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Profile

Dennis has extensive experience in counseling and representing clients in a wide variety of litigated commercial disputes as well as general corporate matters.

He listens carefully to his clients' concerns and provides candid advice on how best to pursue cost-effective solutions. His diligence, attention to detail, and genuine concern for his clients' needs make him a trusted and valuable resource. Dennis has represented and counseled his clients in a number of business and commercial settings, including:

- construction matters
- municipal matters
- religious and charitable organizations, concerns
- higher education matters
- corporate governance
- not-for-profit law concerns
- real estate and commercial lease disputes
- contract disputes
- intellectual property
- restrictive covenants and unfair competition claims
- creditors' rights and lender liability exposure
- premises liability and insurance coverage issues

Honors & Affiliations

- Listed in:
 - *New York Super Lawyers®*, Business Litigation, 2023-2024
 - *Business First of Buffalo*, Legal Elite of WNY 2015
- New York State Bar Association
- Erie County Bar Association
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Desmond Moot Court, Board Member, 1997 – 1999; Finalist in Oral Arguments, Fall, 1997, Winner of Best Brief, Fall, 1997

Education

- University at Buffalo School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1999)
- Boston College (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1993)

Bar/Court Admissions

- New York
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of New York
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York

Practices

- Municipalities
- Litigation
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Higher Education

- Assistant Executive Editor, *Buffalo Law Review*

Representative Matters

- Helped secure dismissal of a multi-million dollar lawsuit brought by a commercial landlord against former tenant based on purported exclusive rights agreement.
- Successfully defended advanced manufacturing client in trade secret lawsuit brought by former supplier.
- Obtained dismissal on behalf of higher education client in connection with significant claims brought by professional service provider.
- Efficiently resolved claims brought against and by low-income housing developer where general contractor's performance and work had been problematic.
- Secured judgments in favor of major financial institutions against personal guarantor of substantial corporate debt and secured dismissal of lender liability counterclaims.

Other Activities

- People Inc., Director and Secretary, 2021-present
- University of Buffalo Law School Alumni Association, 2016-2020
- Parochial Kickers Soccer Club, Director, 2017-present
- St. Joseph University Elementary School; School Board Officer (2008-2019), Soccer Coach (2007-2021)
- St. Joseph University Parish, Lector and Parish Council, 2005-2008