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Curriculum Vitae

JOSIE SHEPPARD WILSON is Managing Partner of the Firm's Rochester office and is a member of the Commercial Litigation Practice Group, with a particular practice focus in construction and surety, toxic tort, products liability, premises liability, and personal injury. Her prior experience includes representing companies, municipalities, and individuals in breach of contract disputes and complex commercial litigation.

Ms. Wilson is also very active with the Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorneys (GRAWA), and serves as the President of GRAWA for 2022-2023. Ms. Wilson serves as a Board of Director for the Volunteer Legal Services Project (VLSP) and member of the New York State Bar Association, Monroe County Bar Association (MCBA), and Rochester Black Bar Association (RBBA). She previously served as a Board of Director for RBBA, and Trustee Board Member for the MCBA.

Ms. Wilson graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha with a Bachelor's of Science in Real Estate and Land Use Economics. She earned her Juris Doctorate, *cum laude*, from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. Ms. Wilson is admitted to practice in the State of New York, U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York and U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of New York.

Awards

- Listed in Best Lawyers®: Ones to Watch (2021-2025), a Woodward/White, Inc. business and partners with U.S. News & World Report, in the areas of Commercial Litigation and Litigation - Construction. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found HERE (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court).
- New York State Bar Association Kay Crawford Murray Memorial Award (2024). A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found HERE. (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court)
- Daily Record's Legal Excellence in Law - Top Women in Law Award (2024). A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found HERE. (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court)
- Recipient of *The Rochester Business Journal's* Forty Under 40 Award for 2023. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found HERE. (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court)
- Recipient of *The Daily Record*'s Up & Coming Attorney Award (2015). A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found HERE. (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court)
- Ms. Wilson was the sole recipient in New York State for the 2015 New York State Bar Association President's Young Lawyer Award. (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court)
- Recipient of VLSP's William E. McKnight Award. (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court)
- Ms. Wilson has been consistently named a New York State Bar Association Empire State Counsel Honoree every year since 2013. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found HERE. (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court)

Industries

Construction
Insurance

Practices

Construction
Litigation
Personal Injury Defense
Premises Liability

Product Liability
Toxic Tort

Education

University of Nebraska, Omaha (B.S. 2007)
University of Detroit Mercy Schl. of Law (J.D., cum laude 2010)

Admissions

U.S. District Court, WDNY
U.S. Bankruptcy Court, WDNY
State of New York

Memberships

Greater Rochester Association of Women Attorneys
Monroe County Bar Association
New York State Bar Association
Rochester Black Bar Association
Volunteer Legal Services Project