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State University of New York
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Heath J. Szymczak is Administrator of the Firm's Litigation practice group. He has extensive litigation experience in business-related torts, complex commercial litigation, and other civil litigation, including, among other areas, contractual disputes, unfair competition claims, shareholder derivative actions, shareholder freeze-out actions, corporate valuation, breach of fiduciary duty claims, class action consumer litigation, commercial lease disputes, intellectual property disputes, healthcare network provider disputes, replevin actions, construction litigation, estates litigation, lien enforcement, products liability defense, personal injury defense, insurance fraud, and insurance coverage disputes.

Mr. Szymczak received his B.S., *summa cum laude*, and his M.B.A., *cum laude*, Di Gamma and Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Societies from Canisius College and his J.D., from the University at Buffalo School of Law, where he served as the Business Editor of the Buffalo Law Review. He is admitted to practice in New York State, the U.S. District Court, Western District of New York, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court and the Western District of NY.

He serves as Chair of the New York State Bar Association ("NYSBA") Business Torts and Employment Litigation Committee of the Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section ("TICL"); as a member of the Executive Committee of the NYSBA TICL Section; and as a member of the NYSBA Special Committee on Discovery and Case Management in Federal Litigation.

Mr. Szymczak is the recipient of the "2010 Committee Chair of the Year" award from the NYSBA TICL Section; a recipient of a "40 Under 40" Award from *Business First of Buffalo*; a recipient of a "Commitment to Education Community Leader Award" from the City of Buffalo; named, "Up and Coming Attorney" by The Daily Record; a recipient of a "Distinguished Service Award for Law-Related Education" from the NYSBA; a recipient of a "Pathfinder's Award" from The Business First of Buffalo; a recipient of "Key of Hope Award" from Habitat for Humanity of Buffalo; and was named, "Among Our Best" by Canisius College. He is also a graduate of Leadership Buffalo (Class of 2007).