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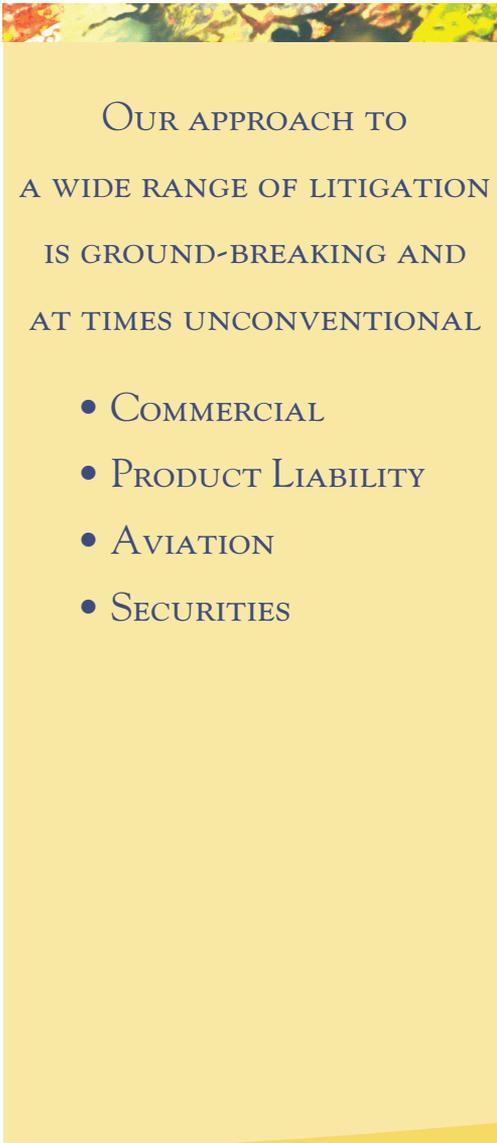


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A NEW BREED OF LITIGATION LAW FIRM

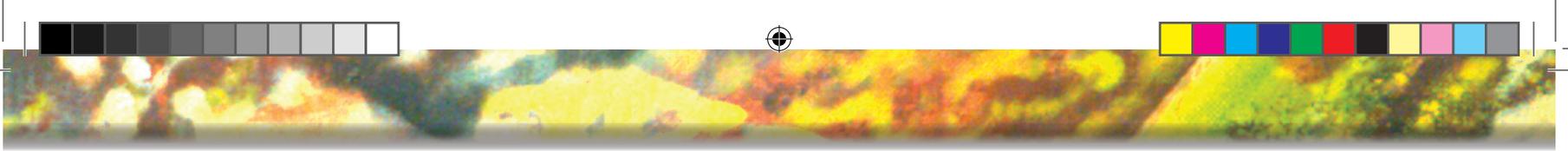
Leader & Berkon is a new breed of law firm; neither a trendy boutique nor a traditional “bigger-is-better” legal behemoth. We run a smart, agile, cost-contained operation ready to take on today’s most complex cases. We truly embrace the philosophy that only through an in-depth understanding of the client’s business and industry and the ability to interpret its needs in the right legal context can we deliver an outcome that achieves the client’s goals. We’ve been told by our clients “You’re not like other law firms” and that our approach to litigation is ground-breaking and sometimes unconventional.

We have a passion for the law and a love of learning; whether we are reliving a billion dollar commercial transaction, touring a manufacturing plant in North Carolina or exploring what happened in an airplane cockpit.



OUR APPROACH TO
A WIDE RANGE OF LITIGATION
IS GROUND-BREAKING AND
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- COMMERCIAL
- PRODUCT LIABILITY
- AVIATION
- SECURITIES



A WORLD OF EXPERIENCE

Our trial experience has taken us from Manhattan to the entire Tri-State Metropolitan area, across the country and around the globe. In New York, as well as numerous other states, we have built a strong reputation for litigating jury and non-jury trials, arbitration and mediation. Through these litigation forums, our firm has gained deep expertise in federal and state procedures, evidentiary rules, background on local judges and “courthouse politics.”

