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Jim Bergin is a litigation partner in the New York office of Morrison & Foerster LLP. His practice focuses on complex commercial and consumer litigation, with emphasis on disputes involving multi-state and multi-district litigation. His litigation experience has involved a wide variety of legal issues and procedural settings, including product liability, financial services, telecommunications, privacy, insurance, tax, contract, and other issues. He has extensive experience in class action litigation, and has served as court-appointed liaison counsel in a number of complex insurance litigation matters and as nationwide coordinating counsel for a client in substantial products liability litigation. He has worked as pro bono co-counsel with Legal Momentum (formerly the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund) on reproductive rights and domestic violence issues. Mr. Bergin was selected for inclusion in the New York Metro Edition of *Super Lawyers* in 2007 and 2008 in the field of Business Litigation.

Mr. Bergin is an active participant in professional organizations, including the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section of the New York State Bar Association, and has served for many years as Co-Chair of the Section's Civil Practice Law and Rules Committee. He was a principal author of the Section's "Report Recommending Certain Amendments To The CPLR Concerning Electronic Discovery," which was approved by the New York State Bar's Executive Committee and House of Delegates in June 2008. Mr. Bergin is also an active member of the City Bar's Professional Responsibility Committee.

Mr. Bergin is a graduate of Columbia College (B.A. 1974 *magna cum laude*) and Columbia Law School (J.D. 1988), where he was Senior Editor of the *Columbia Law Review* and a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. He began his legal career at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett as an associate in the corporate group. Mr. Bergin then served as law clerk to the Honorable Raymond J. Dearie, U.S. District Court Judge (now Chief Judge), Eastern District of New York, from 1989 to 1990. Mr. Bergin joined Morrison & Foerster as an associate in 1991, and became a partner in January 1997. Prior to attending law school, Mr. Bergin attended Columbia University's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (M.A. 1978, Musicology), and spent several years working with non-profit organizations including Bread for the World and the New York Coalition for the Homeless.