lawyers in America* (New York: Mutual Funds Law) (2006-27) (Lawyer of the Year, 2018 and 2013)
- *New York Super Lawyers* (2006-22, 2025)