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Profile

Katie is a trial attorney in the firm's litigation department with experience representing financial institutions, businesses, employers, fiduciaries, municipalities, and individuals. Katie also has extensive experience litigating in federal and state courts, including appellate courts, as well as before administrative agencies and in arbitration forums.

Katie has experience handling various cases, including in the areas of business and commercial litigation, employment litigation, non-compete litigation, real property litigation (contract disputes, zoning issues, and easement disputes), insurance litigation (coverage and third-party liability defense), class action defense, toxic tort and environmental litigation, Article 78 litigation and False Claims Act litigation.

Additionally, Katie has successfully represented various municipalities—including counties, cities, towns, villages, quasi-municipal entities and public benefit corporations, and public officers pursuant to the Public Officers Law—in cases in state and federal courts, and before administrative agencies. She has handled cases on behalf of municipal clients including employment discrimination defense, premises liability and tort defense, zoning and land use issues, Civil Service Law disciplinary and related matters, FOIL disputes, and contract and public utility disputes.

Katie's experience and legal knowledge allow her to strategically achieve her clients' objectives, whether by minimizing litigation risks or by aggressively protecting her clients' interests to achieve winning results.

Honors & Affiliations

- Listed in:
 - Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America®*: Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation; Labor and Employment Law - Management, 2026
 - *New York Super Lawyers®* Rising Star, Employment and Labor, 2023-2025
- John N. Bennett Achievement Award, 2020
- Moot Evidence Award, 2020
- Editor, *Buffalo Law Review*, 2020

Other Activities

Education

- University at Buffalo School of Law (J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2020)
- State University of New York at Geneseo (*cum laude*, 2016)

Bar/Court Admissions

- New York
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Practices

- Labor and Employment
- Litigation
- Artificial Intelligence
- Toxic Tort and Environmental Litigation
- Trust and Estate
- Municipalities

- Leadership Buffalo, Class of 2025