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Ali Degan focuses his practice on civil litigation, representing financial institutions and mortgage servicers in contested foreclosure actions and related real estate disputes. He also advises clients on consumer claims involving alleged violations of federal and state statutes, such as the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA), the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), and the Truth in Lending Act (TILA).

Ali began his legal career in Louisiana, handling a range of civil litigation matters, including product liability and insurance defense. Since moving to New York, he has concentrated on high-stakes litigation involving real property and creditors' rights, regularly appearing in court on behalf of institutional clients.

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Litigation Section
 - Mortgage & Foreclosure Subcommittee, Co-Chair, 2024 – Present
 - LGBT Law & Litigator Committee, Co-Chair, 2024 – Present
 - Judicial Intern Opportunity Program, Mentoring Circle Leader for New York, 2025
- New York State Bar Association
- Iranian American Bar Association

Honors & Awards

- Selected for the American Bar Association's (ABA) Litigation Section's Young Lawyer Leadership Program, 2019 – 2021

Presentations

- Panelist, "Building a Successful Legal Career," Judicial Intern Opportunity Program Orientation, American Bar Association, New York, New York, June 10, 2025
- Moderator, "Practical Tips for Improving Mental Health & Well-Being in the Practice of Law," American Bar Association, Webinar, February 10, 2025
- Moderator, "Master Class: Working with and Preparing Witnesses," American Bar Association CLE, October 27, 2022

Practices

Appellate
Commercial Litigation
Consumer Financial Services
Mortgage Servicing and
Lender Litigation

Industries

Banking & Finance

Education

LL.M., Mississippi College
School of Law, 2015

LL.B., University of Tehran
Faculty of Law, 2013

Admissions

New York

U.S. District Court for the
Eastern and Southern Districts
of New York

Languages

Azeri
Farsi
Persian



- Panelist, "Recent Commercial Eviction Cases: Force Majeure, Co-Tenancy, Quiet Enjoyment, Frustration of Purpose," Strafford, CLE Webinar, July 15, 2021
- Panelist, "Governmental Emergency Powers and the Constitutional Implications Arising from Pandemic Orders," American Bar Association, CLE Webinar, September 10, 2020

Publications

- Co-Author, "Statutory Requirements: Strict Construction or Strict Compliance?" *American Bar Association*, March 25, 2022
- "Tenants' Self-Certification of COVID Financial Hardship Is Insufficient, SCOTUS Rules," *American Bar Association*, August 19, 2021
- "New York Court Rules that Pandemic Orders Are a 'Casualty,'" *American Bar Association*, March 3, 2021
- "SCOTUS: CDC's Eviction Moratorium Is Unlawful," *American Bar Association*, February 24, 2021
- "A Force Majeure Clause in a Commercial Lease Did Not Excuse Timely Payment of Rent," *American Bar Association*, December 9, 2020
- "Does New York Care More than the CARES Act?" *American Bar Association*, July 27, 2020
- "A 'Facial Challenge': New York Residential Landlords' First Constitutional Complaint against COVID-19 Laws," *American Bar Association*, July 15, 2020

Personal

Originally from the foothills of the Alborz Mountains in Iran, Ali now lives in New York. He enjoys traveling with his family, discovering new cuisines, and exploring the outdoors with his dog.