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The Equinox Resort and Spa  
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### TOTAL CLE CREDITS:

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Thursday, July 12

- 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Officers' Meeting**
- 12:00 p.m. **Registration and Exhibits**
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Executive Committee Meeting**
- 4:00 p.m. Kids' Camp registration and release form submissions for children participating in kids' camp. All children and a parent must be present for registration.
- 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. **Kids' Dinner and Activities** – Shuttle will leave from front of hotel.
- 6:15 p.m. Buses will leave for the reception at Hildene – they will do a continuous loop.
- 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. **Cocktail Reception** – Hildene  
Substantial hors d'oeuvres will be served, along with coffee and dessert.
- 8:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. **Hospitality with Live Music**  
Join us on the deck of the Dormy Grill overlooking the 18th hole, for an after-dinner gathering with drinks, desserts and music.

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Friday, July 13

- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Committee Breakfast Meetings**
- 7:30 a.m. **Registration and Exhibits**
- 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. **Breakfast with the Exhibitors**  
Everyone, including spouses and guests, is invited.
- 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Kids' Camp** – Shuttle will leave from front of hotel.
- 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. **GENERAL SESSION**
- 8:30 – 8:45 a.m. **Welcome Remarks: Overview of Events**  
Eric A. Tepper, Section Chair
- NYSBA Welcome Program Introduction**  
Peter R. Stambleck, Program Co-Chair
- 8:45 – 11:30 a.m. **The Trial of a Matrimonial Action: Strategies, Techniques and Examinations**  
(3.0 credits in skills)
- Speaker: Stephen Gassman, Gassman Baiamonte Gruner, P.C., Garden City
- 6:00 p.m. Buses will leave for the reception at Southern Vermont Arts Center – they will do a continuous loop.
- 6:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. **Cocktail Reception** – Southern Vermont Arts Center  
**Dinner on your own**
- 8:30 – 11:00 p.m. **Hospitality with Live Music**  
Join us on the deck of the Dormy Grill overlooking the 18th hole, for an after-dinner gathering with drinks, desserts and music.

### ACTIVITIES-Friday, July 13

Additional information on p. 6.  
Registration required.

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Glass Blowing Class

12:30 p.m. Golf Tournament

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Guided Hike

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Falconry

## Saturday, July 14

- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Committee Breakfast Meetings**
- 7:30 a.m. **Registration and Exhibits**
- 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. **Breakfast with the Exhibitors**  
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- 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Kids' Camp** – Shuttle will leave from front of hotel.
- 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **GENERAL SESSION**
- 9:00 – 9:15 a.m. **Welcome Remarks: Overview of Events**  
Eric A. Tepper, Section Chair
- Program Introduction**  
Rosalia Baiamonte, Program Co-Chair
- 9:15 – 10:05 a.m. **Interactive Evidence** (1.0 credit in skills)
- Moderator: Stephen Gassman, Gassman Baiamonte Gruner, P.C., Garden City
- Panelists: Hon. Jeffrey S. Sunshine, Supreme Court Kings County, Brooklyn  
Hon. Christine M. Clark, Appellate Division, Third Department, Schenectady
- 10:05 – 10:55 a.m. **Breaking Through Implicit Biases** (1.0 credit in diversity, inclusion and elimination of bias)
- Speakers: Marsha Haygood, StepWise Associates, LLC, Yonkers  
Hon. Andrew A. Crecca, New York Supreme Court, Central Islip
- 10:55 – 11:10 a.m. **Refreshment Break**
- 11:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Matrimonial Case Updates: The Year in Review** (1.0 credit in skills)
- Speaker: Bruce J. Wagner, McNamee Lochner PC, Albany
- 6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. **Cocktail Reception at the Equinox Resort**
- 7:15 p.m. **Lobster Bake at the Equinox Resort**
- 8:00 – 11:00 p.m. **Festivities continue with Live music by the Lustre Kings**

### ACTIVITIES-Saturday, July 14

Additional information on p. 6.  
Registration required.

