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BIOGRAPHY

Mr. Podhaskie is a seasoned litigator and business strategist who helps clients navigate high-stakes commercial disputes, regulatory challenges and cross-border transactions. He brings a global perspective and a results-driven approach to complex business litigation, fintech and reputation management matters.

With two decades of experience, Mr. Podhaskie has represented high-profile individuals, financial institutions and businesses in sophisticated transactions and disputes, often involving emerging industries such as cryptocurrency, blockchain and fintech. His extensive network of decision-makers, legal experts and industry leaders across global financial hubs, as well as his background as General Counsel to a global family office, give him a unique perspective when advising clients on the legal and business implications of their decisions. Whether handling a crisis, structuring a transaction or managing high-stakes litigation, he is a first call for executives and entrepreneurs seeking practical, business-minded legal solutions.

A resource for international media, Mr. Podhaskie has been quoted in

PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

Business Litigation

International

Investigations

Business Solutions, Restructuring & Financial Litigation

Construction and Real Estate Litigation

ADMISSIONS

New York

The Wall Street Journal, The Financial Times, The New York Times, The Washington Post, and *CNBC*. He regularly writes, speaks and provides commentary on disputes, regulatory developments and strategic risk management.

MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES

- Member: New York State Bar Association

**Not admitted to practice in Florida*

CROSS-BORDER LITIGATION & ASSET RECOVERY

- Represented international investment holding company in fraud and breach of fiduciary duty action against a major global financial institution arising from losses exceeding $500 million.
- Managed parallel proceedings on behalf of an international family office across four jurisdictions—LCIA arbitration in London, BVI Commercial Court, the Court of Appeal of Colmar (France), and the Hong Kong High Court—in connection with corporate aircraft asset recovery.
- Served as General Counsel to an ultra-high-net-worth international family office, advising on cross-border disputes, asset protection, and corporate transactions in the United States, United Kingdom, Hong Kong, France, the British Virgin Islands, and the Cayman Islands.
- Prosecuted international commercial arbitration proceedings in Hong Kong on behalf of a BVI-incorporated entity in connection with cross-border contractual disputes and asset enforcement.

CRYPTOCURRENCY & DIGITAL ASSET DISPUTES

- Negotiated global settlement with securities regulators in 35 U.S. states on behalf of a digital asset bank and its former Chairman in connection with alleged digital asset securities offerings; state regulators agreed to withdraw all fraud charges and impose no monetary penalties.

- Obtained dismissal of Emergency Cease and Desist Order issued by the Texas State Securities Board against a Switzerland-based cryptocurrency educational platform and its principals, securing a ruling that the Board lacked personal jurisdiction over the respondents.

DEFAMATION & REPUTATION DEFENSE

- Represented a prominent international businessman in a defamation action in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida against a nationally known political consultant and media personality.
- Represented a prominent international businessman in a defamation and civil conspiracy action in New York State Supreme Court against a U.S. political consultant and the co-Chairman of a major Chinese media conglomerate.
- Represented a prominent international businessman and his affiliated holding companies in a RICO, fraud, and defamation action in Los Angeles Superior Court against a U.S. political operative alleged to have acted as an unregistered foreign agent.
- Defended a prominent international businessman against a $300 million defamation action brought by one of China's largest conglomerates in New York State Supreme Court.
- Defended a prominent international businessman against a defamation action brought by a globally recognized Chinese actress and public figure in New York State Supreme Court.
- Secured voluntary discontinuance with prejudice of defamation action brought against a prominent international businessman by an internationally renowned investigative journalist and her affiliated media company.

HIGH-VALUE COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

- Served as lead counsel for Trump Entrepreneur Initiative LLC (f/k/a Trump University LLC) in special proceeding brought by the Attorney General of the State of New York.
- Represented Carlos Slim in a multi-million dollar commercial real estate dispute with John Barret involving the long-term lease of a landmarked Manhattan property.

- Represented as lead counsel the residential board of managers of a landmark New York City condominium in the successful prosecution of a $7 million right of first refusal in a case of first impression.

CORPORATE TRANSACTIONS & REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

- Served as board member of U.S.-based non-profit organizations with approximately $13 million in assets; oversaw global grant program with compliance obligations spanning U.S., U.K., E.U., and APAC regulatory regimes, including applicable tax, anti-money laundering, and cross-border fund transfer requirements.
- Managed cross-jurisdictional re-registration of vessels and aircraft on behalf of an ultra-high-net-worth family office, including transfer of yacht registration from Hong Kong to the United States and private jet re-registration from the E.U. to Canada, navigating applicable maritime, aviation, and customs regulatory frameworks.
- Managed a global portfolio of high-value real estate acquisitions for an ultra-high-net-worth family office totaling in excess of $350 million, including a $200 million acquisition in Hong Kong, a $50 million acquisition in London, and approximately $100 million in transactions across New York and Connecticut.

INSIGHTS

Panelist: "Capitalist Markets Across Borders: Brazil, Thailand, and the United States," New York State Bar Association (June 23, 2026)

Panelist: UNCITRAL 70th Session on Electronic Commerce, U.N. Headquarters (March 2026)

Speaker: "Navigating Brazil's 2026 VASP Rules: Impacts on Crypto and Stablecoin Providers," New York State Bar Association (February 2026)

Speaker: "Cross-Border Regulatory Landscape on Cryptocurrencies and Digital Assets: Comparative Perspectives Legislative Developments for Safe Growth and Innovation," NYSB International Section 2025 Global Conference (October 2025)