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Profile

Jonathan has a diverse litigation practice including commercial disputes, complex products liability, employment litigation, white collar criminal defense, civil rights, media law and insurance. He has tried numerous jury cases to verdict in both state and federal courts.

Jonathan has handled over one hundred appeals, and has argued in the First, Third and Fourth Departments, the New York Court of Appeals, and in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second, Sixth and Eighth Circuits. In 2009, he obtained one of the largest arbitration awards in the history of FINRA, a \$40 million award against Merrill Lynch. Jonathan has been involved in several multi-district litigation matters and class and collective actions.

Jonathan's clients include higher education institutions, pharmaceutical and medical device companies, media companies, school districts and religious institutions.

Prior to joining the firm, Jonathan served as Law Clerk to the Honorable Phyllis A. Kravitch, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit.

Honors & Affiliations

- Listed in:
 - *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Banking and Finance; Litigation - Labor and Employment; Litigation and Controversy - Tax, 2011-2025 (listed for more than 10 years)
 - Lawyer of the Year (Syracuse), Litigation - Banking and Finance, 2016
 - *New York Super Lawyers*®, General Litigation, 2024 (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

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 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

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