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Mr. Hughes is the Co-Team Leader of the firm's [Securities Practice Team](#) and a member of the firm's [Corporate Practice Team](#) where he assists clients with all aspects of the life-cycle of their business, from formation and restructuring through dissolution; contract drafting and negotiating; corporate governance and compliance; navigating complex regulatory regimes; and other general corporate matters. He works with several private equity clients as a member of the firm's [Private Equity Practice Team](#), which typically involves mergers and acquisitions, fund formations and investments, and various private equity transactions. Additionally, he is a member of the firm's [Asset Receivable Management & Consumer Financial Services Practice Team](#).

Mr. Hughes is a veteran of the United States Air Force where he served as an intelligence analyst during Operation Iraqi Freedom. During his service, he received an A.A. in Arabic Language Studies.

Before obtaining his J.D., Mr. Hughes gained considerable legal experience through a judicial internship in the New York City Criminal Court under Honorable Matthew Sciarrino, as well as conducting research as a student fellow at the Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights & Economic Justice. He also worked under an internship program in the legal office of NATO Supreme HQ Allied Powers Europe in Mons, Belgium, expanding his knowledge in international legal affairs. Upon his return, he served as Vice President of the Armed Forces Law Society at St. John's University.

Mr. Hughes maintains his commitment to service and his community and spends time assisting veterans in need through his work with various non-profit agencies. Mr. Hughes also serves as President of the Board of Directors at West Side Community Services, a vibrant community center on the West Side of Buffalo where Mr. Hughes and his family reside.

CAPABILITIES

Corporate

- Asset Receivable Management
- Independent Sponsor
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Private Equity
- Securities

Consumer Financial Services

EDUCATION

- St. John's University School of Law, J.D., 2013
- University at Buffalo, B.S., *cum laude*, 2009
- Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, A.A., Arabic Language Studies, 2005

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- New York State Bar Association
- Bar Association of Erie County

HONORS & AWARDS

- *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch*©, 2023-2024
- *Upstate New York Super Lawyers*®, 2025
 - Rising Star, 2021-2024
- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*, Corporate/M&A

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- West Side Community Services, Board of Directors, President

LANGUAGES

- Arabic

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- New York
- U.S. District Court, Western District of New York