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Location

Buffalo, New York

Practice Areas

- [Appellate Advocacy](#)
- [General Litigation](#)
- [Insurance Solutions](#)
- [Risk Reduction & Loss Avoidance](#)

Admissions

New York; North Carolina; U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York; U.S. Bankruptcy Court



Biography

Joan brings over 20 years of legal experience in insurance defense work and litigation, including automobile negligence and premises liability. She focuses her practice on representing insurance carriers and insureds in a wide range of civil matters, with an emphasis on delivering strategic and results-driven advocacy. Joan is committed to providing thoughtful, efficient representation and achieving favorable outcomes for her clients.

Throughout her career, Joan has handled cases from inception through resolution, including all aspects of discovery, motion practice, depositions, mediations, and trial. Her extensive litigation background allows her to assess risk early, develop practical defense strategies, and guide clients through complex legal issues with clarity and confidence. Joan takes pride in delivering high-quality legal representation and building lasting client relationships.

Prior to joining Gerber Ciano Kelly Brady, Joan worked as Staff Counsel for a major insurance carrier where she gained hands-on experience handling high-volume litigation and developing practical, cost-effective defense strategies.

Education

- University at Buffalo Law School, J.D.
 - Buffalo Law Review, Note and Comment Editor
- SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, B.S., *summa cum laude*

Professional Leadership

- Western New York Defense Trial Lawyers Association
 - Board of Directors (2023-2025)
 - Event Coordinator

Community

- Secretary 100 Club of Buffalo
- Buffalo Police Explorers, Board of Directors



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Publications

- Buffalo Environmental Law Journal: Statutory Privileges and Immunities for Voluntarily Performed Environmental Audits: Should New York State Join the Race? (1998)