

Alexander Powhida

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Alexander Powhida is an experienced commercial litigator representing clients in commercial tort, employment, construction, real estate, and commercial disputes. Alex regularly litigates complex disputes involving contracts, business dissolutions, property rights, mechanic's liens, and landlord-tenant relationships, among others.

Applying the perspective of a trial lawyer, Alex also counsels business clients in a myriad of business matters. In this capacity, he advises business owners in a range of asset transactions, including the sale and purchase of businesses and professional practices. With concentrated experience in the construction industry, Alexander also drafts and negotiates sophisticated agreements for contractors, property owners and real estate developers.

Before joining the firm, Alex served as Special Litigation Counsel of the Albany Litigation Bureau of the New York State Office of the Attorney General. In this role, he routinely handled Article 78 Proceedings, federal civil rights actions, and employment discrimination actions. Before working in the public sector, Alex founded and managed his own firm.

Experience

- Litigated on behalf of privately-owned corporation in defense of a shareholders' derivative action successfully securing dismissal of the action.
- Successfully represented automotive dealer finance companies in securing collateral from defaulting dealerships.
- Successfully represented employer in defense of Title VII racial discrimination and retaliation suit.

PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial Litigation

Construction

EDUCATION

Albany Law School of Union University, J.D.

Siena College, B.A.

AFFILIATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

New York State Bar Association

ADMISSIONS

Bar Admissions

New York State

Connecticut

Court Admissions

United States District Court, Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of New York

United States District Court, District of Connecticut

United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

- Represented national lighting finance company in payment bond claims on private construction projects throughout New York State.
 - Advised outdoor advertising company in construction contracts throughout the United States.
 - Counseled veterinarian in the purchase and subsequent sale of a veterinary practice.
 - Represented business owners in the purchase and sales of liquor stores and groceries.
 - Counseled auto dealers in the purchase and sale of dealerships in New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts.
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Community Work

- Habitat for Humanity Capital District
 - Sacred Heart Parish, Castleton-on-Hudson, New York
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Recognition

- Upstate New York Super Lawyers, Commercial Litigation, 2013-2025
- Hudson Valley Super Lawyers, 2015-2016