Based on the strength of our record, Leader & Berkon has been retained by global corporations, insurers and out-of-state law firms to act as litigation counsel. These retentions have proven enormously successful in terms of case management and substantive results.





SOME LAW FIRMS
PRIDE THEMSELVES
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OUR LAWYERS “KNOW
JUST WHAT STONES
NEED TURNING.”
WE ARE PROACTIVE,
NOT REACTIVE.

INNOVATIVE LEGAL SOLUTIONS ARE OUR HALLMARK

At Leader & Berkon, we bring a fresh perspective to every stage of the litigation process. Our peers and adversaries are often surprised at the different way we assess cases and follow through on our resolution strategies. Our analyses are from traditional and non-traditional perspectives. We take a proactive rather than reactive role in litigation and always consider the most cost-effective way to represent our clients. Regardless of the matter, we are problem solvers at heart, genuinely curious about, interested in, and energized by the cases that our clients trust us to handle. If, at any stage, the facts warrant a settlement, our attorneys are also skilled in negotiation and alternative dispute resolution. And having spent thousands of hours in the courtroom, we have the character and will to demonstrate that we are prepared to fight - and fight hard - when necessary. That character is manifest and acknowledged by our adversaries, facilitating successful conclusions.

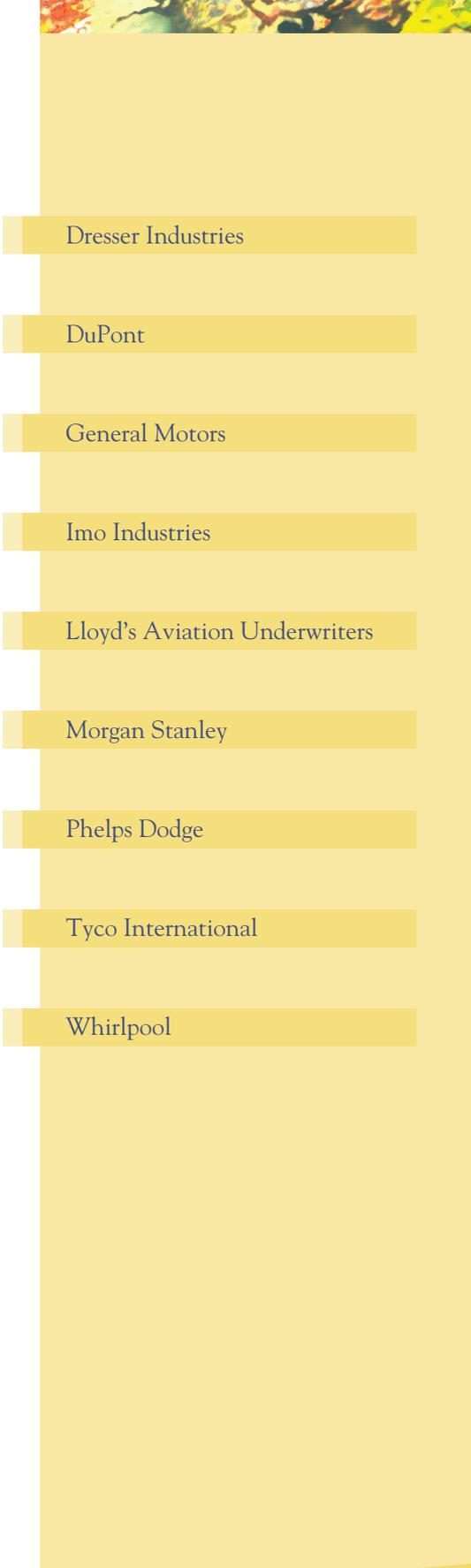


OUR PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO LITIGATION

In addition to our years of experience, our clients benefit from the practical way we address litigation. Simply put, our goal is to help them avoid costly, protracted lawsuits. We believe that our clients are best served when we work together to marshal the right resources at the right time for the right reasons. Every case is placed under the careful direction of a senior partner who ensures that each task is staffed at the appropriate level.

