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PRACTICES

Civil Litigation and Trial

Phyliss A. Hafner

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EXPERIENCE

Phyliss A. Hafner is an experienced and versatile litigator with more than 20 years of experience representing businesses and their insurers in the defense of complex civil matters. She has successfully managed cases involving product liability, labor law, trucking and transportation, premises liability, personal injury, medical malpractice, municipal liability, and workers compensation claims. Phyliss handles matters throughout New York State and in Pennsylvania.

HONORS & AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Commercial Litigation, 2025-27

BACKGROUND

ADMISSIONS

- New York
- Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Western Districts of New York

EDUCATION

- University at Buffalo School of Law, J.D. 1997
- University at Buffalo, B.S., *summa cum laude*, 1994

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA)
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- Defense Trial Lawyers Association of Western New York
- Erie County (N.Y.) Bar Association
- Buffalo Claims Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Ronald McDonald House Charities of WNY
  - First Vice President, 2023
  - Board of Directors, 2020
  - Young Professionals Committee, 2017 – present
    - Co-chair, 2021 – present
  - Marketing Committee, 2021

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PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

PUBLICATIONS

- "Governmental and Individual Claims in Gun Litigation and Coverage: Where to Go from Here?" Co-author, Federation of Insurance and Corporate Counsel

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PRESENTATIONS

- "Incident Investigation Training," (Co-Presenter), Client Presentation, December 9, 2025
- "Product Liability: Basics and Claims Handling Practices," Themis, December 2020
- "Use of Latest Social Media and Technology to Defend Cases," Themis Annual Meeting, February 2020
- "Mock Mediation," Acuity Insurance, 2019
- "Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI) Analysis, Defense and Trends," Hudson Insurance, July 2018
- "Technology Involving U.S. Trucking Claims," 2017 Trucking Insurance Seminar, London, U.K., November 2017
- "Defending Claims Involving Complex Regional Pain Syndrome," Themis Annual Meeting, January 2017
- "UM/SUM Coverage Update," New York State Bar Association, April 2017
- "Legal Implications and Analysis of Drone Usage in Collision Reconstruction," Arkansas Trucking Annual Conference, 2017
- "Minimum Training Requirements for Entry Level Commercial Vehicle Driers," Canadian Transportation Lawyers Association Annual Conference, 2017