



Aaron C. Fitch

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Practice Areas

Business & Financial Transactions

- Business Formation & Dissolution
- Business Succession Planning
- Commercial Contracts & Agreements
- Commercial & Residential Borrowing and Lending
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Non-Union Employment & Labor Issues
- Not-for-Profit Representation
- Stock & Asset Sales
- Tax Law

Estate Planning, Probate & Administration

- Wills, Trusts, Health Care Proxies & Powers of Attorney

Real Estate

- Commercial Real Estate - Buy, Sell & Lease
- Residential Real Estate - Buy, Sell & Lease

Admissions

2013, New York

2017, U.S. Tax Court

Aaron C. Fitch is an associate attorney providing a broad range of commercial services to companies, banks, and individuals in areas including mergers and acquisitions, commercial lending, commercial agreements, commercial and residential real estate, and other transactional-related matters. Aaron received his law degree *cum laude* from the Western Michigan University Cooley Law School, where he also served as the Senior Associate Editor on the Thomas M. Cooley Law Review. He also served as an Associate Editor on the Thomas M. Cooley Journal of Practical & Clinical Law.

Born and raised in a big family from the Newburgh-New Windsor area, Aaron had hoped that he would eventually be able to return from law school in Michigan to gain experience and begin a career in New York. He was reassured when he was able to secure a coveted summer judicial internship for well-known New York State Supreme Court Justice John K. McGuirk. As he explains, "I had only completed one year of law school when I began with Judge McGuirk, so everything was very new. For me, having the opportunity to get a sense of the legal system, the players in Orange County, was huge. Also, just to be in the same courtroom each week with Judge McGuirk, observing how he handled matters - everything from preliminary conferences to settlement conferences - it took what I was studying on paper and placed it in a real world setting." It also helped him understand the more practical aspects of lawyering - including time constraints and how to succeed in an adversarial setting.

These days he takes on hard negotiations not in the courtroom but on conference calls and at boardroom tables, handling everything from stock purchase agreements to lease negotiations to commercial lending closings. When asked what clients can expect from his representation, his answer is quick and clear: responsiveness and tenacity - responsiveness not only to

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Education

State University of New York,
College at Buffalo, B.S. 2009

Western Michigan University
Cooley Law School, J.D., *cum
laude*, 2012

the client but to those involved in the client's transaction and tenacity throughout the matter to ensure that the client's goals are met as closely as possible. He credits his early exposure to litigation through the internship, mock trial classes, and acting as a student attorney for the Washtenaw County Public Defender's Office in Michigan for honing these skills. He then laughs, adding, "My having to survive in a big family also prepared me well for being an effective attorney -- you become one hell of a negotiator who can deal with many different kinds of people."

Professional Affiliations

Member, Orange County Bar Association

Member, New York Bar Association

Member, Orange County Chamber of Commerce, Young Professionals

Community Activities

Member, Board of Directors, Newburgh Ministry, Inc.

Foster Care Provider, Long Island Bulldog Rescue

Notable

2018 Hudson Valley Parent Magazine Favorite Attorney - Real Estate & Estate Planning

Senior Associate Editor, Thomas M. Cooley Law Review

Associate Editor, Thomas M. Cooley Journal of Practical & Clinical Law

Student Attorney, Washtenaw County Public Defender's Office, Ann Arbor, Michigan, January 2012-August 2012

Judicial Intern, Honorable John K. McGuirk, New York State Supreme Court, Summer 2010

President, Phi Kappa Tau - Epsilon Zeta Chapter