



## Ralph L. Puglielle, Jr.

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### Practice Areas

#### Business & Financial Transactions

- Non-Union Employment & Labor Issues

#### Litigation - State & Federal

- Appeals
- Article 78 Proceedings
- Business & Commercial Litigation
- Construction Litigation
- Creditors' Rights & Collection
- Employment Discrimination
- Insurance Defense
  - General Negligence
  - Hospital & Healthcare Provider Malpractice Claims
  - Labor Law Claims
  - Municipal Liability Claims
  - Police Liability Claims
  - School District Liability Claims
  - Section 1983 Civil Rights Litigation
- Personal Injury
- Real Property & Title Claims

Partner Ralph L. Puglielle, Jr. began his career as a litigator long before he stepped through the doors of Drake Loeb PLLC - it began on the podium of a national moot court competition in law school as he led his team through the competition. Ralph and his team were undefeated through the preliminary rounds, beating teams from law schools like the prestigious Georgetown Law School and George Washington Law School. As he explains, "It was clear to me then that I enjoyed the art of constructing and delivering persuasive arguments and operating in a team environment where we were prepared for anything thrown at us." This experience eventually led Ralph to a career as a litigator. Since then, he has gone on to build a successful practice that centers on representing clients in state and federal litigation primarily in matters involving contract issues, business disputes, creditors' rights and insurance defense.

With a client base that consists mainly of businesses, banks and insurance carriers, Ralph has learned that clients are not only seeking an attorney with legal skills, but also an attorney who has the same goals they have for efficiency and communication. He believes his focus on maintaining positive client relations by being responsive, seeking to move cases forward, and keeping clients informed every step of the way has been a key to his success. In fact, he extends this approach to the courtroom and feels this focus is what sets Drake Loeb PLLC attorneys apart as serious practitioners. According to Ralph, "I feel that we are known by judges as attorneys that approach the courtroom with a deep respect - we strive to be the most prepared, the attorneys ready to answer the judge's questions and meet the deadlines. This aligns with what our clients are looking for."

Ralph, who was born and raised in Newburgh, serves as the President of the Orange County Bar Association and is also committed to the community he serves. In addition to his busy practice, he acts as legal counsel and

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- Trust & Estate Litigation
- Municipal / Local Government
- Justice Court Representation

### Admissions

1999, New York

2001, District of Columbia

2001, U.S. District Court  
Southern and Northern Districts  
of New York

2003, U.S. District Court Eastern  
District of New York

2006, U.S. Court of Appeals,  
Second Circuit

2008, Supreme Court of the  
United States

### Education

State University of New York at  
New Paltz, B.A., *cum laude*, 1994

Albany Law School, J.D., *cum  
laude*, 1998

- Associate Editor, *Albany Law Review* 1997-1998
- Quarterfinalist, Wagner National Labor Law Moot Court Competition
- Octofinalist, Domenick L. Gabrielli Appellate Advocacy Moot Court Competition

President to the Newburgh Chapter of UNICO, the largest Italian-American service organization in the United States. He was also recently appointed District Governor for New York District I by Dr. Peter Pettinato, UNICO National President. Through his work with this Chapter, Ralph is a proud supporter of its charitable endeavors for the community including scholarship awards, donations, and work with area food pantries.

### Professional Affiliations

President, Orange County Bar Association

Legal Counsel and President, Newburgh Chapter of UNICO National  
District Governor, New York District I of UNICO National

Member, Board of Directors, Newburgh Community Improvement Corp.

Affiliated Attorney, Thomas More Law Center

Member, Ulster County Bar Association

Member, Dutchess County Bar Association

Member, New York State Bar Association

Hudson Valley Bankruptcy Bar Association

### Notable

Co-Lecturer, "Collection Law from Start to Finish," National Business Institute, Inc., May 2014

Co-Lecturer, "BOOT CAMP: Foreclosure and Loan Workout Procedures," National Business Institute, Inc. May, 2011

Co-Lecturer, "Collection Law Tips and Strategies," National Business Institute, Inc. July, 2010