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Glass Blowing Class

1:00 p.m. Golf (Reserve your own  
tee times by calling the pro-shop  
at 802-362-7870)

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Fly Fishing Class

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Land Rover School

# BIOGRAPHIES

## **Eric A. Tepper, Family Law Section Chair**

Eric A. Tepper is a partner in the law firm of Gordon, Tepper & DeCoursey, LLP, located in Glensville, NY. He practices matrimonial and family law throughout the Capital District, Saratoga Region and New York State. He's a graduate of Hamilton College and George Washington University Law School. Mr. Tepper is currently Chair of the New York State Bar Association Family Law Section. He serves on the Unified Court System's Matrimonial Practice Advisory and Rules Committee chaired by the Hon. Jeffrey A. Sunshine and was part of the working group which helped to formulate the current maintenance guidelines. He's a member of the Saratoga County Bar Association, Capital District Women's Bar Association, and is Chair of the matrimonial committee for the Schenectady County Bar Association. Among his many speaking engagements, Mr. Tepper has lectured extensively for NYSBA CLE programs throughout New York State. He's also lectured on matrimonial law at Judicial Education Seminars ("judge school") on numerous occasions. He's lectured on divorce and family law for the Appellate Division, Third Department, the Association of Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, the New York State Council on Divorce Mediation, the Nassau County Bar Association, the Suffolk Academy of Law and for various other organizations. He's been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America as well as New York Super Lawyers every year for more than a decade. Mr. Tepper was named the Family Law "Lawyer of the Year" in the Albany area by Best Lawyers in both 2017 and 2013. AVVO previously selected him as one of the top 10 divorce lawyers in New York State.

## **Rosalia Baiamonte, Program Co-Chair**

Ms. Baiamonte was admitted to the Bar in January, 1994. Since her admission, she has been engaged exclusively in the practice of matrimonial and family law. Ms. Baiamonte is a graduate of Brandeis University and Syracuse University College of Law. In March, 1996, Ms. Baiamonte became an associate of Stephen Gassman, Esq., a renowned leader in the field of matrimonial and family law, and she was named a member of his firm on August 1, 2007. Ms. Baiamonte is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers; she has served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Nassau County Bar Association, as well as a Chair of the Association's prestigious Judiciary Committee and Matrimonial Law Committee. She has served as an Arbitrator in the Early Neutral Evaluation Program and a Discovery Referee in Nassau County Supreme Court; she has served as a Receiver in Nassau County's Supreme and Surrogate's Courts; and as a Part 137 Fee Arbitrator for the 10th Judicial District. She is a frequent lecturer on various matrimonial and family law topics for State and local bar groups and is a guest lecturer at various law schools.

## **Peter R. Stambleck, Program Co-Chair**

Peter is a partner with Aronson Mayefsky & Sloan, LLP in New York. His practice is focused on providing counsel in a wide range of matrimonial and family law matters including divorce, child custody and access, spousal and child support, paternity, prenuptial, postnuptial and separation agreements. Prior to joining the Firm, Peter worked as a Certified Public Accountant at Pricewaterhouse Coopers. His background in finance and accounting provides him with a skill set and perspective unique in the practice of family law. Peter is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and a member of the Family Law Section of the American Bar Association. Peter earned his B.S. in finance and accounting from Indiana University and his Juris Doctor from Brooklyn Law School. He is admitted to the New York and Connecticut State Bars.

## **Hon. Christine M. Clark, Speaker**

Judge Clark attended Columbia University and Albany Law School. She began her career in public service in the Schenectady County District Attorney's Office, first as the DWI prosecutor and then in the general felony bureau. She became the sex crimes/child abuse prosecutor and was then promoted to become the first Bureau Chief of the Special Victims Unit. In that role, she helped establish Schenectady County's Child Advocacy Center. In 2004, Schenectady's then mayor appointed her to the position of Schenectady City Court Judge, and she then won election to that position for a full ten-year term. In November 2010, Judge Clark was elected as Schenectady County Family Court Judge. In November 2012, she was elected to the Supreme Court for the Fourth Judicial District of New York. Judge Clark was the second woman ever elected as a Supreme Court Justice in that district, and the first Democrat to win election without a second party line. In April 2014, Governor Andrew Cuomo appointed Judge Clark to the Appellate Division, Third Department. She has two daughters, ages 15 and 11.

