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PRACTICES

Commercial Litigation and Arbitration

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Global Insurance Services

Real Estate and Land Use

Real Estate Litigation and Title Disputes

Municipal and Government Law

Construction Litigation and Counsel

Bankruptcy, Restructuring, and Creditors' Rights

INDUSTRIES

Municipalities and Public Entities

Construction

Insurance and Reinsurance

Marc W. Brown

PARTNER

EXPERIENCE

Marc W. Brown, co-chair of the firm's national Business and Commercial Group, is an experienced commercial litigator and one of the foremost real estate title litigation and coverage attorneys practicing in New York State and Pennsylvania, and as pro hac vice counsel for out of state clients who seek his expertise. Marc's practice also includes real property tax certiorari proceedings, contractual disputes, personal injury, and collection enforcement, and he is called upon by attorneys across the country as an expert witness in real estate title disputes and professional liability matters. In addition, he has experience in professional liability matters relating to commercial and residential real estate transactions. Marc has represented counsel before the Attorney Grievance Committee, and he has represented restaurants in high profile disputes with their landlords and before municipal boards in response to a serious incident. He has extensive appellate experience, having argued approximately 20 appeals across three of the four New York State Supreme Court Appellate Divisions, and is a former judicial clerk in the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division, Fourth Department. A past chair of the American Bar Association (ABA) Title Insurance Litigation Committee, Marc is widely regarded as among the top title insurance litigators, with a reputation built on handling seven-, eight-, and nine-figure title disputes involving large commercial real estate projects in the nation's hottest construction and development markets. In addition, Marc is an adjunct professor at the University at Buffalo Law School, teaching a full semester Real Estate Litigation course to second and third year law students.

Highly regarded among his colleagues, Marc has received a peer-rating of AV Preeminent, the highest possible rating, from Martindale-Hubbell, as well as an AV Preeminent rating from the Martindale-Hubbell Judicial Edition, which reflects the opinions of members of the bar and judiciary. Consistently recognized for his commercial litigation experience by *Best Lawyers in America* and *Super Lawyers* (in both Upstate and Metro New York), in 2019 Marc received *Business Journal's* Influencers: Law distinction, reserved for the top 100 most influential lawyers in the country.

Marc currently serves on the University at Buffalo Law School Dean Advisory Council and the Binghamton University Harpur College National Law Advisory Council Steering Committee. He is also actively involved in a number of civic organizations, including as the vice president, campaign chair and member of the Board of Governors for the Buffalo Jewish Federation, and as the treasurer for the Va'ad HaKashrut of Buffalo.

While pursuing his bachelor's degree and master's of business administration at Binghamton University, Marc interned at the U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, and at the U.S. House of Representatives for Congressman Bill Paxon. Additionally, during his semester abroad with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Marc interned for the Mayor of Jerusalem and Peace Watch, a watchdog group that monitored the implementations of the Oslo Accords. While pursuing his J.D. at the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School, Marc clerked at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of New York, as well as with the Hon. William M. Skretny, U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York. He also interned for the school's Institute for Local Governance and Regional Growth to develop the first progress report of its State of the Region Project.

HONORS & AWARDS

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- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Appellate Practice, 2024-27
  - Commercial Litigation, 2025-27
  - Litigation – Real Estate, 2021-27
  - Litigation – Construction, 2025-27
  - Litigation – Insurance, 2019-27
  - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, 2024-27
  - Insurance Law, 2023-27
  - Real Estate Law, 2026-27
- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - "Lawyer of the Year," Appellate Practice (Buffalo), 2025
- Upstate New York *Super Lawyers*, 2014-26
  - 10th Year Special Recognition, 2023
  - *Super Lawyers* Rising Stars, 2013
- *New York Law Journal*, *New York Magazine*, 2023 New York Top Rated Lawyer
- Top Rated Lawyer, American Lawyer Media and Martindale-Hubbell
  - Real Estate, 2021
  - Litigation, 2014, 2019-21
  - Construction, 2018
  - Insurance Law, 2016–17
- *The Business Journals' Influencers: Law,* 2019
- New York Metro *Super Lawyers*, 2019-26
- State University of New York at Buffalo Law School Alumni Association GOLD Group Honoree, 2017
- Martindale-Hubbell Judicial and Peer Review Rating: AV Preeminent
- *Business First's* Legal Elite of Western New York (Commercial Litigation), 2014
- 40 Under Forty Award, *Business First*, 2012
- Up & Coming Attorney, *The Daily Record*, 2007
- New York State Bar Association Empire State Counsel, 2006

BACKGROUND

ADMISSIONS

- New York
- Pennsylvania
- Florida, Pro Hac Vice
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern, Northern, Southern, and Western Districts of New York
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern, Southern, and Western Districts of New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Pro Hac Vice
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Pro Hac Vice