We also recognize the enormous value of technology in litigation. We routinely use the most advanced techniques to assist us in handling litigation, often in ways most other firms have not even considered. In a profession where access to information can make all the difference, we believe our clients deserve every possible advantage.





Dresser Industries

DuPont

General Motors

Imo Industries

Lloyd's Aviation Underwriters

Morgan Stanley

Phelps Dodge

Tyco International

Whirlpool

BUILDING CLIENT RELATIONSHIPS

At the heart of the matter

Leader & Berkon's clients are sophisticated purchasers of legal services, ranging from entrepreneurial individuals and companies and financial institutions to leading multi-national corporations, which we advise on a comprehensive range of subjects. Our ability to respond to stringent in-house guidelines, from clear narrative billing or alternative fee arrangements, to commitments to diversity, has won us the trust of the high-profile companies we represent.

Building long-lasting client relationships is important to us. Our unique approach to the practice of law was a key factor in our selection by DuPont in the early 1990's as its "Primary Law Firm" for the greater New York area. For over two decades, we have successfully represented Dresser Industries concerning its contracts and product litigation. For fifteen years, Whirlpool has relied on us to effectively handle product liability actions.



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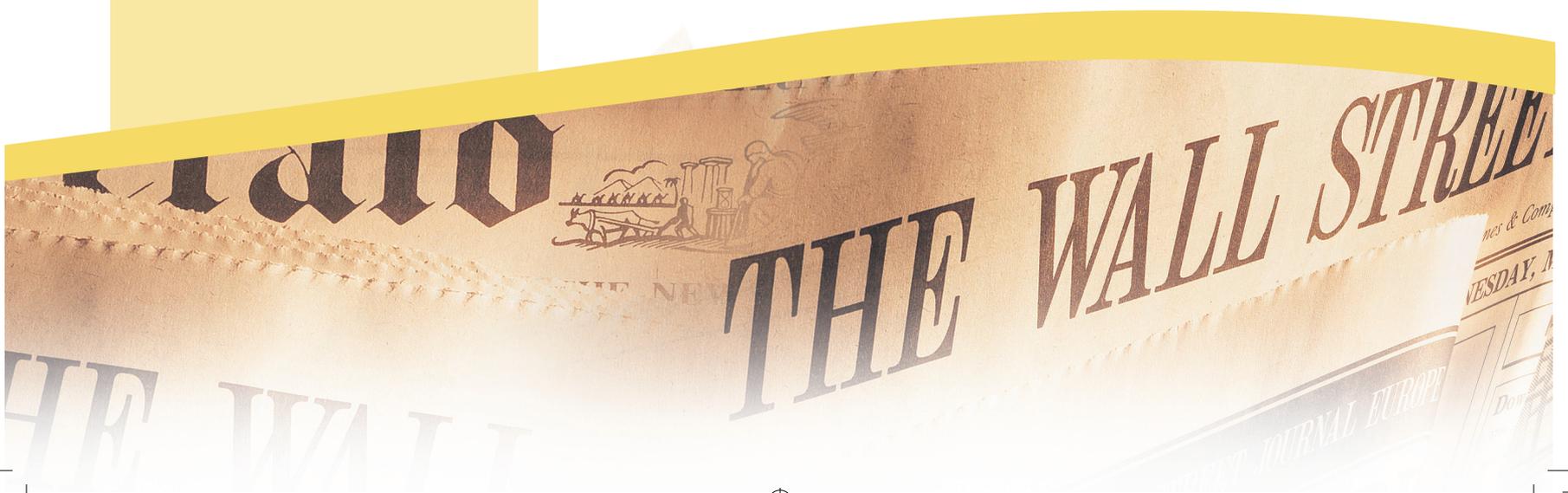


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“GO-TO” FIRM FOR
CLIENTS WHO REQUIRE
KNOWLEDGE OF
THEIR BUSINESS
COUPLED WITH
FIRST-RATE
LITIGATION EXPERIENCE.

