

Webcast: Article 78 Challenges to Government Action in New York: Strategic Considerations and Pitfalls (January 2024)

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In recent years, regulatory action has been on the upswing in New York, with state and city administrative agencies and officials adopting increasingly aggressive roles in governing virtually every industry across the State. As a result, now more than ever it is essential for those working in regulated industries—whether on the legal or business side—to understand their legal options in challenging New York state and city agency rules, regulations, determinations, and other executive actions and policies. The primary vehicle for mounting such a challenge is the Article 78 action, a type of summary proceeding brought in New York State Supreme Court. In this one-hour webcast, four of our most experienced attorneys in the field of challenging government action in New York—partners Mylan Denerstein, Gabriel Herrmann, and Akiva Shapiro, and of counsel Paul Kremer—provide practical and strategic guidance for the successful prosecution of Article 78 actions. Drawing on real-world examples from their practice, they will discuss the primary strategic issues that should be considered in deciding whether to bring an Article 78 challenge (versus, for example, a suit in federal court); provide a roadmap for litigating Article 78 proceedings and keys to success; and discuss the procedural hurdles government actors often raise in defending against these actions, and ways of overcoming those hurdles. The program is beneficial to anyone working in a regulated industry or otherwise affected by actions taken by New York city and state agencies and officials, as well as for practitioners.

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