



## Dennis K. Schaeffer

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### Profile

### Honors & Affiliations

- Listed in:
  - *New York Super Lawyers®*, Business Litigation, 2023-2025
  - *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
- 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)

### 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

- St. Joseph University Parish, Lector and Parish Council, 2005-2008