## **Hon. Andrew A. Crecca, Speaker**

Andrew A. Crecca is the Supervising Judge of the Matrimonial Parts in the Tenth Judicial District, Suffolk County, New York. In addition to his duties as Supervising Judge, he is the presiding Justice of Suffolk County's Integrated Domestic Violence Court, and has served in that position since January of 2007. He was first elected to the bench in 2004 as a County Court Judge and presided over felony criminal cases in a dedicated trial part. In January of 2007 he was appointed an Acting Justice of the Supreme Court. In 2010 he was elected Justice of the New York State Supreme Court for the 10th Judicial District.



## Stephen Gassman, Speaker

Senior partner in the firm of Gassman Baiamonte Gruner, PC, Garden City, N.Y. which limits its practice to matrimonial and family law. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and New York Law School. Mr. Gassman is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers; has served as President of the Bar Association of Nassau County, New York and Chair of the Family Law Section of the New York State Bar Association. He is a member of the statewide Matrimonial Practice and Rules Committee of the Unified Court System of the State of New York. He has also served as Chair of the Matrimonial & Family Law Committee of the Nassau County Bar Association, as President of the Nassau County Bar Association, and as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Touro Law School, teaching Advanced Family Law. Mr. Gassman has also served as a member of the Judicial Hearing Officer Screening Committee for the Second Judicial Department, a member of the Advisory Board of the Safe Center, and a member of the Law Guardian Advisory Committee for the Tenth Judicial District.

## Marsha Haygood, Speaker

Author, Talent Development Expert and Empowerment Coach are a few of the many hats that President of StepWise Associates, Marsha Haygood, wears. Former corporate executive and active contributing editor to national publications, Marsha has a rich multicultural understanding of individuals and organizations that she incorporates in her coaching and presentations. With a Bachelors of Arts degree from Lehman College in New York and a Training and Development Certification from New York University, Marsha ensures that her entire life and mission is dedicated to the success of others.

## Hon. Jeffrey S. Sunshine, Speaker

Supervising Judge for Matrimonial Matters, Supreme Court, Kings County having been appointed in March of 2007. He is the first jurist ever appointed to that position in Kings County. In June 2014, he was named by the Chief Administrative Judge, Hon. A. Gail Prudenti, as Chair of the newly formed Chief Administrative Judge's Matrimonial Practice Advisory and Rules Committee. He sat in the matrimonial part in Richmond County Supreme Court from January 2001 – February 2003 (where he eliminated a multi- year back log in the matrimonial parts) and has sat in Kings County Supreme Court since February 2003. Prior to sitting in Supreme Court, Judge Sunshine sat in Kings County Family Court term in a hybrid custody/child protective part. Previously [October 2013 to May 2014], he served as Co-Chair of the OCA Matrimonial Practice Advisory Committee.

## Bruce J. Wagner, Speaker

Chair of the Family Law Practice Group at McNamee Lochner P.C., Albany, NY, and is a principal and shareholder in that law firm. His primary areas of practice are matrimonial law and appeals. He is a 1982 graduate of Cornell University and a 1985 graduate of Albany Law School of Union University. In September 2002, he was appointed as a Town Justice in the Town of Schodack (pronounced sko'-dak), Rensselaer County, was elected in November 2002, and re-elected in 2006, 2010 and 2014. He is designated on a regular basis by the Administrative Judge of the Third Judicial District to serve as an Acting City Court Judge in the Criminal and Civil Parts of the District's City Courts. Mr. Wagner is immediate Past President of the Rensselaer County Magistrates' Association, having also served a prior two year term as President in 2010-2011, and is a member of the New York State Magistrates' Association. In October 2016, he was selected by his peers as a Diplomat of the American College of Family Trial Lawyers, a select group of 100 of the top family law trial lawyers from across the United States. He is listed in all editions 1999 through 2018 of The Best Lawyers in America (Woodward-White) and has a peer rating of AV® Preeminent™ in Martindale-Hubbell. Based on peer voting, Mr. Wagner was named to all editions 2007 through 2017 New York Super Lawyers - Upstate, and has placed in the top 25 in the Hudson Valley for 10 of the last 11 years, including 2017.

