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Lester Pines is a senior partner at Pines Bach LLP, a Madison, Wisconsin law firm founded in 1979, where he concentrates on civil and criminal trials and appeals.

For over 45 vears he has tried cases in numerous state and federal courts and argued before the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals and the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

A host of his cases have been high-profile and addressed public



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policy matters which have shaped Wisconsin law.

In 1976, at the request of Wisconsin's governor, he negotiated the peaceful resolution to a prison uprising, gaining the release of over a dozen hostages who were being held in a barricaded building where Lester went to negotiate with the armed prisoners.

He has represented clients in significant civil cases about the violation of Wisconsin's constitutional separation of powers, remedying race, sex and LGBTQ discrimination, opposing restrictions on the right to vote, protecting workers' rights, and defending women's access to reproductive health.

He has been honored by the NAACP, Fair Wisconsin and the Jewish Federation.