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Education

- University at Buffalo School of Law, JD, *Magna Cum Laude*
- Niagara University, BS, *Magna Cum Laude*

Practices & Industries

- Trusts & Estates

Admitted to Practice

- New York

Biography

Briana focuses her practice on litigated trusts and estates matters, including contentious family disputes. She counsels clients through the complex probate process as well as with their estate administration needs, and she advises fiduciaries during the process to ensure they fulfill their duties.

Additionally, Briana provides estate planning services and drafts all estate plan documents, including wills, a wide variety of trusts, and advanced directives, such as health care proxies and powers of attorney. Briana also drafts marital agreements.

Briana has experience litigating Article 81 guardianship and estate-related proceedings before New York State supreme courts.

In addition to her legal practice, Briana serves as a guardian ad litem in Erie County.

Bar Associations

- New York State Bar Association
- Bar Association of Erie County

Selected Memberships & Affiliations

- Barclay Damon's Women's Forum

Representative Experience

- Successfully settled a multimillion-dollar, highly contentious estate and trust dispute between a young child dealing with the death of his father and a relative, who was in charge of

his father's estate. As a result of settling the dispute, the client received the money and properties he was entitled to.

- Prepared and completed an estate plan for a disabled veteran.
- Assisted a low-income beneficiary with filing for probate.
- Representing a young adult client whose father passed away in a case against family members who are depriving her of insurance payouts.
- Successfully settled a litigious estate wherein an alleged nonmarital child asserted a claim against the estate.

Prior Experience

- Barclay Damon LLP, Law Clerk
- Erie County Surrogate's Court, Judicial Intern
- Duke, Holzman, Photiadis & Gresens LLP, Law Clerk
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Investigative Intern

Selected Community Activities

- Sisters of Charity Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Volunteer
- University at Buffalo School of Law Alumni Association, Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD), Board of Directors Member

Selected Honors

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America*®: Trusts and Estates, 2024–2025
- *Buffalo Business First*, 30 Under 30, 2024

Selected Media

- NU News, "30 Under 30 Honoree: Briana Krawczyk, '17"
- *Buffalo Business First*, "Introducing the 30 Under 30 Winners for 2024"

Selected Alerts & Blog Posts

- New York Executive Law 135-c: Electronic Notarization
- Estate Planning Lessons From Prince