



## RISING STARS

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### ROSS FIRSENBAUM

**PARTNER,  
WILMERHALE**

**PRACTICE PROFILE:** Ross Firszenbaum has a broad civil litigation practice with an emphasis on securities, bankruptcy and complex commercial litigation. He has

represented major investment banks, broker dealers, investment advisors, corporations and individuals in state and federal court litigation throughout the country, and has extensive experience trying FINRA arbitrations.

**LEADERSHIP, PRO BONO AND CIVIC WORK:**

Mr. Firszenbaum devotes substantial time to pro bono work, with an emphasis on wrongful incarcerations. Representing the Innocence Project and National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, he served in 2018 as amicus counsel in support of Appellant Kareem Bellamy, whose

civil action seeking damages for his wrongful incarceration was dismissed. Mr. Firszenbaum's brief focused on whether a municipality could be sued based on a district attorney's office's unconstitutional *Brady* disclosure policy. Adopting arguments from his brief, which New York Law Journal covered, the Second Circuit reversed and reinstated Bellamy's case.

**PRIOR EXPERIENCE:**

Partner, WilmerHale, 2016; associate, 2006  
Law clerk, Hon. Susan Beck, Massachusetts Appeals Court, 2005-2006

**EDUCATION:**

J.D., Boston College Law School, cum laude  
B.A., Amherst College, magna cum laude

**WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO YOUNG LAWYERS?**

Work hard, be correct, be nice, and make sure you enjoy what you do. Remember why you wanted to be a lawyer in the first place, and make a difference for your community.

**ROSS FIRSENBAUM  
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