FROM POWER BROKERS TO POWER ENGINES

A wide range of expertise

Whether we're defending the rights of a biomedical manufacturer in a critical product liability case, representing a multinational corporation in a complex contract dispute or defending a securities class action, Leader & Berkon is the go-to law firm with the talent and technology to achieve the best possible results for our clients. Our trial attorneys have handled virtually every type of litigation, from defending products cases to complex commercial and employment matters and significant mass tort claims. Our legal know-how is coupled with expert knowledge in a wide range of industries, from aviation to financial services, insurance and manufacturing.





WE NEVER LOSE
SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT
IT'S THE CLIENT'S CASE,
AND THAT IT'S THE
CLIENT'S REPUTATION
AND THE CLIENT'S BRAND
WHICH ARE ON THE LINE.

COMMERCIAL AND BUSINESS LITIGATION

- Antitrust
- Complex Contracts and Fraud
- Creditors' Rights
- Employment
- Environmental
- Intellectual Property
- Real Estate
- Securities

As a midtown Manhattan law firm, we have been at the heart of many world business and financial matters, handling complex business litigation, including contract, business tort, securities, trade secret, fiduciary duty, construction, antitrust, and intellectual property rights actions. We have been tapped by Tyco International, Phelps Dodge and other major corporations on numerous occasions to take on important commercial disputes including complicated contract litigations, environmental issues and trade secret disputes. We have also won significant victories for Morgan Stanley and other clients in securities lawsuits and arbitrations.

PRODUCT LIABILITY AND TOXIC/MASS TORT

Leader & Berkon has successfully resolved thousands of cases for both national and international clients, including over 5,000 asbestos cases for a turbine and pump company for which we serve as National Coordinating Counsel; lead-paint cases for building owners; maritime benzene cases for chemical suppliers; and toxic tort litigations for numerous manufacturers and premises owners. We have dealt with products from dishwashers to tires, helicopters to hydrants.

Our in-depth involvement with cases concerning a myriad of the most serious personal injuries has given us a strong capacity for dealing with a wide array of experts, including those in the fields of accident reconstruction, causation, medicine, rehabilitation and economics.

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AVIATION

Our extensive work in the area of aviation litigation has brought us to the attention of the world's leading aviation insurers, both domestic and foreign. In one of the most protracted litigations in the annals of general aviation, Fred Berkon represented the interests of United States Aviation Underwriters in two federal court jury trials lasting nearly six months.

LEADER AMONG LAW FIRMS

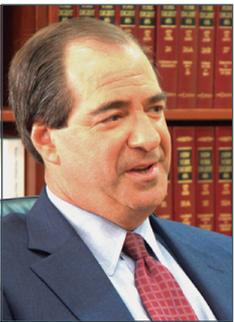
Leader & Berkon is a flourishing firm. Yet, despite growing success, we have remained sleek, streamlined and personal enough to devote a higher level of attention to the clients we serve. One visit to our offices and you will understand that collegiality and chemistry are not just familiar buzzwords. We genuinely respect and appreciate every member of our team: for their contributions to our collective achievement, as well as for their unique skills and attributes. What matters most is that every client is a client of the firm and every victory is shared by all.

We are a Leader in the field of litigation: proud of the reputation we have earned for building long-standing client relationships, for providing innovative legal representation, and for delivering uncompromising service.

