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Profile

Jonathan has represented municipalities and school districts in a wide range of litigated matters, including zoning disputes, disputes regarding the legality of fees and charges imposed by municipalities and public authorities, disputes between municipalities and their employees, civil rights actions against municipalities and school districts, contract and construction disputes involving municipalities and actions against school districts under the Individuals With Disabilities in Education Act.

Honors & Affiliations

- Listed in:
 - *Chambers USA* 2025, Litigation – Upstate New York
 - *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Banking and Finance; Litigation - Labor and Employment; Litigation and Controversy - Tax, 2011-2026 (listed for more than 10 years)
 - Lawyer of the Year (Syracuse), Litigation - Banking and Finance, 2016
 - *New York Super Lawyers*®, General Litigation, 2025 (listed for more than 10 years)
 - *Chambers USA* 2024, Litigation – Upstate New York
 - *Martindale-Hubbell*®, AV Preeminent Rated
- New York State Bar Association, Trial Lawyers, Commercial and Federal Litigation Sections
- Onondaga County Bar Association
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- Editor-in-Chief, *Cornell Law Review*
- Mediator, ADR Mandatory Mediation Program, Northern District of New York

Representative Publications

- Quoted in 5 Tips for Avoiding Awkward Video-Conferencing Malfunctions in Courts, Depositions, *Law.com*, November 20, 2020
- Review: Commercial Litigation in New York State Courts, 4th Edition, *Onondaga County Bar Reporter*, June 2016

Education

- Cornell Law School (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1985)
- Hamilton College (A.B., *cum laude*, 1980)

Bar/Court Admissions

- New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- 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
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

Practices

- School Law
- Municipalities
- Higher Education
- Toxic Tort and Environmental Litigation
- Litigation
- Intellectual Property
- Business Restructuring, Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy
- Class and Collective Action Litigation

Representative Presentations

- Moderator, Restrictive Covenants: The Good, the Bad and What the Future Holds, NYSBA Webinar, June 17, 2020
- Class Action Refund Lawsuits Against Higher Educational Institutions, CICU Webinar, May 14, 2020

Other Activities

- Chancellor, Episcopal Diocese of Central New York
- Vestry Warden, St. Peter's Episcopal Church