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Profile

Honors & Affiliations

- Listed in:
 - *The Best Lawyers in America*®: Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation, 2022-2026
 - *New York Super Lawyers*® Rising Star, Civil Litigation - Defense, 2021-2025
- Women On The Rise, *Albany Business Review*, 2021
- Albany County Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- Capital District Women's Bar Association
- Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association, CLE Committee Member, 2019-present
- Capital District Women's Bar Association, Outstanding New Lawyer Award, 2018
- Karen C. McGovern Senior Prize Trials Competition, Winner/Best Oral Advocate, Spring 2017
- Domenick L. Gabrielli Appellate Advocacy Moot Court Competition, Winner, Fall 2015
- Judge Merle Fogg Jr. '45 Moot Court Prize, Recipient
- Thomson Reuters Award for Excellence in Evidence Law, Recipient
- Selma Mintz Memorial Prize, Recipient
- Judicial Intern for Hon. Mae A. D'Agostino, United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York
- Dean Thomas Sponsler Honors Teaching Fellow
- National Order of the Barristers

Representative Publications

- "Elevate Albany: A Career Path Isn't Always Direct," *Albany Business Review*, June 8, 2023
- "An Interview with Mara Afzali, Litigation and U.S. Army JAG Corps," Legally Bond Podcast, November 8, 2021

Education

- Albany Law School (J.D., *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
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

Practices

- Litigation
- Labor and Employment
- Artificial Intelligence

- "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](#).

Representative Presentations

- Panelist, Federal Practice and Judicial Clerkships: Perspectives from the Northern District of New York, Syracuse University College of Law, March 16, 2021

Other Activities

- Knox Fire Department, Volunteer
- The Albany Law School Dean's Leadership Council, Member, 2019-Present
- Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York's Private Attorney Involvement Program, Volunteer, 2019
- Albany Law School, Karen C. McGovern Senior Prize Trials Competition, Advisor, 2019
- United States District Court for the Northern District of New York, 2019 Youth Law Day, Volunteer
- Albany Law School Board of Trustees, Student Representative, 2016-2017