

# MATTHEW R. BREMNER

As an integral part of the insurance defense team at Harrington, Ocko & Monk, LLP, Matthew Bremner has worked on a broad range of negligence-based claims, including construction site accidents, toxic torts, alleged improper operation and maintenance of equipment and facilities, negligent security, products liability, slip-and-falls, automobile accidents, and other negligence-based claims. Matt is involved with all aspects of litigation from pre-suit investigation through the completion of discovery and pretrial preparation.

Additionally, Matt is involved in complex civil and commercial litigation in the New York state and federal courts in matters concerning insurance coverage disputes and subrogation claims, as well as defending companies in construction defect and property damage cases. Matt is also currently involved in the defense of a building owner named as a defendant in the World Trade Center mass-tort litigation, currently pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Matt graduated from SUNY Albany with his Bachelor's Degree in 2004 and Master's Degree in 2005. He earned his J.D. from Brooklyn Law School in 2011, where he served as an Executive Articles & Research Editor on the Editorial Board of the Brooklyn Law Review. During his studies at Brooklyn Law School, Matt served as a judicial intern for the Honorable Judge Ariel Belen in the Appellate Division, Second Department for the State of New York. Upon graduation, he received the Judge Barry Hurowitz Memorial Award in recognition of overall excellent performance as judicial intern. He was also the recipient of the "CALI Excellence for the Future Award" for academic achievement in the study of personal injury & medical malpractice law. Prior to returning to Harrington, Ocko, and Monk, LLP in the fall of 2011, Matt worked at the firm as a paralegal and summer associate.

## Representative Matters:

- Obtained favorable settlement of \$6,500 on behalf of a university who was sued by a former student for negligent security. The student alleged that while exiting the university's main campus building he was assaulted by a gang of youths sustaining severe injuries and requiring hospitalization.
- Identified fraudulent property damage claims made against our client in a subrogation action alleging that debris from our client's worksite damaged the roof of an adjacent building beyond repair. Upon obtaining conclusive proof that the alleged roof defects were preexisting and caused by improper installation, the plaintiff voluntarily discontinued the action with prejudice.
- Researched case law to successfully raise argument in summary judgment motion that our client, a property owner, was an intended third-party beneficiary of its general contractor's continuing agreement with a plumbing subcontractor. Full contractual indemnification was granted even though our client was not specifically named in the contract.



## CONTACT

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## PRACTICE AREAS

- Construction Accidents / Labor Law Claims
- Premises Liability - Other Negligence Litigation
- Insurance Coverage
- Appeals
- Property Damage

## EDUCATION

- Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, NY
  - » J.D. - 2011
  - » Law Review: Editorial Board, Brooklyn Law Review, Executive Articles & Research Editor
- University at Albany, SUNY, Albany, NY
  - » Master's Degree - 2005
- University at Albany, SUNY, Albany, NY
  - » B.A. - 2004

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York, 2012
- U.S. District Court Southern District of New York, 2013

- Obtained over \$10,000 in unpaid unemployment benefits on behalf of a worker who was wrongfully accused by his employer of stealing machinery from a jobsite. The case was handled Pro Bono and argued at an administrative hearing before the Unemployment Insurance Appeal Board.

#### Published Works

- The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act: The Need for Reform in the Age of Financial Chaos, 76 BROOK. L. REV. 1553, 2011

#### HONORS AND AWARDS

Judge Barry Hurowitz Memorial Award,  
Recognition of Overall Excellent  
Performance, Judicial Intern

Recipient, "CALI Excellence for the Future  
Award," Academic Achievement in the  
Study of Personal Injury & Medical  
Malpractice Law

Rising Stars® selected, Metro New York  
– 2013, 2014, 2015