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EDUCATION

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- State University of New York at Buffalo Law School, J.D., 1999
  - Moot Court Board: President
  - *Buffalo Human Rights Law Review*: Executive Editor
  - Jessup International Moot Court Board: Member
  - Institute for Local Governance and Regional Growth: Intern
  - Order of the Barristers National Honor Society, 1999
  - Judge Matthew Jasen Appellate Practice Award, 1999
  - State University of New York at Buffalo Law School Faculty Award for Excellence, 1999
  - State University of New York at Buffalo Law School Alumni Association GOLD Group Student Leadership Award, 1999
- State University of New York at Binghamton, School of Management, M.B.A., 1996
  - Lawrence Knaphle Award for Best Marketing Study, 1996
- State University of New York at Binghamton, Harpur College, B.A., *cum laude*, 1995
  - Omicron Delta Epsilon Economics Honor Society, 1994
  - Golden Key International Honour Society, 1993
  - State University of New York at Binghamton Award for Student Excellence, 1993
  - Rhodes and Fulbright Scholarship Nominee
- Hebrew University School of Jerusalem, Rothberg International School, 1993

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
  - Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section
    - Scope and Correlation Committee, 2019-20
    - General Committee Board Standing Committee, 2017–19
    - Title Insurance Litigation Committee, 2013-20
      - Chair, 2018–19
      - Chair-Elect, 2017–18
      - Treasurer, 2016–17
  - Litigation Section
    - Real Estate, Condemnation, and Trust Litigation Committee, 2020–present
- Niagara Business Associates
  - President, 2026
  - Vice President, 2025
  - Member, 2013–present
- Bar Association of Erie County
  - Eminent Domain and Tax Certiorari Committee
  - Judiciary Committee, 2021-24

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- State University of New York at Buffalo Law School Alumni Association
  - Dean's Advisory Counsel, 2019 to present

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- President, 2018–19
- Executive Committee Member, 2014–15 and 2017–19
- President-Elect, 2017–18
- Treasurer, 2012–13 and 2015–16
- Vice President 2013–15
- Board of Directors Member, 2008–15
- Assistant Treasurer, 2011–12
- Assistant Secretary 2016–17
- Oral History Project Committee Co-Chairman, 2009–13
- Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) Group President, 2006–07
- GOLD Group Board of Directors Member, 2001–08

- State University of New York at Binghamton, Harpur College
  - National Law Advisory Council Steering Committee, 2002 to present
  - Judaic Studies Advisory Council Steering Committee, 2011–13
  - Adjunct Instructor, 2010, 2012–15
- University at Buffalo Law School: Adjunct Professor, Law 640: Real Estate Litigation, 2021 to present
- Buffalo Jewish Federation
  - Board of Governors, 2021 to present
    - Vice President, 2023-25
    - Campaign Chair for Philanthropies, 2023-25
- Kadimah School of Buffalo: Board of Trustees Member, 2009–15; Co-President, 2012–15
- Committeeman, Town of Amherst Republican Committee, 2008-21
- Treasurer, Va'ad HaKashrut of Buffalo, 2009 to present

PUBLICATIONS & EVENTS

PUBLICATIONS

- Featured in "What are landlords legally responsible for during a storm?" *Buffalo Business First,* January 3, 2023
- Featured in "Marc Brown Community Member Spotlight | My Jewish Buffalo," *Buffalo Jewish Federation*, May 20, 2022
- Featured in "Closed Since the Pandemic Hit, Sear Steakhouse Won't Reopen—in the Avant, At Least," *Buffalo Business First*, May 7, 2021
- Featured in "Don't Sweat It: Attorneys Make Wellness Part of their Busy Routines," *Buffalo Business First/Buffalo Law Journal*, January 4, 2020
- "Marc Brown Selected to National List of Influential Attorneys," *Buffalo Business First*, July 8, 2019
- Profiled in "Finding His Niche: Goldberg Segalla's Marc Brown Chairs American Bar Association Committee," *Buffalo Business First*, March 4, 2019
- "Better Be Safe Than Sorry in Purchasing an Owner's Title Insurance Policy," ABA-TIPS Title Insurance Litigation Committee Newsletter, Fall 2017
- "Title Insurance — A Must-Buy in Real Estate Transactions," *Buffalo Business First*, November 15, 2017
- Why a Plaintiff's Bankruptcy History is Important" (Co-Author), *Law360*, September 1, 2016
- Quoted in "5 Tips for Handling a Deposition," *REALTOR Mag*, July 2016
- "Conflicts in Title Insurance — What Is the Best Approach?" American Bar Association *Title Insurance Litigation Committee Newsletter*, Spring 2015

