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## Profile

### Honors & Affiliations

- Listed in:
  - *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2026, Commercial Litigation; Litigation - Intellectual Property (listed for 15 years)
  - *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2010-2025, Commercial Litigation; Copyright Law; Litigation - Intellectual Property
  - *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2026, Bet-The-Company Litigation, 2026
  - *Buffalo Business First*, Legal Elite of Western New York, 2016, 2019 - 2020
  - *New York Super Lawyers*®, Business Litigation, 2025 (listed for more than 10 years)
  - *Martindale-Hubbell*®, AV Preeminent Rated
- Pro Bono Honor Roll, United States District Court for the Western District of New York, 2021 - 2025
- Erie County Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- Western New York Trial Lawyers Association, former Treasurer
- Advocates Club of Western New York, former President
- Senior Fellow, Trial Lawyer Honorary Society
- Diversity Law Institute
- Trial Law Institute
- Eagle Scout

### Representative Matters

- Taken well in excess of ten cases to jury verdict, and has handled dozens of appeals.
- Successfully defended state officials in a civil rights class action litigation resulting from the 1971 Attica riot. This included class action liability and individual damages trials and appeals therefrom.
- Co-chaired one of the very few CERCLA cases ever to have been jury-tried nationally.

### Education

- University at Buffalo School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1985)
- State University of New York at Fredonia (B.A., *cum laude*, 1982)

### Bar/Court Admissions

- New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of New York
- 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
- Intellectual Property

## Representative Publications

- Quoted in "ADR Offers a Different Way to Hash Things Out," *Buffalo Law Journal*, August 19, 2019
- "Avoiding the 'Litigization' of Arbitration," *New York Law Journal*, March 15, 2019
- Quoted in "Weighing Arbitration's Pros and Cons," *Buffalo Law Journal*, July 11, 2018
- "Trial Law: A Complex Beast," *Buffalo Law Journal*, November 18, 2013
- "Complex Cases Offer Chances, Challenges," *Buffalo Law Journal*, July 12, 2010

## Other Activities

- Greater Niagara Frontier Council, Boy Scouts of America, Board Member
- Lumber City Development Corporation, Board Member
- New York State Forest Owners Association, Niagara Frontier Chapter, Vice-Chairperson
- Nor-Ton Red Jacket Club, Member