



Liz Holmes

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Education

- University at Buffalo School of Law, JD
- University at Buffalo, BA

Practices & Industries

- Commercial Litigation
- Land Use & Zoning
- Property Tax & Condemnation
- White Collar & Government Investigations

Admitted to Practice

- New York

Biography

Liz primarily concentrates her practice on litigation, zoning, and real property tax and condemnation. She routinely represents clients before municipal boards in zoning and land-use matters, including use and area variances, special-use permits, rezoning, and site-plan and subdivision approval.

Liz's civil and criminal defense practice includes the successful management of several newsworthy cases that involved media interviews and televised courtroom appearances.

Bar Associations

- Bar Association of Erie County
- New York State Bar Association
- Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, Western New York Chapter

Selected Memberships & Affiliations

- Barclay Damon's Women's Forum

Representative Experience

- Successfully represented a Fortune 500 company looking to expand its nationwide car dealership into Upstate New York, handling all aspects from rezoning through site-plan approval at the municipal level.
- Achieved various zoning approvals for a nationwide student-housing management and development company, resulting in a \$50 million local investment in private student housing.

- Represented and advised multi-million companies on nationwide expansion and operation in accordance with municipal zoning laws and regulations.
- Successfully defended and prosecuted various Article 78 matters in supreme courts throughout New York State.
- Represented and advised various sovereign nations within the Western District of New York on issues such as sovereignty and compliance with state and federal tax laws.
- Successfully defended both felony and misdemeanor DWI prosecutions in state and local courts in Erie and surrounding counties.
- Successfully represented a 9-year-old female in a gender-discrimination action against a private football league.
- On behalf of more than 10 property owners, successfully opposed a Zoning Board of Appeals application from a local farmer seeking to install a 133-foot wind turbine.
- Successfully obtained a use and area variance for a local business looking to expand to the Town of Amherst.

Prior Experience

- Damon Morey LLP, Associate
- Lipsitz Green Scime & Cambria, Associate

Selected Honors

- National Academy of Criminal Defense Attorneys, Inc., Top 10 Under 40 Attorney Award, 2019
- Selected to *Super Lawyers* Upstate New York Rising Stars: Land Use & Zoning, 2017-2019; Commercial Litigation, 2017-2018

Selected Media

- *Buffalo Law Journal*, "Millennials Shake Up Legal Field"

Selected Alerts & Blog Posts

- Federal Communications Commission Approves New Rules Exempting Small Cell Wireless Facilities From NHPA/NEPA Review
- Dakota Access Pipeline Project: Why are there protests and what will be the end result?