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Education

- New York Law School (J.D.), cum laude 2007
- University at Buffalo (B.A.), magna cum laude 2004

Practice Areas

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction
- Insurance Coverage Disputes & Defense
- Product Liability
- Cannabis Law

Jonathan is an experienced litigator dedicated to helping clients achieve favorable results through practical, strategic solutions across a broad spectrum of commercial, construction, liability, and insurance disputes. He has represented clients in state and federal courts throughout New York and New Jersey, with experience at both the trial and appellate levels.

Jonathan counsels and represents clients in a wide range of complex commercial and contractual disputes. While always prepared to advocate aggressively when litigation is necessary, he takes the time to understand each client's business objectives and develops creative, cost-effective strategies designed to resolve disputes efficiently whenever possible, avoiding unnecessary litigation where appropriate.

He also regularly defends professionals against claims involving negligence, professional malpractice, breach of contract, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, and statutory causes of action, including RICO claims. His clients include attorneys, accountants, insurance agents and brokers, real estate professionals, and construction and design professionals. In addition, Jonathan represents licensed professionals in disciplinary proceedings, including attorney grievance matters.

Jonathan has extensive experience defending clients against high-exposure bodily injury and property damage claims, with a particular focus on catastrophic injury cases arising from construction accidents. He routinely handles matters involving New York Labor Law §§ 200, 240, and 241(6), and is well versed in the complex risk transfer, indemnification, and insurance coverage issues that frequently accompany construction litigation. His litigation experience also includes product liability, premises liability, and negligent security claims. Over the course of his career, Jonathan has represented manufacturers, distributors, and retailers in product liability litigation involving both industrial equipment and consumer products.

In addition to his litigation practice, Jonathan serves as trusted coverage counsel to insurers, providing coverage analyses and strategic guidance on complex, high-exposure errors and omissions and general liability claims. He has extensive experience advising primary and excess insurers, as well as reinsurers, on coverage issues and claims handling.

Prior to joining Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, Jonathan was a partner at a national law firm, where he represented clients in complex litigation throughout the state and federal courts of New York and New Jersey.

Representative Matters

- D'Adamo v. Cohen, (2d Dep't 2024) (succeeded in securing affirmance of order which granted client's motion to dismiss legal malpractice claim arising from underlying real estate matter on the basis that the plaintiff failed to viably alleged proximately caused damages.
- Kruetzberg v. Law Offices of John Riconda, P.C., 210 A.D.3d 884 (2d Dep't 2022) (succeeded in securing affirmance of order which granted client's pre-answer motion to dismiss legal malpractice claims based upon statute of limitations grounds).
- Drasche v. Edelman & Edelman 201 A.D.3d 434 (1st Dep't 2022) (succeeded in securing affirmance of order which granted client's pre-answer motion to dismiss legal malpractice action for failure to state a claim based, in part, upon failure to viably plead proximately caused damages).
- Higgins v. TST Hudson, L.L.C., 179 A.D.3d 508 (1st Dep't 2020) (succeeded in securing reversal of trial court order which granted summary judgment to Plaintiff under Labor Law 240(1) in catastrophic injury action, and in securing conditional summary judgment on client's behalf with respect to indemnity cross-claims against other trades involved with injury-producing work).
- Fernandez v. City of New York, 148 A.D.3d 995 (2d Dep't 2017) (succeeded in securing affirmance of order which granted pre-answer motion to dismiss in bodily injury action asserting maritime and Labor Law claims).
- Mr. PGP, LLC v. 10-15 Realty, LLC, 708661/2020 (Sup Ct. Queens County, 2020) (secured pre-answer dismissal in commercial matter arising from real estate dispute alleging breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty claims against client).

Publications

- Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C. Welcomes Jonathan Isaacson as Partner in the Firm's Litigation Department (Press Release)
- New York Real Estate Journal, "The Scaffold Law's hidden role in NY's housing affordability crisis," by Jonathan Isaacson, Esq., 2-10-26
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- 2022 Cannabis Insurance Market Update, PropertyCasualty360, Jonathan Isaacson quoted, April 20, 2022
- Cannabis on LI: A Year In Review and What Lies Ahead, Long Island Business News, Opinion, author Jonathan Isaacson, 2-23-22
- Legalized Cannabis: Should Professionals Still Beware?, Property Casualty 360, KD authors Jonathan Isaacson, Esq, and Adam Nicolazzo, Esq.
- Timeline for LI's recreational marijuana industry uncertain, Long Island Business News, by Jonathan Isaacson & Andrew Lipkowitz
- NYSBA Gives Lawyers Green Light to Counsel and Partake in Recreational Marijuana Market , New York Law Journal, August 02, 2021, authors Jonathan Issacson and Brett Scher
- Risks for New York's New Legal Cannabis Businesses, Risk Management
- Riding the Green Wave: If the Federal Government Ever Gets Around to Legalizing Cannabis, Here Are the Insurance Implications. Risk & Insurance, ft. Jonathan Isaacson
- Preparing for the Cannabis Industry Coming to NY, Long Island Business News
- Federal Cannabis Bill Opens Door for Insurers, Business Insurance, ft. Jonathan Isaacson
- Has coverage for exploding-vape suits gone up in smoke? PropertyCasualty 360
- Enforceability of Cannabis Coverage Remains Hazy, Insurance Journal
- Cannabis Services Reform Stalls, Insurance Thought Leadership
- The products-completed operations hazard exclusion: How exploding vape pens could ignite a firestorm of uncovered claims, Westlaw
- Is the Pendulum Swinging Toward Defendants on New York Labor Law Claims? Insurance Journal
- More Options for Cannabis Insurance? Insurance Thought Leadership
- Marijuana Policy Gap: Insurers' Uncertainty, Insurance Thought Leadership
- 'Burlington' and the Recoupment of Defense Costs by Insurers, New York Law Journal
- Tax Shelters Continue To Present Pitfalls for Attorneys, LPL eAdvisory
- KD Alert: New York's High Court Extends Statute Of Limitations For Some Claims Against Lawyers
- KD Alert: Appellate Division Rejects Claim Administrator's Legal Malpractice Claims Against Assigned Defense Counsel
- New York's Appellate Division rejects one of the most creative efforts to circumvent the statute of limitations for legal malpractice claims, ABA LPL eAdvisory
- KD Alert: NY's Highest Court Further Limits Available Damages in Legal Malpractice Actions