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Todd E. Soloway is one of the nation's top trial lawyers for high-stakes, business-critical litigation across the hospitality, real estate, and real estate finance industries. He is co-chair of Pryor Cashman's Litigation Department, serves on the firm's Executive Committee, and heads both the Real Estate Litigation and Hospitality Practice Groups.

Todd represents some of the most prominent names in the industry, including Virgin Hotels, Brookfield Asset Management, Lloyd Goldman/BLDG Management, Deko Immobilien, Highgate Hotels, Rockwood Capital, Cerberus, Abington Properties, H.I.G. Realty Partners, Xenia Hotels, Standard International, and Quality Branded Restaurant Group, among others. His client base spans private equity firms, public companies, developers, hotel owners, franchisors, family offices, and international investors, each relying on him to resolve complex disputes, protect critical assets, and provide clear, business-focused legal strategy. Todd is sought after for his strategic vision, business judgment, leadership qualities, and extensive trial experience.

With more than 25 years of experience, Todd handles litigation involving management and franchise agreements, real estate finance and development, cross-border transactions, partnership and joint venture disputes, commercial leases, foreclosures, regulatory issues, and title insurance matters. His work spans state and federal courts nationwide, as well as domestic and international arbitration forums.

He is consistently recognized, including by *Chambers USA*, where he is ranked in both *Leisure + Hospitality* and *Real Estate Litigation*. Clients describe him as "a go-to guy for any hospitality litigation matters," and praise his commercial savvy and ability to achieve strong results in complex, business-critical disputes.

His work has included a range of notable matters:

- Securing a \$44 million judgment against Starwood Hotels after a 9 week trial relating to the development of a luxury hotel on the beach in Ft. Lauderdale;
- Achieving a precedent-setting appellate win for the owners of the Eden Roc Hotel in Miami;
- Winning a \$13 million trial victory for Virgin Hotels following a month-long bench trial.
- Leading a team of Pryor Cashman real estate, corporate and finance attorneys in representing Cirrus Realty Partners in a complex series of loan acquisitions secured by high-profile real estate, ultimately gaining control over valuable collateral including the Atlantic Yards development sites in Brooklyn and Hotel Indigo in Downtown Los Angeles.
- For Deko Immobilien, a German pension fund, he has handled multiple disputes involving the Marriott East Side Hotel in Manhattan, including matters relating to Marriott's performance under its Hotel Management Agreement and disputes with the UNITE HERE union relating to severance and withdrawal liability.

- Successfully challenged the enforcement mechanisms of New York State's 421-a real estate tax abatement program, defeating a \$40 million claim brought by the New York City Comptroller against an affiliate of BLDG Management.
- Representing the principal of a family office in litigation brought by family members seeking to challenge control of closely held assets.

Todd is a prolific writer and speaker on issues shaping the hospitality, real estate, and real estate finance industries. He authors a quarterly column for the *New York Law Journal* and regularly contributes to industry panels, publications, and conferences. He serves on the Board of Trustees at Brandeis University and remains actively involved in both professional and philanthropic communities, including the UJA Federation's Real Estate Division.

Services

- Litigation
- Hotel + Hospitality
- Real Estate
- Real Estate Development
- Real Estate Finance
- Real Estate Litigation
- Real Estate Sales + Acquisitions
- Residential Real Estate
- Restrictive Covenants + Trade Secrets

Education

- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University (J.D., 1991)
- Brandeis University (B.A., 1988)

Recognition

- Named a New York City Elite Lawyer in Real Estate by *The Legal 500* (2026)
- Named to *Lawdragon's* 500 Leading Litigators in America for Hospitality and Real Estate Litigation (2026)
- Recipient of the *New York Law Journal's* 2021 "Distinguished Leader Award" (2022)
- Named a top attorney nationwide in Leisure + Hospitality law by *Chambers USA* (2020-25) and Real Estate: Litigation (2025)
- Named on the Notables in Real Estate 2021 list by *Crain's New York Business*
- Member of *Law360's* 2021 Hospitality Editorial Advisory Board
- Named by *Best Lawyers in America* as a leading attorney in Leisure and Hospitality Law (2024-26), Real Estate law (2014-26) and Litigation: Real Estate (2019-26)
- Named to the *Super Lawyers – New York Metro* list in Real Estate (2009-25)
- Named to the Top 10 Most Influential Leisure and Hospitality Lawyers Across the USA list by *Business Today* (2023)
- Burton Award for Legal Achievement (2015)
- Recipient of the *Legal Aid Society's* "Pro Bono Award for Outstanding Service" (2005-08)

Community

- Member of the Brandeis University Board of Trustees
- Member and Past President, New York City Chapter of the Brandeis University Alumni Association
- UJA-Federation, Real Estate & Allied Trades Division; Hospitality Division, Honorary Committee Member

Admissions

- New York, 1992

- New Jersey, 1992
- U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Eastern and Northern Districts of New York

Professional Affiliations

- New York City Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association

Languages

- Spanish

Publications

April 16, 2026

Middle East War: A Force Majeure For Hospitality?

New York Law Journal

November 7, 2025

Emerging Antitrust Implications of AI for the Hospitality Industry

New York Law Journal

October 22, 2025

Soloway Comments on Mid-Market Hotel Distress and Investment Outlook

Mergers & Acquisitions

August 19, 2025

Strategies To Manage Rising Hotel Insurance Costs

New York Law Journal

August 18, 2025

Soloway Comments on Dismissal of Fraud Claims in Harounian Family Real Estate Dispute

The Real Deal

April 17, 2025

When Is Negligence Gross? Understanding Indemnification Provisions in Hotel Management Agreements

New York Law Journal

January 13, 2025

Here's Looking at You, Starwood: A Piercing the Corporate Veil Story?

