

Matt Smith

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Education

- University at Buffalo School of Law, JD; *Buffalo Law Journal of Gender and Social Policy*, Member
- Ashford University, BA

Practices & Industries

- Commercial Litigation & Complex Trials
- Torts & Products Liability Defense

Admitted to Practice

- New York
- North Carolina

Court Admissions

- US District Court for the Northern District of New York
- US District Court for the Western District of New York

Biography

Matt advises clients on a wide range of complex commercial litigation matters, including business litigation, executive compensation agreements, and civil rights litigation. He has additional experience drafting company policies and procedures and advising corporate clients on them.

Bar Associations

- North Carolina Bar Association

Representative Experience

- Successfully obtained a motion for summary judgment dismissing a $60 million contract dispute.
- Successfully appealed a matter where the plaintiff rejected a $2 million settlement, the jury awarded $1,000, and the trial court set aside the verdict with additur of $800,000.

Prior Experience

- James, McElroy & Diehl, PA, Associate
- Rupp Baase Pfalzgraf Cunningham LLC, Associate
- Hancock Estabrook LLP, Associate
- US Navy, Petty Officer Second Class

Selected Honors

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America*®: Commercial Litigation, 2025

Selected Media

- *The Capitol Pressroom*, "New York's Unique Path to Speedy Lawsuit Resolution"
- Law360 Pulse, "Barclay Damon Adds Litigator in Rochester"

Selected Alerts & Blog Posts

- Third Department Takes a Strict Stance on Expert Disclosure Rule
- New York State's Secret Sauce: Summary Judgment in Lieu of Complaint