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## Rebecca Sklar

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After focusing on tax certiorari and condemnation litigation for the first nine years of her career, Rebecca Sklar joined Certilman Balin's Litigation Department in June 2022 where she currently represents clients in a broad spectrum of commercial, real estate, and general litigation matters. She handles and assists in all stages of litigation, including performing legal research and drafting pleadings, engaging in motion practice, discovery, and negotiations, second-seating trials and arbitrations, and preparing appellate briefs and oral arguments. Ms. Sklar has significant experience working closely with expert witnesses, preparing them for and questioning them at trial, and ensuring that their expert reports comply with the Uniform Rules for the New York State Trial Courts. She is based in the firm's Hauppauge office.

Ms. Sklar represents major real estate developers on Long Island and in upstate New York. She has assisted in numerous tax review proceedings that have resulted in reductions in the assessments of income-producing commercial properties, including regional malls, retail shopping centers, and apartment buildings. Ms. Sklar has navigated complex legal issues at trial, such as the impact of environmental contamination on a property's market value. She also represents both claimants and condemning authorities in Eminent Domain proceedings.

Ms. Sklar earned her Juris Doctor, cum laude, from Hofstra University School of Law in 2013. During her tenure at Hofstra, she was elected Managing Editor of Articles of Volume 41 of the Hofstra Law Review, after serving as a Staff Member of Volume 40. Her student Note, Executing Equity: The Broad Judicial Discretion to Stay the Execution of Death Sentences, was published in Volume 40.3 of the Hofstra Law Review. Since graduating, Rebecca has volunteered as a mock Appellate Division Judge for a 1L Appellate Advocacy class.

In 2020, Ms. Sklar was certified as a speaker for the "We Educate" program of 3GNY (Third Generation New York), a non-profit organization founded by grandchildren of Holocaust survivors. As a speaker, she is assigned to classrooms to share her grandfather's survival story.

In June 2021, Ms. Sklar was recognized as one of Hofstra Law's 2021 Outstanding Women in the Law.

Also in June 2021, Ms. Sklar presented on a panel during the Suffolk Academy of Law's Annual Condemnation and Tax Certiorari CLE Program, Attorneys, Appraisers, Condemnation & Tax Certiorari

Ms. Sklar has been named to the Super Lawyers New York Metro Rising Stars and Women's Edition Lists every year since 2017.

She is admitted to practice in the State of New York, as well as the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York. She is a member of the Nassau and Suffolk County Bar Associations and serves on the Commercial Division Committee of the Suffolk County Bar Association.