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## PRACTICES

Civil Litigation and Trial

Global Insurance Services

## Petra A. Holness

ASSOCIATE

### EXPERIENCE

Petra A. Holness maintains a focus on civil litigation defense, including matters involving negligence, personal injury, product, and professional liability. Petra is engaged in all stages of the litigation process, including discovery and investigation, depositions and court appearances, drafting motions and pleadings, as well as dispute resolution, hearings and trials. Her practice also extends to complex insurance coverage disputes.

Petra gained valuable experience serving as a law clerk, where she drafted pleadings, motions and discovery requests. While in law school, she served as a legal intern in the Buffalo Region office of the Attorney General, conducting depositions, representing client interests in administrative hearings, and assisting in the prosecution of several serious misdemeanors and felonies. Petra was also a student attorney at Buffalo's Civil Rights and Transparency Clinic, drafting memoranda on LLC transparency and working toward passage of the New York State LLC Transparency Act.

### HONORS & AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch*
  - Commercial Litigation, 2026
  - Product Liability Litigation – Defendants, 2026

### BACKGROUND

#### ADMISSIONS

- New York

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#### EDUCATION

- University at Buffalo School of Law, J.D., 2023
  - Student Bar Association, Class Director
  - Black Law Student Association, Parliamentarian
  - Intellectual Property Society, Secretary
  - National Black Law Students Association, National Historian
- University at Albany – State University of New York, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2020

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#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- New York State Bar Association
- Western New York Minority Bar Association
- Black Entertainment and Sports Lawyers Association

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#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

# GOLDBERGSEGALLA

Petra A. Holness

ASSOCIATE

- Delta Sigma Thesa Sorority, Buffalo Alumnae Chapter
  - Assisting Financial Secretary
  - Co-chair, Social Action Committee

## PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

### WEBINARS

- “Navigating New York’s AVOID Act: Deadlines, Risks & Strategic Impacts ”(Co-Presenter), GS Webinar Series, February 19, 2026