



# John W. Cerreta

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## Overview

John Cerreta, a litigator and member of the firm's Appellate Practice, represents clients in complex tort and product liability cases, insurance coverage disputes and class actions. Clients rely on John to handle their most complex appeals and critical motions. He has briefed and argued numerous appeals in the Second Circuit, and appellate courts in Connecticut and throughout the U.S.

Before joining Day Pitney, John served as a law clerk to Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr. of the United States Supreme Court. Prior to that, he was an associate in the New York office of an international law firm. John also clerked for then-Judge Alito and Judge Michael A. Chagares of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit from 2005 to 2007.

## Education and Credentials

### Education

Cornell Law School, J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2005

University of Connecticut, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2002

### Admissions

State of New York

State of Connecticut

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut

### Affiliations

American Bar Association, Section of Litigation

Connecticut Bar Association, Appellate Practice Committee

Federal Bar Council

## Practices & Industries

**Appellate Practice**

**Class Action Litigation**

**Data Privacy, Protection & Litigation**

**Energy Litigation**

**Insurance & Reinsurance**

**Insurance and Reinsurance Disputes**

**Litigation**

**Mass Tort Litigation**

**Product Liability & Torts Litigation**

## Recognition and Community

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### Recognitions

Chosen for inclusion in the [Legal 500 US City Elite Guide](#) of recognized practitioners for Commercial Disputes in Connecticut, 2026

Chosen for inclusion in [The Best Lawyers in America](#) (Woodward/White, Inc.) for Appellate Practice, 2023-2025

Chosen for inclusion in the [Chambers USA Legal Directory](#) (Chambers & Partners) of recognized practitioners for Litigation: General Commercial in Connecticut, 2022-2025

Recipient of a Day Pitney Coleman Award for his commitment to pro bono and public service, 2015

## Insights

Mallory Ruling Leaves Personal Jurisdiction Deeply Unsettled  
July 13, 2023

The Delaware Supreme Court Adopts a Universal Demand-Futility Test in Facebook Investors' Derivative Suit  
September 27, 2021

Revisiting the Relatedness Standard: The Supreme Court's Decision in *Ford Motor Co. v. Montana Eighth Judicial District Court* Refines the Standard for Specific Jurisdiction and Leaves Unanswered Questions  
March 29, 2021

Can He Do That? The Governor's Authority to Suspend or Modify Statutes in an Emergency Like the Covid-19 Pandemic  
April 4, 2020

Day Pitney to Host CLE on Employment Law and Contract and Tort Healthcare Issues  
April 13, 2016

Federal Preemption Under the Federal Aviation Act  
July 16, 2019

Supreme Court Removes Obstacle for Plaintiffs Asserting Takings Claims in Federal Court  
June 26, 2019

*Soto v. Bushmaster*: The Sandy Hook victims notch a stunning victory, but at what cost?  
March 20, 2019

Navigating Recent Changes to Connecticut Design Law  
July 21, 2017

Design Defects at the Connecticut Supreme Court: A Doctrine in Flux  
September 19, 2016

General Jurisdiction After *Daimler AG v. Bauman*  
February 1, 2016

High Court Dives Into The Restraint Of Untainted Assets  
December 23, 2015

## News

Day Pitney Recognized in 2026 Legal 500 US City Elite Guide  
Day Pitney Press Release, February 25, 2026

Chambers Recognizes Day Pitney with Elevated Rankings Across Practices and Attorneys  
June 6, 2024

Chambers USA 2023 Ranks 35 Day Pitney Attorneys and 13 Practices  
June 1, 2023

Chambers USA 2022 Ranks 34 Day Pitney Attorneys and 13 Practices  
June 1, 2022

Four Day Pitney Partners Named BTI "Client Service All-Stars" for 2020  
December 10, 2020

Day Pitney Announces New Partners  
February 10, 2016

John W. Cerreta  
January 1, 2016

Day Pitney Promotes Seven Partners  
December 28, 2015

Day Pitney Represents Kent School in Significant Victory Over Schaghticoke Tribal Nation  
July 13, 2015

Jeffrey Mueller and John Cerreta Named "New Leaders in the Law" by Connecticut Law Tribune  
August 5, 2014

## In The Media

Regulator Deleted Texts In \$62M Gas Rate Feud, Agency Says  
Law360, June 23, 2025

Stanley Black & Decker Vacuum Labeling Case Dismissed  
Law360, March 31, 2023

John Cerreta Talks Clerking for Alito, Commercial Litigation Changes  
Connecticut Law Tribune, January 12, 2017

Career Ladder  
The Hartford Courant, January 12, 2016

New Partners for Day Pitney  
New Jersey Business, December 29, 2015

Two Big Conn. Law Firms Make Partner Promotions  
The Connecticut Law Tribune, December 29, 2015

Legal Experts Say Proposed Juvenile Reforms Raise Constitutional Issues  
Connecticut Law Tribune, November 13, 2015

Full Circuit to Hear Challenge to Scope of Search Warrants  
New York Law Journal, October 1, 2015

En Banc 2nd Circuit Tackles Data Retention  
Courthouse News Service, October 1, 2015

Co-author, "eBay & The Presumption of Irreparable Harm in Lanham Act False Advertising Cases," 27 Computer & Internet  
Lawyer 1 (Nov. 2010)  
November 1, 2010