



## Mara D. Afzali

### Associate

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### Profile

Mara practices primarily in the firm's Litigation department. She has worked for clients on a variety of litigation and pre-litigation matters in both state and federal court, including employment disputes, breach of contract actions, and tax assessment challenges.

While in law school, Mara served as a judicial intern for Hon. Mae A. D'Agostino, United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

### News

- Albany Law Magazine Spotlight, Summer 2017
- Albany Law School Adds 5 to Board of Trustees
- Afzali '17, Robbins '17 Take Top Honors in Moot Court Advocacy Competition
- Alumna Conquers the Courtroom and the Classroom

### Representative Publications

- "Letting Sleeping Dogmas Lie: A Response to Judge Posner's Call to Reform The Res Gestae Exceptions To The Rule Against Hearsay", 80 Alb. L. Rev. 595, 2017
- Excited Utterance, The Evidence and Proof Podcast, Episode 51: Mara Afzali, The Res Gestae Exceptions to the Rule Against Hearsay, available here.

### Honors & Affiliations

- New York State Bar Association
- Capital District Women's Bar Association – Board Member
- Capital District Women's Bar Association – Outstanding New Lawyer Award, 2018
- Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association – Member of the CLE Committee
- Dean Thomas Sponsler Honors Teaching Fellow
- Karen C. McGovern Senior Prize Trials Competition, Winner/Best Oral Advocate, Spring 2017
- Domenick L. Gabrielli Appellate Advocacy Moot Court Competition, Winner, Fall

### Education

- Albany Law School of Union University (*summa cum laude*, 2017)
- Siena College (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2014)

### Bar/Court Admissions

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

### Practices

- Litigation

2015

- Recipient, Judge Merle Fogg Jr. '45 Moot Court Prize
- Recipient, Thomson Reuters Award for Excellence in Evidence Law
- Recipient, Selma Mintz Memorial Prize
- National Order of the Barristers Award

### Other Activities

- Knox Volunteer Fire Department – Member
- Albany Law School Board of Trustees, Student Representative, 2016-2017
- Advisor, Albany Law School, Karen C. McGovern Senior Prize Trials Competition