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Profile

Diana is a strategic and client-focused associate whose legal career is built on a foundation of excellence in both public service and private practice. With a unique blend of courtroom experience, academic leadership and corporate strategy, Diana brings a multidimensional perspective to her legal work.

Diana previously served as a Pro Bono Scholar with the Albany County District Attorney's Office in the Restorative Justice Bureau. In this role, she supported innovative approaches to criminal justice reform. Her federal experience includes internships with the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of New York and the Honorable Lawrence E. Kahn of the U.S. District Court. In these roles, Diana researched complex legal issues, drafted judicial opinions and observed a wide range of federal proceedings. Diana also served as a Teaching Assistant in both Criminal Law and Contracts at Albany Law School.

Before entering the legal field, Diana built an impressive career at Deloitte and Grant Thornton, where she held senior leadership roles in strategy, communications and risk advisory. Her work included advising C-suite executives, leading multimillion-dollar transformation initiatives and managing global teams. She was repeatedly recognized for her leadership, including selection for Deloitte's high-performing women's development program and election to advisory boards focused on diversity and performance excellence.

Diana holds multiple professional certifications, including SPHR, PMP, and CISA, and is certified in advanced legal research platforms such as Lexis+ and Westlaw. Her rare combination of legal insight, business acumen and leadership experience makes her a powerful advocate and trusted advisor to clients navigating complex legal challenges.

Honors & Affiliations

- *Legal honors:*
 - The Jay H. Milstein Award (awarded to a graduating student who demonstrates leadership, professionalism, ethical judgment, strong problem-solving skills, and advocacy through participation in Albany Law School's Field Placement Clinic), Albany Law School
 - Siegel Scholarship (awarded to graduating members of the *Albany Law Review* editorial board for excellent service and academic leadership), Albany

Education

- Albany Law School of Union University (J.D.)
- Bentley University (B.S., *summa cum laude*)

Bar/Court Admissions

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

Law School

- Pro Bono Scholar (dedicated last semester of study to performing pro bono service), New York Pro Bono Scholars Program, Albany Law School
- Presidential Scholarship recipient (full academic scholarship funded by James N. Benedict '74 Scholarship Fund), Albany Law School
- William McKinley Prize recipient (full-tuition waiver for first-ranked second-year student), Albany Law School
- Dean Thomas Sponsor Honors Teaching Fellow (highly selective academic honors program providing opportunity to teach alongside faculty), Contracts I & Contracts II, Albany Law School