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Profile

Curtis' clients value his experience in large-scale, multi-party litigation as they navigate protracted disputes. The focus of Curtis's litigation practice is the representation of publicly traded companies, financial institutions, universities, as well as closely-held business.

His work for these entities includes:

- contract disputes
- corporate ownership and control disputes
- real estate disputes
- construction and lien law disputes
- government investigations

Curtis also has experience litigating the inter-family disputes of high-net worth individuals arising in the context of guardianship proceedings, will and gift contests and estate litigation.

As a practitioner concentrating on complex corporate litigation, two of his notable cases include representation of a large commercial and investment bank in *Adelphia Recovery Trust v. Bank of America, N.A., et al.* and representing one of two ownership groups in *Ferolito v. Vultaggio* in their dispute over control of AriZona Iced Tea. In addition, Curtis has successfully represented parties in disputes arising out of construction work, including general- and sub-contractors in pay disputes and defense of a regional bank against claims of lien law diversion.

Honors & Affiliations

- Listed in:
 - *New York Super Lawyers 2018®*, Upstate New York Rising Star, Business Litigation
 - Forty Under 40, *Rochester Business Journal*, 2018
- New York State Bar Association, Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, 2017
- Monroe County Bar Association, Emerging Bar Leader Award, 2016
- *The Daily Record*, Excellence in Law, Up & Coming Attorneys Award, 2016
- New York State Bar Association, Committee on Youth Courts; Membership

Education

- Albany Law School of Union University (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2007)
- University at Albany, State University of New York (B.A. 2004)

Bar/Court Admissions

- New York
- 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
- Cybersecurity and Data Privacy

Committee; Commercial and Federal Litigation Section; Electronic Discovery Committee

- Monroe County Bar Association, Board of Trustees; Past Chair, Young Lawyers Section; Vice-Chair, Ethics Committee; Diversity Committee; Litigation Section; Bankruptcy Committee
- Senior Editor, *Albany Law Review*

Representative Publications

- "Strife in Business Partnership Sometime Necessitates a Dissolution," *Rochester Business Journal*, December 5, 2018
- "Telling War Stories: Just Because it's on PACER Doesn't Make it Fair Game," *The Daily Record*, October 2, 2017
- Quoted in "Foundations Face Costs with New N.Y. Rules," *Rochester Business Journal*, February 3, 2017
- Quoted in "New Cybersecurity Regulations Need Clarification," *Rochester Business Journal*, November 11, 2016
- "What the Email Privacy Act Means for Firms," *Rochester Business Journal*, June 3, 2016
- "State, U.S. Courts Aim to Reduce Costs of Litigation," *Rochester Business Journal*, October 16, 2015
- "Litigators Beware: Your Email Might Serve as a Binding Settlement Stipulation," *NY Daily Record*, August 11, 2013

Representative Presentations

- 2017 – My Firm Got Hacked and Taken Hostage: The Anatomy Cyberhacking, Rochester, New York
- 2017 – Basic Lessons on Ethics and Civility, Rochester, New York
- 2017 – Risk Management, Buffalo, New York and Rochester, New York
- 2016 – Ethics: The Supervisory Responsibilities of Associates and Partners, Rochester, New York
- 2016 – Conflicts of Interest – Frequent Issues Faced by the Defense, New York, New York
- 2016 – The Dos and Don'ts of Debt Collection – FDCPA, TCPA and NY DFS, Rochester, New York
- 2015 – Program Chair and Speaker, Bridging the Gap from Law School to Practicing Law, Rochester, New York
- 2015 – Risk Management, Buffalo, New York
- 2014 – Program Chair and Speaker, Ethics: The Supervisory Responsibilities of Associates and Partners, Rochester, New York

Other Activities

- Causewave Community Partners, Board Member
- Villa of Hope, Chair of Young Professionals Board
- American Diabetes Association, Tour de Cure, Corporate Development Committee and Team Captain