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Location

Buffalo, New York

Practice Areas

- [General Litigation](#)
- [Municipal & Government](#)
- [Product, Liability, Fire & Life Sciences](#)
- [Professional Liability](#)
- [Risk Reduction & Loss Avoidance](#)
- [Toxic Tort & Environmental](#)
- [Transportation](#)

Admissions

New York; U.S. District Court for the Eastern 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



Biography

Jonathan is an experienced civil litigator who focuses his practice on defending businesses, insurers, property owners, manufacturers, transportation companies and other clients in complex liability matters. With more than a decade of legal experience, he has handled a broad range of matters involving general negligence, motor vehicle and trucking liability, premises liability, products liability, medical malpractice, professional liability, toxic torts, municipal liability and other commercial and personal injury disputes.

Jonathan manages matters through all stages of litigation, from initial investigation and pleadings through written discovery, depositions, expert discovery, dispositive motion practice, mediation, settlement negotiations and trial preparation. His experience includes high-exposure matters involving significant claimed injuries, complex medical causation questions, multi-party litigation and contractual and indemnification issues. His practice has included litigation throughout New York State as well as matters pending in federal court. He is admitted to practice in New York and before the United States District Courts for the Western, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

In addition to his litigation practice, Jonathan has presented continuing legal education programs for organizations including the National Business Institute and Lawline. His presentations have addressed subjects involving civil litigation and negotiation, mediation strategy, personal injury and insurance defense practice, and the practical considerations attorneys face in evaluating and resolving litigated matters. His experience as both a practicing litigator and CLE presenter allows him to approach legal issues with an emphasis on effective advocacy, careful case evaluation and practical solutions for clients.

Jonathan earned his J.D. from Syracuse University College of Law and his B.A. in International Affairs, with a concentration in International Economics, from The George Washington University, where he graduated magna cum laude. Outside of his legal practice, Jonathan enjoys travel, music and exploring the history of Western New York.

Education

- Syracuse University College of Law, J.D., 2014
- The George Washington University, B.A., International Affairs, concentration in International Economics, magna cum laude, 2011



Honors

- Super Lawyers Rising Stars, 2022–2026
- Dean's List, The George Washington University
- Dean's List, Syracuse University College of Law
- Alumni Scholarship, Syracuse University College of Law

Languages

- Spanish
- German

Professional Leadership

- Faculty Presenter, Lawline
- Faculty Presenter, National Business Institute (NBI)
- Continuing Legal Education Presenter on civil litigation, negotiation, mediation strategy, personal injury and insurance defense topics

Representative Matters

- Represented commercial transportation companies and drivers in motor vehicle and trucking litigation involving serious personal injury claims, accident reconstruction, liability analysis and expert testimony.
- Defended manufacturers in products liability actions involving allegations of defective design, manufacturing defects and failure to warn.



- Represented healthcare providers and other professionals in medical and professional liability matters involving complex causation and damages issues.
- Defended clients in multi-party litigation involving contractual indemnification, contribution, third-party practice and allocation of liability among multiple defendants.
- Represented municipalities, contractors, property owners and businesses in negligence and premises liability matters in New York state and federal courts.
- Obtained favorable resolutions through dispositive motion practice, mediation and negotiated settlement in matters involving significant claimed damages and complex liability issues.
- Managed cases through fact and expert discovery, depositions, independent medical examinations, mediation and trial preparation, including coordination with medical, engineering and accident reconstruction experts.

Community

- Judicial Delegate, New York State Eighth Judicial District (2026)

Presentations

- Faculty/Co-Presenter, “Legal Research and Writing Fundamentals for Attorneys” — National Business Institute (NBI), April 10, 2026
- “Demand to Deal: Strategic Negotiation and Mediation in Personal Injury Defense” — LawLine, March 27, 2026.
- “The Two-Workout System: Training Body and Mind in Legal Practice” — Lawline, created December 8, 2025.
- “Strategic Negotiation and Mediation in Personal Injury and Insurance Defense Cases” — Lawline, November 10, 2025.
- Co-Presenter, “Tips and Tricks for Improving Your Client Intake Process, Billing Practices, and More” — NBI, June 26, 2025



- Co-Presenter, “Work Smarter, Not Harder: Hidden Gems for Elevating Satisfaction, Eliminating Time Sucks, and More” — NBI, June 24, 2025
- Co-Presenter, “Law Practice Management 101 for Newly Admitted New York Attorneys” — NBI, June 4, 2025
- Co-Presenter, “Extreme Law Office Makeover: The Attorney’s Edition” — NBI, April 18, 2025
- “Diving Into Remote Online Notarization: The New Attorney’s Manual” — NBI, March 10, 2025.
- Co-Speaker, “Litigation Boot Camp for Paralegals” — Institute for Paralegal Education Webinar, May 22, 2024
- Co-Speaker, “Records Request Guide for Paralegals: Public, Medical, Phone, and More” — Institute for Paralegal Education Webinar, April 30, 2024
- Co-Speaker, “Litigation Case Management Strategies 2023–2024” — Institute for Paralegal Education Webinar, December 20, 2023
- Co-Speaker, “Electronic Medical Records for Paralegals: Essential Strategies” — Institute for Paralegal Education Webinar, July 19, 2023