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### Discounts and Scholarships

New York State Bar Association members and non-members may receive financial aid to attend this program. Under this policy, anyone who required financial aid may apply in writing, not later than ten working days prior to the start of the program, explaining the basis of the hardship, and if approved, can receive a discount or scholarship, depending on the circumstances. For more details, please contact: Adriana Favreau at [afavreau@nysba.org](mailto:afavreau@nysba.org)

### Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities

NYSBA welcomes participation by individuals with disabilities. NYSBA is committed to complying with all applicable laws that prohibit discrimination against individuals on the basis of disability in the full and equal enjoyment of its goods, services, programs, activities, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations. To request auxiliary aids or services or if you have any questions regarding accessibility, please contact Adriana Favreau at 518-487-5669 or [afavreau@nysba.org](mailto:afavreau@nysba.org).

## ACTIVITIES

### Glass Blowing at Manchester Hot Glass

Make your own blown glass, bowl, or vase! You will be able to pick glass colors, handle molten glass, then blow and shape it to make your own, one-of-a-kind pint glass, or perhaps a wavy bowl or a flower vase.

### Orvis Fly Fishing School

Pick up a fly rod, and our instructors will show you how to best set up, select your fly, tie knots and more on our fully stocked casting ponds and the Battenkill River.

### Land Rover Driving Experience

Learn the technique of off-road driving in all conditions through the beautiful Green Mountains. Participants go through several challenges on different types of terrain based on their skill level

### Green Mountain Falconry School

Take advantage of the rare opportunity to handle a trained hawk and learn about the art of falconry from master falconer Rob White. Individuals must be 12 years of age or older to handle birds.

### Guided Hike

Explore the trails of scenic Mt. Equinox within walking distance from the resort. The famous Appalachian and Long Trails are also just four miles away. Nearby Merck Forest offers 2,900 acres of woodlands, meadows, ponds, and streams.

### Golf Tournament

Prizes will be awarded to the three teams with the lowest scores without regard to handicap. We will mix up teams so everyone has an equal chance at winning. Each golfer will receive a package that will include two mulligans, one tee shot off the fairway and one throw. There will be one hole in which from drive through putting, golfers will only be able to use their 7 iron. Four drives will have to be used by each golfer and if a threesome five drives from each golfer. After each shot (except when ball is on the green) the best one SHALL be used and the person whose ball is used does not get to hit (as that person will step aside). Everyone putts. Prizes will also be awarded to male and female longest drive, male and female closest to the pin and to a male and female golfer who distinguishes himself or herself on the golf course (nominees to be made directly to the golf chair). If you would like to play with someone, please send your request as soon as possible to the golf chair at fjs@srkfamilylaw.com. We will do our best to accommodate you. But remember, this is a great opportunity to get to spend time with someone you do not know. Full rules for the tournament will be distributed at the commencement of play.

### KIDS' DAY CAMP Ages 3 to 11

Kids camp organized by Pam Malone, a professional child care provider for over 2 decades! Pam has an incredible fun play center at her home 1 mile from the hotel. She offers a variety of fantastic field games, crafts, popular offering: Bounce house, water fun/ water balloons, bikes for all ages, face paint, Legos, etc. Shuttle will leave/return at the front of the hotel.

