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Samantha focuses her practice on premises liability, professional liability, product liability, trucking liability, toxic tort, and insurance defense litigation.

She represents retailers and corporations in premises, trip and fall, and slip and fall cases. Samantha also represents property owners and general contractors in claims pursuant to New York State Labor Law sections 200, 240, and 241(6). She also has experience defending rental car companies.

Since 2018, Samantha has been included in the New York Metro edition of Super Lawyers as a Rising Star. This honor is given to the top 2.5 percent of attorneys in the New York Metro area 40 years old or younger, or in practice for 10 years or less. Super Lawyers lists are issued by Thomson Reuters. A description of the selection methodology can be found

at https://www.superlawyers.com/about/selection-process/.

# **Experience**

- Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances.
- Won summary judgment on behalf of a national surface company dismissing a high-exposure premises liability case in Suffolk County, NY. We established that the defendant owed no duty and therefore the matter was not actionable against the company.
- Secured summary judgment on behalf of a product distributor accused of placing its defective product into the stream of commerce
- Won summary judgment on behalf of a building owner against its subcontractor. The court ruled building owner was entitled to contractual indemnification despite employers' previous denial of such and awarded building owner prior legal fees.

#### **Assistant**

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#### Industries

Retail

Construction

Automotive

Insurance

## **Practices**

General Liability

Litigation

Toxic Tort

Commercial Transportation

**Product Liability** 

#### Education

St. John's University School of Law, J.D., cum laude, 2012

Syracuse University, B.A., summa cum laude, 2009

# **Bar Admissions**

New York

## **Court Admissions**

U.S. District Court Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court Southern District of New York

# Samantha Aster

Partner



- Secured summary judgement for a shopping mall pursuant to New York's storm in progress doctrine.
- Awarded summary judgment on behalf of supermarket chain accused of negligence in a trip and fall by establishing the store was not on notice of the alleged condition.
- Won summary judgment on behalf of an international retailer accused of negligence in a slip and fall in New York City.

# **Professional & Community Involvement**

- New York State Bar Association
- Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)