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▪ **Tell us about your top U.S. Supreme Court or federal appeals court victory over the past year and how you and your team achieved the win.**

Before the U.S. Supreme Court, I was honored to represent Mr. Kieran Buckley, who has been fighting to recover his losses since he was defrauded nearly 15 years ago, when the sellers of a property he purchased failed to disclose material defects in the house. The sellers later filed for bankruptcy in attempt to discharge their debt owed to him. The Court (J. Barrett) issued a unanimous 9-0 decision in his favor on an important bankruptcy question, signaling that the Bankruptcy Code cannot be used as a shield for those who profit from fraud.

▪ **What was your firm's key to appellate success over the past year?**

Our extraordinary counsel and associates delivered showstopping performances on the briefs and on their feet in court, and set the standard for creative thinking and client service. In particular, Josh Wesneski, Robert Niles-Weed, Josh Halpern, and Claire Chapla shined brightly.

▪ **What is the most satisfying element of appellate practice, in your opinion?**

Working alongside of the smartest advocates to advance our clients' interests in complex cases, at what are usually the terminal stages of the engagement,



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on issues where there is not necessarily a consistent judicial interpretation. The stakes could not be higher.

▪ **What's the most valuable lesson you learned as a young lawyer?**

I had the privilege of clerking for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg, during which time I witnessed her unwavering attention to detail and intellectual rigor. Every punctuation mark, word, and phrase matters. ■