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Education

- The Yale Law School, JD 1978
- Balliol College, University of Oxford, MPhil 1975
- Princeton University, AB 1973

Previous Employment

- Dewey Ballantine LLP, Partner, 2003-2007
- Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, Partner, 1998-2003
- Grais & Phillips LLP, Partner, 1990-1998
- Grais & Richards, Partner, 1983-1990
- Sole Practitioner, 1982-1983
- Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, Associate, 1979-1982

Judicial Clerkship

- The Late Honorable Milton Pollack, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, 1978-1979

Bar Admissions

- New York, 1979
- Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, SDNY, EDNY

David Grais is a co-founder of the firm. He was one of the first litigators to focus on securities backed by subprime and Alt-A mortgage loans. He is a prominent advocate for investors in structured finance securities, especially mortgage-backed securities and has written and spoken widely on the issues. *American Banker* calls Mr. Grais the “new nemesis” of the mortgage-backed securities industry.

In his three decades of practice, Mr. Grais has won several dozen trials and arbitrations, involving mainly reinsurance and the performance of complex computer, satellite, telecom, and other technical systems. *Chambers USA* describes Mr. Grais as an “aggressive and proactive lawyer and a brilliant thinker.” He is a member of the American Law Institute.

Outside the office, Mr. Grais is a director of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Westchester and Hudson Valley chapter, and a former director of the Musica Sacra Chorus and Orchestra and the Battery Dance Company.