New York Law Journal

November 5, 2024

Hospitality Performance Tests: Fool's Gold?

New York Law Journal

August 20, 2024

Examining New York City's Controversial Hotel Licensing Bill

New York Law Journal

January 12, 2024

Choice Hotels' Hostile Bid To Take Over Wyndham Hotels

New York Law Journal

January 1, 2024

Soloway Comments on NY Hotel Claims Involving Asylum Seekers in 2024

Law360

November 28, 2023

Hotel Franchises: A Potential Shift in Power Through the Courts?

New York Law Journal

May 24, 2023

Soloway Discusses Issues Facing Distressed Hotel Properties

Law360

April 11, 2023

Hotel Franchises: A Potential Shift in Power?

New York Law Journal

January 10, 2023

Considerations for Operators of Distressed Hotels

New York Law Journal

November 29, 2022

Proactive Strategies for Distressed Hotels

New York Law Journal

November 7, 2022

Soloway and Zakarin Discuss the Firm's Litigation Successes with New York Law Journal

New York Law Journal

September 6, 2022

Lessons Learned: Important Considerations for Hotel Management Agreements in the Post-Pandemic Era

NYLJ

July 5, 2022

Examining the Use of SNDAs in the Hotel Industry

NYLJ

November 18, 2021

Proliferation of Human Trafficking Lawsuits in the Hotel Industry

Published in the New York Law Journal

July 26, 2021

Pryor Cashman Real Estate Leader Sees Lender Patience Waning

July 13, 2021

Labor Issues Still Plague Hotel Industry Post Pandemic

April 14, 2021

Adapting to the New Mezzanine Loan Foreclosure Dynamics

Published in the New York Law Journal

November 29, 2020

Everything Old is New Again: Hospitality Industry Financing and the Pandemic

Hotel Business Review - Hotel Executive

October 28, 2020

The Pandemic's Impact on Eviction Proceedings

New York Law Journal

July 7, 2020

Hospitality Industry and COVID-19: Where Do We Go From Here?

The New York Law Journal

November 7, 2019

Understanding the Legal Risks Of Debt Financing In Property Development

July 15, 2019

The Impact of NYC's New Rent Law on Landlords & Tenants

April 19, 2019

Does Your Hotel Need a Refresh? Depends on Who You Ask — Exploring the Tensions Between Hotel Owners and Brands

February 25, 2019

A Hospitality Lawyer's Guide to M&A Deals

January 9, 2019

Managing Key Issues Affecting Hospitality M&A Deals: Part II

October 31, 2018

Managing the Key Issues Affecting Hospitality M&A Deals

July 11, 2018

GDPR and the Hospitality Industry

April 18, 2018

Does Local Law 50 Hold Hotel Owners Hostage?

April 5, 2018

Soloway Assesses Digital Threats to the Hospitality Industry

January 11, 2018

Soloway & Mohler Examine Resort Fees and Why Disclosure Is Essential to Avoid Liability

August 16, 2017

Settlement Agreements With Airbnb Violate Separation of Powers

May 10, 2017

Assessing Risk to Hotels in an Age of Data Breaches

March 29, 2017

How Bond Requirements May Shield Hotel Owners From Contractual Injunctions in HMAs

January 11, 2017

Soloway & Mohler Examine Tortious Interference With Hotel Management Agreements

December 15, 2016

Soloway & Mohler Examine Efforts by Hotel Operators to Disclaim Fiduciary Duties in NYLJ Article

August 19, 2016

Soloway and Mohler Lift the Veil on Hotel Management Costs for The NYLJ

May 11, 2016

Soloway and Mohler Co-Author NYLJ Breach of Contract Article

January 13, 2016

Soloway Co-Authors NYLJ Article, "Arbitration Provisions in Hotel Management Agreements"

December 3, 2015

Soloway Co-Authors Article, "Marriott/Starwood Merger Good for Brands, Not Owners"

August 19, 2015

Todd Soloway Co-Authors New York Law Journal article “Using Self-Help to Remove Unwanted Hotel Management.”

April 29, 2015

Is Airbnb Workable in New York City?

January 14, 2015

Indemnification Provisions in Hotel Management Agreements

October 29, 2014

Enforceability of Indefinite Terms in Real Estate Contracts

August 20, 2014

A Hotel’s Liability for Cybertheft of Guest Data

April 30, 2014

Soloway Co-Authors Article On Ownership of Hotel Guest Data Upon New Management

January 29, 2014

The Enforceability of Letters of Intent

October 30, 2013

Loan Structuring and the Equity of Redemption

August 26, 2013

Branded Residences and the Hotel Owner’s Right of Termination

April 19, 2013

The Termination of Hotel Management Agreements: Part II

January 9, 2013

Payments Made in Error: The Voluntary Payment Doctrine

December 19, 2012

‘Roberts’: Issues Yet to Be Decided, Part II

August 29, 2012

Post-‘Roberts’: How Issues ‘Yet to Be Decided’ Were Decided

January 11, 2012

Applying ILSA to Sales of Condominium Units

November 9, 2011

Construction Lenders: Keep Your Priorities Straight!

August 25, 2011

Applications to Appoint Temporary Receivers