



## Brian J. Butler

### Member

bbutler@bsk.com  
One Lincoln Center  
110 West Fayette Street  
Syracuse, NY 13202-1355  
(315) 218-8160  
(315) 218-8100 fax

### Profile

**Brian is a trial attorney who has represented school districts in a variety of matters, including employment disputes, student discipline, athletic eligibility, civil rights and commercial disputes.**

He has appeared on behalf of school districts in both federal and state courts as well as before the Commissioner of Education and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.

Brian is the managing member of the Syracuse office. Prior to joining the firm, Brian clerked for the Hon. Frederick J. Scullin, Jr., U.S. District Court Northern District of New York.

### Honors & Affiliations

- Listed in:
  - *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2021, Commercial Litigation
  - *New York Super Lawyers 2020*®, Business Litigation (listed for more than 10 years)
  - *Martindale-Hubbell*®, AV Preeminent Rated
- New York State Bar Association, Past Member Executive Committee, Trial Lawyers Section; Federal and Commercial Litigation Section
- Onondaga County Bar Association, Past Member, Board of Directors
- Trustee Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association and CLE Co-Chair
- Mediator, ADR Mandatory Mediation Program, Northern District of New York

### Representative Presentations

- Basic Lessons on Ethics & Civility CLE, New York State Bar Association, 2018
- Remedies and Damages in Commercial Litigation CLE, Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association, 2017
- Representing Your Client in the Northern District of New York CLE, Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association, 2015
- Bond, Schoeneck & King's In-House Counsel CLE Series: Defensibly Downsizing Your Data, February 27, 2014

### Education

- Syracuse University College of Law (J.D. 1996)
- Syracuse University (B.A. 1991)

### Bar/Court Admissions

- New York
- U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York

### Practices

- Litigation
- Securities
- School Law
- Class and Collective Action Litigation

## Representative Publications

- Brian J. Butler, Suzanne M. Messer and Clifford G. Tsan, "E-Discovery and Information Management - Can Clicking "Like" Make or Break a Lawsuit?," *Intellectual Property & Technology Law Journal*, April 2016

## Other Activities

- Trustee, Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association
- Co-Chair, CLE Committee, Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association