



TaLona H. Holbert

Associate

TaLona Holbert is a member of the firm's Litigation Group, where she focuses her practice on a range of complex disputes, including matters related to reinsurance, anti-trust and real estate.

TaLona also dedicates a significant portion of her *pro bono* practice to advancing the rights of women, people of color and the LGBTQ+ community, and she is a frequent volunteer with several organizations that share her goal of pursuing a more just society. She was recently appointed incoming co-chair of the New York City Bar Association's Minorities in the Professions Committee and serves on the National Moot Court Competition Committee. She has been shortlisted for *Chambers'* Diversity & Inclusion Awards: Future Leader – Minority Lawyers and named twice on the *National Black Lawyers* Top 100 list.

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Related Services

- Accounting and Auditor Liability Defense
- Insurance / Reinsurance
- Insurance / Reinsurance: Dispute Resolution and Counseling
- Litigation

Education

J.D., Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, 2017

B.A., Adelphi University, 2013

Representative Matters

- In a precedent-setting litigation win, helped lead a \$2.4 million settlement with a New York-based charter school on behalf of five young Black students with learning and other disabilities who were systematically pushed out of the school.
- In a civil rights class action, represented several men of color who alleged they were subjected to unconstitutional stops by the New York City Police Department.
- Successfully argued before the New York Supreme Court that the state's 2019 Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act does not apply to brokers' commissions or landlord agents, allowing real estate agents across the state to earn commissions without fear of punitive legal action.

Honors & Awards

- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Pathfinder Program (2022)
- Top 100 Black Lawyers in New York, *National Black Lawyers* (2021, 2022)
- Legal Aid Society's *Pro Bono Publico* Award (2021)
- *Chambers'* Diversity & Inclusion Awards, Future Leader – Minority Lawyers (2019, 2020)
- Cardozo Law E. Nathaniel Gates Scholarship
- Cardozo Law Women's Scholar and Jacob Burns Scholar
- Cardozo Law Jacob Burns Medal for Outstanding Professional and Academic Contributions (2017)
- NYU School of Law Immigration Law Moot Court Winner (2017)

Memberships

- Board Member - NYC Board of Directors, Peer Health Exchange
- Co-Chair, New York City Bar Association, Minorities in the Profession Committee
- New York City Bar Association, Urban Development Committee
- Class of 2017 Representative, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan Associates' Committee
- Cardozo Moot Court Honor Society

Publications

- Author, "Here Are Concrete Actions White People Can Take to Fight Racial Injustice," *Huffington Post*, July 9, 2020
- Co-Author, "The Implications of *Henry Schein v. Archer & White Sales, Inc.* for the Reinsurance Industry," *ARIAS-U.S. Quarterly*, Third Quarter 2019
- Author, "The Latest Updates From the NAIC Summer Meeting," *Stroock Special Bulletin*, August 19, 2019

Admitted To Practice

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