#### KIDS' DAY CAMP SCHEDULE

##### Thursday, July 12, 2018

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Kids' Dinner and Activities

##### Friday, July 13, 2018

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Day Camp

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Kids' Dinner and Movie Night

##### Saturday, July 14, 2018

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Day Camp

## CANCELLATION POLICY:

Contact Adriana Favreau at [afavreau@nysba.org](mailto:afavreau@nysba.org) to cancel your hotel reservation and meeting registration.

- Notices received prior to June 1, 2018: receive a full refund for both the hotel and the registration fees.
- Notices received as of June 2 but prior to June 25, 2018: receive a 50% refund of registration fees and 100% of Hotel fees.
- As of June 26, 2018: Registration fees will not be refunded and one hotel night plus taxes will be charged.

### HOTEL GUEST ROOM DESCRIPTIONS:

Standard rooms: located in the same building as the meetings.

Townhouses are not connected to the main hotel, they are a short outdoor walk to the meeting space.

Townhouse Superior: Queen bed, bathroom with tub and a limited view.

Townhouse Deluxe: King bed, bathroom with tub, double vanity sink with back patio that faces the mountains.

Townhouse Suite: King bedroom, Pullout couch, dining area with small kitchen and back deck that faces the mountains.

**Family Law Section Summer Meeting – Registration Form**  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Firm: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration and Hotel Accommodations must be completed together.**

**REGISTRATION FEES**

Registration fee includes Thursday’s reception and hospitality, Friday’s MCLE program, Cocktail Reception and hospitality, Saturday’s MCLE program, cocktail reception, dinner and favors.

**Attorney Registration Fees**

- \$775 FLS Member
- \$900 NYSBA Member
- \$1,200 Non-NYSBA Member
- \$450 NYSBA Member admitted 7 years of less
- \$250 Commuter – MCLE Program only
- I am a Not-For-Profit Attorney.** 50% discount will be applied to attorney registration fee selected above.

**Spouse/Guest Registration** Registration fee includes all of the above excluding the MCLE Program.

\$575 Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Children Registration Ages 12 to 18** Registration fee includes all of the above excluding the MCLE Program.

\$250 Name(s) and Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name(s) and Age \_\_\_\_\_

**Kids Camp Ages 3 to 11** Registration fee includes Thursday’s kid’s dinner, Friday day camp and kids’ movie night with dinner; Saturday’s day camp and dinner at the Equinox with the rest of the group.

\$325 Name and Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name and Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name and Age \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary needs/restrictions of any of the registrants (provide name):  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTIVITIES** See p. 6 for details. Prices are per person

**Friday, July 13**

- \_\_\_ (No. of ppl) \$100 Glass Blowing 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- \_\_\_ (No. of ppl) \$30 Guided Hike 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- \_\_\_ (No. of ppl) \$145 Falconry 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- \_\_\_ (No. playing) \$180 Golf Tournament 12:30 p.m.  
 Golf player’s name and handicap: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Golf player’s name and handicap: \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, July 14**

- \_\_\_ (No. of ppl) \$100 Glass Blowing 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- \_\_\_ (No. of ppl) \$105 Fly Fishing 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- \_\_\_ (No. of ppl) \$180 Land Rover School 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

See p. 6 for guestroom descriptions. Hotel reservations are not guaranteed until you have received your confirmation via email from the Equinox Resort. All hotel rates are subject to Taxes and Service charges.

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

- \$289 Standard Room
  - One Bed  Two Beds
- \$229 Townhouse Superior Room (LIMITED availability)
- \$269 Townhouse Deluxe Room (LIMITED availability)
- \$380 Townhouse Suite (LIMITED availability)

**Credit Card must be provided for Hotel Accommodations.**

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

See p. 6 for cancellation policy.

- Check or Money order enclosed. (Make checks payable to New York State Bar Association)
- Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to:
  - American Express  Discover  MasterCard  Visa
- Card number \_\_\_\_\_
- Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Authorized Signature

**Fax or mail this form with fee(s) to:  
 Adriana Favreau, Section Liaison**

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