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Donell L. Gibson, Jr. is a Partner in the firm's [Corporate](#); [Securities](#); and [Sports, Entertainment & Hospitality](#) Practice Teams, where he assists clients in the areas of business formation and structuring, contract review and negotiation, mergers and acquisitions, fund formations and investments, corporate governance and compliance, and other general corporate matters. Mr. Gibson also assists sports and entertainment companies and other professional sports organizations in corporate matters including reviewing, negotiating, and preparing agreements and other documents in connection with various corporate and financial transactions. Prior to joining the firm as an attorney, Mr. Gibson participated in the firm's 2017 summer associate program.

Before obtaining his J.D., Mr. Gibson gained valuable legal experience through a judicial internship in the United States District Court for the Western District of New York under Honorable William M. Skretny, as well as representing patients of Roswell Park Cancer Institute through the University at Buffalo School of Law's Health Justice Law & Policy Clinic.

Mr. Gibson also held several leadership positions during law school including President of the University at Buffalo School of Law's chapter of the National Black Law Students Association ("NBLSA"), Treasurer of NBLSA's Northeast Region, and Managing Editor of the Buffalo Public Interest Law Journal.

Mr. Gibson currently serves as a member of the firm's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Minority Bar Association of Western New York Foundation, Inc.

### EDUCATION

- University at Buffalo School of Law, J.D., 2018
- Daemen College, B.S., 2013

### HONORS & AWARDS

### CAPABILITIES

#### Corporate

- Franchising and Licensing
- Independent Sponsor
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Private Equity
- Securities

#### Sports, Entertainment & Hospitality

- *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch*®, 2024-2026
- Lawyers of Color Hot List, Honoree, 2022
- *Upstate New York Super Lawyers*®, Rising Star, 2021-2025
- UB Law Alumni Association GOLD Group Award, 2018
- Minority Bar Foundation of Western New York, Inc. Award, 2018
- David Kochery Award, 2018
- John L. Hargrave Scholarship Award, 2017
- Monique E. Emdin Award, 2017
- Changemakers 30 Under 30 Award, 2017
- Christopher A. & Diane L. Wightman Scholar, 2015

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- Minority Bar Association of Western New York, Board of Directors, Deputy Treasurer, 2020-2021
- King Center Charter School, Board of Directors, 2018-2021
- UB Law Alumni Association, GOLD Group, Board of Directors, 2018-2019
- Minority Bar Association of Western New York Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- University at Buffalo School of Law, Black Law Students Association (BLSA) Panel, February 19, 2025
- Thurgood Marshall Pre-Law Society, Spring Law Conference, Keynote Speaker/Panelist, SUNY Binghamton, March 23, 2024

## **ADMITTED TO PRACTICE**

- New York