



## Thomas Holmgren

Of Counsel

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Thomas Holmgren is a results-oriented litigator who has defended large institutional clients and individuals in all varieties of construction claims, complex and commercial liability torts, and environmental actions in four states and in various federal courts, including in multidistrict litigation, across the country.

His diverse experience enables Thomas to find creative solutions in defending cases and, in turn, innovative ways to limit his client's exposure. Having a background in Special Investigation Unit (SIU) claims, Thomas is adept at questioning a plaintiff and uncovering impeachment evidence that can change the playing field.

Thomas has remained involved with his undergraduate and law schools through various mentoring programs, and founded a moot court competition program for Hartwick College, for which he currently serves as Director. Thomas spends a good deal of his free time in upstate New York renovating a historical house and hiking or skiing in the high peaks.

### Education

- University of Connecticut School of Law (J.D., 2016)
  - CALI Award, Climate Law
  - Notes and Comment Editor, Connecticut Public Interest Law Journal
- Hartwick College (B.A. Political Science & Sociology | B.A. Philosophy, *cum laude*, 2013)
  - Studied Abroad in Ukraine/ Czech Republic

### Bar Admissions

### Services

- Construction
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Environmental

- New York
- New Jersey
- Massachusetts
- California

### **Court Admissions**

- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California

### **Professional Affiliations**

- New York State Bar Association
- New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers

### **Awards & Honors**

- Selected for inclusion in New York Metro Super Lawyers® Rising Stars™, 2023

## **Representative Matters**

Obtained summary judgment motions in various labor law, construction defect and serious injury threshold claims.

Defended an expert mechanic in a case brought by a classic car owner and secured a dismissal of the matter in which the plaintiff was ordered to pay defense costs/ sanctions concerning spoliation.

Took a pro bono criminal matter to trial where the state sought jailtime and significant restitution under a provision of the environmental conservation law; the client received no jail time, and was not required to pay restitution.

### **Special Investigations**

Discovered a video of a plaintiff racing and wrecking a racecar a month after an accident in which the plaintiff claimed seven-figure damages (two fusions).

Uncovered prior law suits in other states with overlapping injuries where exacerbation was not pled, demonstrating that a plaintiff's office used the same photographs of an "accident site" for multiple plaintiffs.

Identified a music video under an analysis where a plaintiff sought damages for permanent disability.

Procured police records for arrest that undermined plaintiff's continuing disability claims.

Uncovered financial records from an alternative source that exposed unjust enrichment.