



## Scott J. Laird Of Counsel

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Scott is an experienced litigator, advising clients on complex matters, including claims involving:

- Construction accidents under the New York State Labor Law
- Property damage
- Premises liability
- Product liability
- Business and commercial disputes

Scott regularly advises owners and general contractors on construction in general and related property development matters. He also has experience in drafting and negotiating joint venture agreements and construction contracts.

During law school, Scott served as an associate notes editor on the *Syracuse Law Review* and as an

### **PRACTICE AREAS**

Business & Commercial Litigation  
Construction  
Insurance Services  
Product Liability & Torts  
Real Estate  
Transportation & Logistics

### **COURT ADMISSIONS**

New York  
US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit  
USDC: Eastern District of New York  
USDC: Northern District of New York  
USDC: Southern District of New York

### **EDUCATION**

JD, Syracuse University College of Law, *cum laude*, 2010  
BA, Hofstra University, 2007

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Member, Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)

associate articles editor on *Impunity Watch*, an interactive website that provides reporting on human rights and impunity issues worldwide.

## **Representative Matters**

- Successfully defended a New York City-based scaffolding company against a personal injury claim filed by a plaintiff who underwent several surgeries after falling backwards on a pipe scaffold when her lanyard became caught on a handrail at the Jacob Javits Center.
- Provided legal counsel to a large-scale international window manufacturer based in Greece, with offices in New York City, on matters involving construction accidents under the New York State Labor Law, employment issues, and contractual issues, including breach of contract, indemnification agreements, and joint-venture agreements.
- Defended the manufacturer of a dental device (an anterior growth guided appliance) in a products liability/dental malpractice case in the Southern District of New York.
- Represented a shareholder in an action over the control of several New York City-based companies, which owned and operated a \$300M+ real estate portfolio, along with a wholesale beverage distribution company that earned \$50M+ annually, and a well-known New York City restaurant.
- Successfully litigated a matter on behalf of a commercial property owner in New York City against a condominium board. At issue was the property owner's lease agreement that it had entered into with Denny's. The condominium board sought, among other things, to invalidate the lease and prevent the Denny's from operating entirely. As a result of this litigation, the first Denny's opened in New York City in the summer of 2014.
- Defended several corporate entities in an ownership dispute over an \$85M+ large-scale real estate investment project located in Apex, North Carolina.
- Defended transportation-related third-party automobile claims on behalf of various corporate entities.
- Defended matters involving the non-payment of goods shipped by railway and other commercial transportation means.

## Events

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### **Ropers Majeski Supported the Boys & Girls Club of Greenwich Youth of the Year Program**

April 23, 2026

The event highlighted exceptional young leaders who have shown leadership, dedication, and a strong commitment to their communities

### **Ropers Majeski Sponsored the 14+ Foundation Annual Cocktail Benefit**

November 14, 2025

Attorneys Joshua S. Bendetowies, Scott J. Laird, Krystina Maola, Jonathan P. Sellers, and Mark T. Vessio attended this inspiring event

### **Scott J. Laird, Mandy L. Weiner, and Summer Associate Julia Del Borrello Attended CLM's Long Island Chapter Educational Event**

July 10, 2025

As a proud member of CLM, Ropers was pleased to participate in this program

### **Ropers Majeski Was a Proud Sponsor of the Columbian Lawyers Association CLE, Cocktail Reception, & Dinner**

February 07, 2025

Ropers Of Counsel and CLA board member Mark T. Vessio attended, along with Ropers attorneys Christopher J. Gioia and Scott J. Laird

### **Christopher J. Gioia, Scott J. Laird, and Ropers Majeski Were Proud to Sponsor the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation 2024 C3 Gala**

November 15, 2024

The event supported the DRIF's mission by hosting hundreds of business leaders, celebrities, scientists, clinicians, families, and friends committed to research for a cure

### **Jason L. Beckerman and Ropers Majeski Were Proud to Sponsor the 14+ Foundation 9th Annual Cocktail Benefit**

November 09, 2023

Jason L. Beckerman and several other Ropers Majeski attorneys attended the benefit