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Miles has become established quickly as a successful mediator in a wide range of matters, including securities, antitrust, professional liability, mass torts, financial instruments, and complex commercial litigation. These matters have involved claims ranging from seven figures well into 10 figures; he has personally closed settlements totaling over four billion dollars, and has worked on a multitude of settlements ranging from seven to mid-nine figures.

Prior to joining Phillips ADR, Miles was a nationally recognized trial, appellate, and settlement lawyer for more than 40 years. He is the former Global Chair of Latham & Watkins LLP's Litigation & Trial Department, featured in the legal press as a "legendary litigator," "one of the nation's top trial lawyers," "known for his decency, integrity, and humanity." He retired fully from Latham at the end of 2021, and was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the New York Law Journal, in which he was praised as a "legendary force in the securities and class action litigation fields," combining "sheer brilliance" with "warmth and respect for others." Miles has been recognized in numerous other legal publications, including the Lawdragon 500 Hall of Fame; Chambers USA ("Miles brings a blend of intelligence, knowledge of the law, sophistication and humility which makes him a formidable force in securities litigation. He has a great perspective. What he has really perfected is how to be smart and know all of the different angles, but at the same time be low-key and calm."); and Best Lawyers in America where he has been named New York City's Lawyer of the Year in both Securities Litigation and Litigation - Regulatory Enforcement. Miles' skills in economics and mathematics have been helpful in analyzing complex damages and accounting and other issues, as well as in developing innovative settlement models and structures. In addition to his high-profile successes at trial and on appeal, he has handled dozens of mediations and arbitrations, and has negotiated ground-breaking settlements in a variety of contexts, including what was then the largest class action settlement in mass tort history.

Miles clerked for Justice Thurgood Marshall on the United States Supreme Court and for Judge Carl McGowan on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. He graduated first in his class from Yale College in 1973, summa cum laude, with Departmental Honors in Economics and Mathematics, and from Harvard Law School in 1976, magna cum laude, where he served as Developments Editor on the Harvard Law Review and edited Developments in the Law — Class Actions, which has been widely cited including by the United States Supreme Court.



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Miles has taught numerous courses and written articles on securities, class actions, professional liability, antitrust, and ethics. He is an elected member of the American Law Institute, a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and a member of the New York, California, and DC Bars. He practiced for several years in DC and more than 25 years in Los Angeles, before moving full-time to New York in 2011. He has served on the Boards of Directors of the Legal Aid Society of New York and the Lawyers Alliance for New York, and was an inaugural recipient of the Robert M. Dell Prize for Extraordinary Pro Bono Service.

Miles lives in New York City with his wife Catherine Schreiber, who is an award-winning theater producer on Broadway and in London. They have two children, both of whom are doctors. Miles is an enthusiastic golfer, but not good enough to want to play golf full-time.

