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Stephen R. Kaye, 75, Litigation Lawyer, Dies

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ALBANY, Nov. 2 (AP) — Stephen Rackow Kaye, a lawyer who wrote the definitive work on commercial litigation in New York State, died on Monday in Manhattan. He was 75.

His death, of cancer, was announced by his law firm, Proskauer Rose of Manhattan, where he worked for more than 40 years, specializing in litigation.

In addition to writing the 645-page text “Commercial Litigation in the New York State Courts,” Mr. Kaye successfully represented scientists in a copyright infringement case involving Texaco and successfully represented the state Metropolitan Transit Authority in 2003 when its plan to increase subway and bus fares 33 percent was challenged.

He also won a \$59 million judgment in the International Court at The Hague against the Islamic Republic of Iran over the country’s seizure of privately held property.

Mr. Kaye, a graduate of [Cornell University](#) and its law school, served in the Army infantry in Korea.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, [Judith S. Kaye](#), the chief judge of the State of New York; a daughter, Luisa Marian; two sons, Jonathan Mackey and Gordon Bernard; and six grandchildren.

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