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**PRACTICE AREAS:**

[Commercial Litigation](#)

**STATE ADMISSIONS:**

New York

**COURT ADMISSIONS:**

U.S. District Court for the  
Northern District of New York

U.S. District Court for the Western  
District of New York

U.S. District Court for the Eastern  
District of New York

U.S. District Court for the  
Southern Districts of New York

**EDUCATION:**

J.D., Hofstra University, Maurice A.  
Deane School of Law, 2017; Moot  
Court Board

B.A., Howard University, 2011

# Samantha McDowall

## ASSOCIATE

Samantha McDowall focuses her practice on a wide variety of commercial litigation matters in federal and state courts.

Before joining Eckert Seamans, Samantha served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Pam B. Jackman Brown and the Honorable Joseph Risi of the Supreme Court of New York, Queens County, where she focused on commercial and general litigation matters.

While in law school, Samantha was a member of the Moot Court Executive Board, President of the Black Law Students Association, and Treasurer of the National Black Law Students Association. During her tenure in law school, she was a judicial extern for the Honorable Leonard B. Austin of the Supreme Court of New York, Appellate Division—Second Department, and a summer law clerk in the United States Department of Commerce.

Before law school, Samantha was part of the property and casualty insurance industry.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- New York State Bar Association
- New York City Bar Association
- Association of Black Women Attorneys

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- When We All Vote, Legal Fellow, 2020
- Children of Promise NYC, Reading and Writing Tutor, 2019
- National Black Law Students Association, Treasurer, 2016

## NEWS AND INSIGHTS

### PUBLICATIONS

- “The Capital Defendant Rights Act: Legislative Solutions Limiting Disparate Impact in Capital Punishment,” New York State Bar Association, Pathway to the Profession Newsletter, Issue 7, Spring 2017.

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Thurgood Marshall Summer Law Internship Program Resume

Writing Workshop, New York, NY, May 2021.