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Profile

Honors & Affiliations

- Monroe County Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- American Bar Foundation
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- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
- Listed in:
 - *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Bet-The-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Environmental; Litigation - Labor and Employment; Litigation - Municipal; Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs, 1997-2026 (listed for more than 25 years)
 - *New York Super Lawyers*®, Business Litigation, 2023
- Legal Excellence Award, Lifetime Achievement, *Rochester Business Journal*, 2021
- Pro Bono Honor Roll, United States District Court for the Western District of New York, 2020 - 2025
- Thurgood Marshall Award from the Federal Bar Council of the Second Circuit, 2018
- Bridge Building Award, Rochester Black Bar Association, 2018
- Monroe County Bar Association Humanitarian Award, 2014
- University at Buffalo Law School Students of Color Trail Blazer Award, 2009
- Rochester Black Bar Association's Award for Commitment to Diversity, 2005
- University at Buffalo Law School Distinguished Alumnus Award, 2003
- Monroe County Bar Association Adolph J. Rodenbeck Award, 2001
- U.S. District Court Special Service Award, 2000
- *The Daily Record* Nathaniel Award, 1997

Representative Presentations

Education

- University at Buffalo School of Law (J.D. 1968)
- State University of New York at Buffalo School of Management (M.B.A. 1965)
- John Carroll University (B.S. 1963)

Bar/Court Admissions

- New York
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Tax Court
- 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

Practices

- Litigation

- Political Speech or Incitement to Riot: Where is the Line Located?, Monroe Community College, April 12, 2021
- Moderator, The Economic Decline of Legal Market Place: What, if Anything, Can Lawyers and Law Firms Do About it?, June 2017
- Moderator and Chair, General Counsel Round Table, Including General Counsel from Constellation Brands, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Rochester and Paychex, November 2017
- Arbitrations, Employment Law, Ethics and a View From the Bench: Practical Considerations for In-House Counsel, The Wolford Law Firm, April 2015
- Moderator and Speaker, Justice Robert H. Jackson: Chief Prosecutor at Nuremberg, The Connections to Rochester & Related Topics, Monroe County Bar Association, October 2014

Representative Publications

- "Forced Arbitration is Under Siege in U.S. Like Never Before," *Rochester Business Journal*, December 7, 2018
- "Is There an Insurance Investigation Privilege?" *The Daily Record*, September 6, 2018
- "Donald Trump And His Administration Have Generated A Litigation Explosion," *The Daily Record*, April 5, 2018
- "What Law Firms Can Do About a Decade of Decline for Legal Services," *The Daily Record*, June 9, 2017
- "Did Election Decide Transgender Restroom Litigation?" *The Daily Record*, December 1, 2016
- "'Deflategate' May Be Pumped Back To Life," *The Daily Record*, March 5, 2015