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Christina M. Hassler

PARTNER

EXPERIENCE

Christina M. Hassler focuses her practice on workers' compensation, drawing on experience earned protecting the interests of insurers in private practice and as senior staff attorney at one of the nation's largest property casualty insurers. Tina's effectiveness at serving her clients and aiding her colleagues is built on an ability to look at the "big picture" — including changing laws, regulations, and case law, as well as a firm's or company's overall strategies and long-term goals — while maintaining a mastery over the facts and details of the individual cases she handles.

PRACTICES

Workers' Compensation

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Workers' Compensation

In her nearly 20-year career Tina has managed a consistently high volume of workers' compensation matters — often up to 45 cases in a month. Tina has handled thousands of medical depositions and trial hearings involving lay witness litigation, no-fault litigation depositions, motion hearings on issues of subrogation, small claims court matters, and unemployment hearings. An exceptional negotiator and litigation manager, she has also presented and summarized cases to judges, filed memoranda of law, and drafted appeals in New York State Workers' Compensation Court.

Tina brings to her clients at Goldberg Segalla a special insight and understanding from over six years as senior staff attorney to a major national insurer, implementing and managing the workers' compensation practice there. In that role Tina collaborated with offices throughout the country to ensure consistent practice standards and procedures; ensured proper Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and Freedom of Information Law request compliance; and cross-trained litigation, workers' compensation, and subrogation departments on the interplay of legal issues in insurance coverage. A frequent speaker who has presented on New York State Workers' Compensation Law and related issues before industry leaders, she has also trained management and employees on effective negotiation of settlements, updated case law, and file strategies.

Tina carries that in-house counsel point-of-view with her into private practice, which reinforces trust as a priority of the attorney-client relationship. She remains committed to evaluating the programs she has designed and managed and the services she provides against standard metrics and — above all else — client expectations.

HONORS & AWARDS

- Pro Bono Attorney Award, Volunteer Lawyers Project

BACKGROUND

ADMISSIONS

- New York
 - U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York
 - U.S. Western District of New York Bankruptcy Court
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EDUCATION

- Thomas Cooley Law School, J.D., 1998
 - SUNY College at Buffalo, B.A., 1995
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

- Buffalo Claims Association

PUBLICATIONS & EVENTS

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- Quoted in, “**Some Attorneys Not Yet Sold on ‘Rocket Docket’ Comp Regs,**” *Buffalo Law Journal*, December 11, 2008
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PRESENTATIONS

- “Workers’ Compensation: Limiting Subcontractor Liability,” (Co-Presenter), Construction Exchange of Buffalo and WNY, April 21, 2022
 - Keynote Speaker, Buffalo Claims Association: NAP MTG, Buffalo, NY, March 2016
 - Speaker, New York State Bar Association CLE Workers’ Compensation Seminar, October 2014
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WEBINARS

- “A Look at Upcoming MTG Updates to Neck, Mid and Low Back, and Knee Guidelines in New York,” (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, November 23, 2021
- “A Primer for the Upcoming NYS Workers’ Compensation Board Medical Treatment Guidelines,” (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, October 20, 2021
- “An Analysis of New York Workers’ Compensation Injuries in a Work-From-Home Setting,” (Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, June 3, 2021
- “Success in Fraud Claims Under New York Workers’ Compensation Law,” GS Webinar Series, January 20, 2021
- “Labor Market Attachment,” GS Webinar Series, March 21, 2019