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- Featured in "Realtor Representation," *You and the Law*, WBFO 88.7, September 5, 2014
- Quoted in "Why Real-Estate Agents Should Consider Insurance," *Wall Street Journal*, September 4, 2014
- Guest on "Property Paperwork," *You and the Law*, WBFO 88.7 FM, August 2, 2013
- Featured in "Five Questions With Marc Brown," *Buffalo Law Journal*, May 28, 2013
- "Attorney Affirmation Opposing Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment in Action for Determination that Plaintiff is Lawful Owner of Real Property Based on Adverse Possession and Entitled to Remove Fence Erected by Defendant" (Contributing Author), *Bender's Forms for the Civil Practice*, 2009
- "Client Affidavit Opposing Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment in Action for Determination that Plaintiff is Lawful Owner of Real Property Based on Adverse Possession and Entitled to Remove Fence Erected by Defendant" (Contributing Author), *Bender's Forms for the Civil Practice*, 2009
- "Protecting Boards of Assessment Review When Dealing with Unresponsive Property Owners Who Challenge Their Assessments," *N.Y. Real Property Law Journal*, Winter 2008
- "Tax Assessment Proceedings and the Role of the Board of Assessment Review," *NYSBA Journal*, November 2007
- "Christmas Trees, Carols and Santa Claus: The Dichotomy of the First Amendment in the Public Schools and How the Implementation of a Religion Policy Affected a Community," *Journal of Law & Education*, April 1999
- "The Effect of Free Trade, Privatization, and Democracy on the Human Rights Conditions of Minorities in Eastern Europe: A Case Study of the Gypsies in the Czech Republic and Hungary," *Buffalo Human Rights Law Review*, 1998
- "Economic Impact Analysis of the World University Games, Buffalo, New York, July 8-18, 1993," *The Helm (the Harper Academic Review)*, 1994

PRESENTATIONS

- "Commercial Division Rules and the New York Foreclosure Abuse Prevention Act (FAPA)," (Co-Presenter), Client Presentation, March 12, 2026
- "Commercial Division Rules and the New York Foreclosure Abuse Prevention Act (FAPA)," (Co-Presenter), Client Presentation, March 11, 2026
- "Against the Odds: Jewish Excellence in the Legal Field," (Co-Presenter), Lawline, June 27, 2025
- "Tax Certiorari Proceedings and the Process in Which Individuals and Businesses Challenge Their Real Property Taxes," Institute of Management Accountants, Buffalo, NY, March 10, 2022
- "Tax Certiorari Proceedings and the Process in Which Individuals and Businesses Challenge Their Real Property Taxes," Niagara Business Association, Buffalo, NY, December 17, 2021
- "Liability for Property Inspectors and Agents/Brokers in Real Estate Transactions," CE/CLE, Itasca, IL, April 10, 2019
- "A Proactive Approach to Avoiding Bad Faith Within the Title Insurance Arena," (Co-Presenter), American Bar Association Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section Annual Meeting, New York City, NY, August 11, 2017
- "Hard Money, Hard Claims — How Private Lending Complicates Professional Liability Claims," E & O Insurance ExecuSummit, Uncasville, CT, June 20, 2017
- "Cool Connections, Hot Alumni," Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY, March 7, 2016
- "Addressing Ethical and Conflict Situations in Title Insurance Litigation," American Bar

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Association Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section Annual Meeting, Chicago, July 31, 2015

- "Title Law From Start to Finish," National Business Institute, Buffalo, New York, March 5, 2015
- "Practice of Law, Civil Procedure, and Commercial Litigation," Binghamton University Harpur Law Council, New York, NY, January 2015
- "The Importance of a Comprehensive Assessment Plan When Challenged by a Taxpayer's CPLR Article 78 Proceeding," Erie County Assessors' Association Monthly Meeting, June 2014
- "A Primer for Litigating Cross-Border Insurance and Products Liability Disputes," Toronto, Ontario, Canada, November 14, 2013
- "Mock Certiorari Trial," New York State Assessors' Association Annual Meeting, September 2011
- Thurgood Marshall Pre-Law Society and Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity Meeting, State University of New York at Binghamton, March 2011
- "Procedures Before the Boards of Assessment Review and Ultimate Dismissal of Complaints," Erie County Assessors' Association Monthly Meeting, March 2009
- "Soup to Nuts: From the Tax Assessment Complaint Submitted to the Board of Assessment Review to the Final Resolution of Tax Certiorari Proceedings," New York State Assessors' Association Annual Meeting, September 2007

PODCASTS

- Contributor, "Deed Forgery in Real Property Transactions," *Timely Notice*, December 3, 2019

CASE COVERAGE

- "Sear Attorney Marc Brown on Dispute with Uniland," A New Morning (WBEN), August 7, 2020
- "Sear Sues Uniland Development Co. Over Multiple Business Complaints," Channel 2 (WGRZ), August 5, 2020
- "Sear Restaurant Owners Sue Uniland After Feeling Burned," *The Buffalo News*, August 5, 2020
- "Uniland, Sear at Legal Odds Over Downtown Steakhouse," *Buffalo Business First*, August 5, 2020
- "Water Authority Commish Fuzzy on Settlement," WGRZ-TV, March 12, 2015
- "Former Amherst Highway Chief Settles Sick Time and Vacation Pay Dispute With Town," *The Buffalo News*, March 11, 2015
- "Agreement Sought in Case of Unused Sick, Vacation Time," *Amherst Bee*, December 10, 2014