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### **THE NATIONAL BLACK LAWYERS NAMES SHELDON K. SMITH TO ITS LIST OF TOP 100 LAWYERS IN NEW YORK**

*Smith is the only WNY attorney in the New York Top 100 list*

**Buffalo, New York, August 27, 2020** – Harter Secret & Emery LLP, a full-service business law firm with offices throughout New York, announced that [Sheldon K. Smith](#), a [Litigation](#) partner in the Buffalo office (who also frequently works out of the Corning and New York City offices), was selected for inclusion into The National Black Lawyers Top 100 Lawyers in New York.

The National Black Lawyers is a professional and educational organization comprised of the nation's premier African American attorneys. The selection for this high honor is based on a multi-phase process that includes peer nominations and third-party research. The result is a credible and comprehensive list of the most outstanding African American lawyers in the country.

Membership into the Top 100 Lawyers is by invitation only and is limited to 100 attorneys in each state or region who have demonstrated excellence and have achieved outstanding leadership results in their legal careers. The National Black Lawyers provides essential legal news, information, and continuing education to African American attorneys.

Smith handles complex and often high-profile business disputes, helping clients efficiently resolve contract, valuation, property, and tort matters inside and outside the courtroom. He regularly counsels financial institutions, health care providers, manufacturers, energy companies, real estate developers, and municipalities.

Smith has been recognized in *Chambers USA America's Leading Lawyers in Business* for Commercial Litigation since 2017, in *Buffalo Business First/Buffalo Law Journal's* 2018 Legal Elite of Western New York list, and has been selected to the Upstate New York Super Lawyers® list in the areas

of Health Care and Litigation. He has received awards for his leadership supporting professional diversity initiatives and inner-city communities, and he routinely provides *pro bono* representation for underprivileged litigants. He earned his law degree, *magna cum laude*, from the University at Buffalo Law School.

Harter Secrest & Emery's litigation attorneys represent clients on a wide range of matters including high-stakes commercial disputes, intellectual property litigation, insurance-coverage disputes, employment and ERISA litigation, privacy and data security matters, government investigations, professional liability claims, construction disputes, and securities litigation. Harter Secrest & Emery's litigation practice received a top-tier ranking from *Chambers USA*, and seven of its litigators have been individually recognized by Chambers.

#### **About Harter Secrest & Emery LLP**

Harter Secrest & Emery LLP is a full-service business law firm providing legal services to clients ranging from individuals and family-owned businesses to Fortune 100 companies and major regional institutions. With offices in Buffalo, Rochester, Albany, Corning, and New York City, New York, the firm is a recognized leader in litigation, corporate, employee benefits, environmental and land use, health care, higher education, immigration, intellectual property, labor and employment, real estate, and trusts and estates law. Harter Secrest & Emery has 35 *U.S. News - Best Lawyers* 2020 "Best Law Firms" top tier metropolitan practice group rankings—more Western New York rankings than any other law firm. The firm has been honored by *Chambers USA* for Corporate/M&A, Environment, Labor & Employment, Litigation, Immigration, and Real Estate law and 49 attorneys are recognized as *The Best Lawyers in America*® for 2021. For more information visit [www.hsclaw.com](http://www.hsclaw.com).

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