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Profile

Diana is a strategic and client-focused attorney whose legal career is built on a foundation of excellence in both private practice and public service. Diana's combination of legal insight, business acumen, and leadership experience makes her a powerful advocate and trusted advisor to clients navigating complex legal challenges.

Diana has a unique blend of legal experience, allowing her to bring a multidimensional perspective to her work. Diana previously served as a New York Pro Bono Scholar in the Albany County District Attorney's Office's Restorative Justice Bureau. Diana's federal experience includes internships with the Honorable Lawrence E. Kahn of the Northern District of New York U.S. District Court and the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of New York. For her work at the United States Attorney's Office, Diana was awarded The Jay H. Milstein Award for her leadership, professionalism, ethical judgment, strong problem-solving skills, and advocacy.

Before entering the legal field, Diana was a previous Big 4 management consultant for over a decade. Between her tenure at Deloitte and Grant Thornton, she has over fifteen years of strategic, operational, and risk management consulting experience across various industries. Her work included advising C-suite executives, leading multimillion-dollar transformation initiatives, and managing global teams for high-profile client engagements. She was repeatedly recognized for her leadership, collaboration, development of high-performing teams, and high-quality client service, which included selection for Deloitte's high-performing women's leadership program and election to advisory boards focused on performance excellence.

In addition, Diana holds multiple professional certifications: she is a Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR), Project Management Professional (PMP), and Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA).

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

Education

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

Bar/Court Admissions

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

Practices

- Business and Transactions

- Siegel Scholarship (awarded to graduating members of the *Albany Law Review* editorial board for excellent service and academic leadership), Albany 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 Sponslor Honors Teaching Fellow (highly selective academic honors program providing opportunity to teach alongside faculty), Contracts I & Contracts II, Albany Law School
- *Legal affiliations:*
 - Member, New York State Bar Association
 - Member, Albany County Bar Association
 - Member, Saratoga County Bar Association
 - Member, Justinian Honorary Law Society
 - Executive Editor-at-Large, *Albany Law Review*, Volume 88, Albany Law School
 - Executive Vice President, Inaugural Non-Traditional Law Students Association, Albany Law School
 - Judge, American Moot Court Association National Appellate Advocacy Competition, Albany Law School