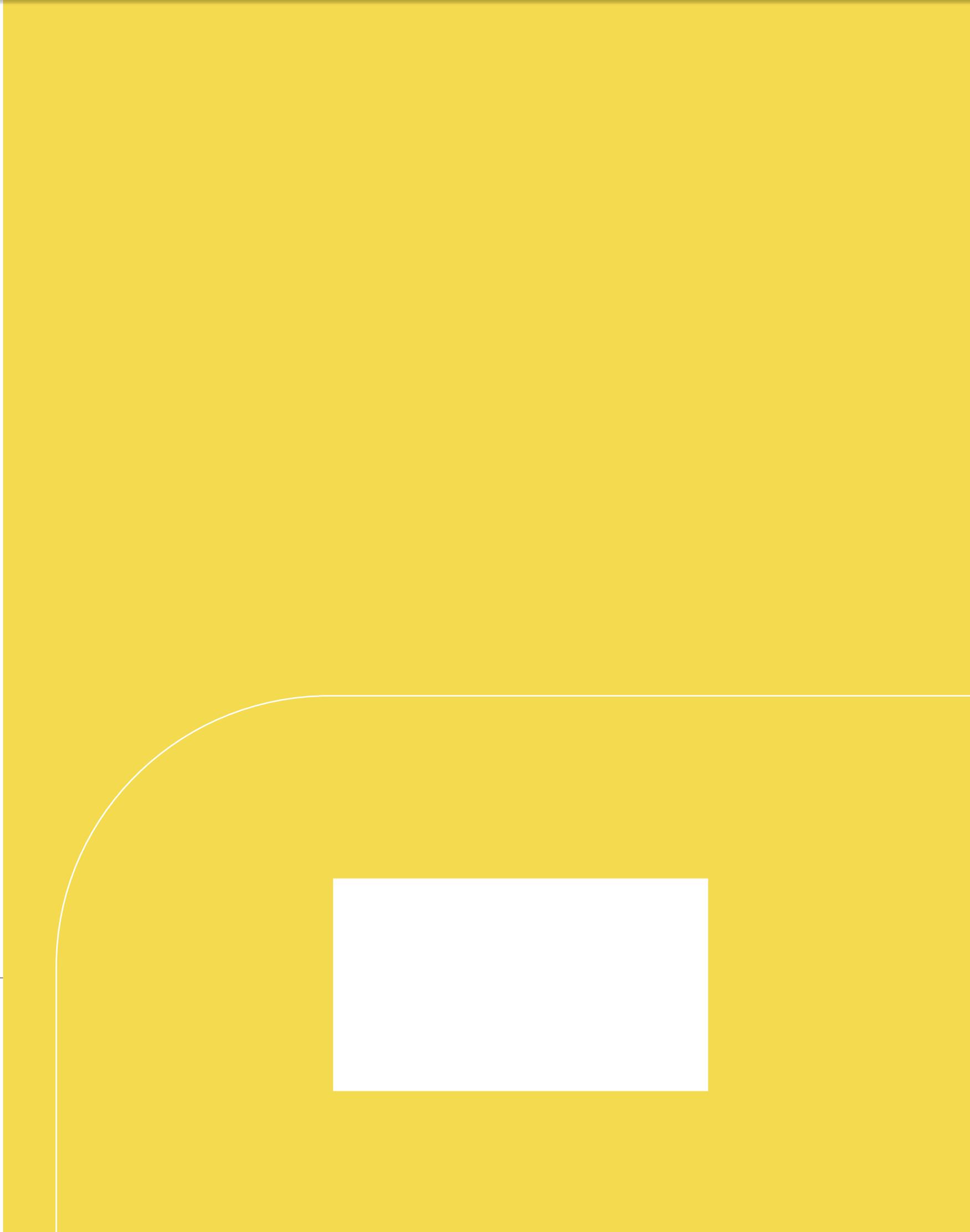


WHERE WE CAME FROM

In 1988, noted New York attorneys James Leader and Frederick Berkon set out to create a new law firm that would hold a special niche in the legal community; one that was smart enough to understand the intricacies of a client's business and tough enough to bring a fast, favorable and cost-effective resolution to every matter. As partners in a large, well-known Manhattan law firm, the two had successfully worked on an array of legal problems in numerous fields, including significant litigation in antitrust, aviation, general commercial and business, product liability, insurance and securities. This experience and expertise, combined with that of their partners and associates, fosters the innovative thinking and exceptional client service which is the foundation of Leader & Berkon, the firm that bears its founders' names.



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