



# J. J. Pelligra

Associate

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## Education

- Seton Hall University School of Law, JD; *Circuit Review Law Journal*; Member
- Syracuse University - Whitman School of Management, MBA
- Colgate University, BA

## Practices & Industries

- Commercial Litigation & Complex Trials
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- White Collar & Government Investigations

## Admitted to Practice

- New York
- Illinois

## Court Admissions

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

## Biography

J. J. primarily concentrates his practice on commercial and intellectual property litigation as well as criminal white collar and financial regulatory matters. As a former state and federal law clerk, J. J. has experience assisting with complex civil and criminal matters. He also worked with prosecutors and self-regulatory organizations during his time at the NJ Office of the Attorney General and FINRA.

## Bar Associations

- Illinois State Bar Association
- New York City Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association
- Union County Bar Association

## Representative Experience

- Successfully defended a leading medical-products company against patent-infringement claims brought in the Northern District of New York.
- Successfully defended a regional food company against copyright-infringement claims brought in the Western District of New York.
- Successfully defended a national retail company against copyright-infringement claims brought in the Southern District of New York.
- Successfully moved to compel allegedly privileged communications between foreign counsel and an American multinational medical-device manufacturer pursuant to international law on behalf of an American multinational

health care company involved in a patent-infringement lawsuit in the Northern District of Illinois.

- Successfully enforced an archery-equipment designer's intellectual property rights against infringers through litigation as well as alternate dispute resolution.
- Successfully defended a multinational electricity and gas utility company in a commercial contract lawsuit against a motion for summary judgment and a motion to dismiss its counterclaims in the New York State.
- Successfully represented a regional auto dealership and servicing company in multiple commercial contract disputes.
- Successfully moved to intervene as the plaintiff in a patent-infringement action pending in the Southern District of New York on behalf of the legal owner of the patent-in-suit.
- Successfully defended a municipal government in an Article 78 proceeding concerning its decision to deny multiple area variance applications.
- Represented a former telecommunications services provider as a member of the litigation team in a six-day trial involving various breach of contract claims and defenses.
- Represented a private New York State university in connection with criminal investigations involving accusations against its staff members.
- Represented a wildlife gallery and museum in connection with potential governmental investigations, inquiries, and raids.
- Represented a regional construction company in connection with a criminal investigation involving accusations of defrauding the US government.
- Represented a professional horse-racing team in connection with a criminal investigation involving accusations of a doping scheme.
- Represented a regional restaurant group in connection with a criminal investigation involving tax fraud.
- Represented a national television, cable, and internet provider in connection with a NYS Public Service Commission investigation.
- Represented an inmate plaintiff in a federal civil rights matter as pro bono trial counsel.

## Prior Experience

### Judicial Clerkships

- US District Court for the Northern District of New York, Judge Frederick Scullin Jr.
- Superior Court of New Jersey, Judge Regina Caulfield

### Prior Experience

- Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (FINRA), Market Regulations Legal Intern
- NJ Office of the Attorney General, Securities Fraud Prosecution Intern
- NYS Supreme Court and NYC Civil Court to Judge Eddie McShan, Judicial Intern
- New Jersey Devils (NHL), Business Development Manager

### Selected Community Activities

- Onondaga County Volunteer Lawyer Project
- Special Olympics New York, Volunteer

### Selected Honors

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America*®: Commercial Litigation, 2025
- New York State Bar Association, Empire State Counsel® Honoree, 2023
- US District Court for the Northern District of New York, Honor Roll of Attorneys Providing Pro Bono Services, 2021
- Seton Hall University School of Law, Appellate Advocacy Best Argument, 2016
- Colgate University, Men's Varsity Soccer Team, Patriot League Champion, 2007

### Selected Alerts & Blog Posts

- ADA Accessibility Lawsuits: House Introduces Bill to Address Website and Mobile Application Accessibility
- COVID 19: NYS Statutes of Limitations Extended Again