

FRANCES M. PANTALEO, ESQ.

Frances M. Pantaleo is a partner at Bleakley Platt & Schmidt LLP, and the head of its Elder Law and Special Needs Planning groups. She handles a broad range of matters with a particular emphasis in the areas of elder law, estate planning, drafting wills and trusts, probate and administration of estates, guardianship proceedings under Article 81 of the Mental Hygiene Law and Article 17A of the Surrogate's Court Procedure Act, and drafting and administration of supplemental needs trusts.

Ms. Pantaleo is a Past-Chair of the Elder Law and Special Needs Section of the New York State Bar Association and a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. She has previously served as Chair of the Elder Law Committees of the Westchester Women's Bar Association and the Westchester County Bar Association. Ms. Pantaleo has received an AV rating from the Martindale-Hubbell peer review, the highest rating available, for her legal skills and ethical standards.

Ms. Pantaleo received her J.D. from New York University Law School in 1979 and is a *summa cum laude* graduate of Brooklyn College, CUNY. Ms. Pantaleo has been recognized as both a "Best Lawyer" and a "Super Lawyer" in the area of Elder Law. In 2007, Ms. Pantaleo received a Partner in Justice Award in recognition of her outstanding pro bono assistance to Legal Services of the Hudson Valley. Ms. Pantaleo has served on the Board of the Hudson Valley/Rockland/Westchester Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. She is a frequent lecturer on elder law and special needs planning for professional education programs for attorneys and financial professionals and to community organizations such as The Alzheimer's Association, AARP, UJA-Federation, The Pace Women's Justice Center, Westchester ARC and Senior Law Day programs offered by Westchester County Department of Senior Services and programs.

Eric W. Penzer

Eric Penzer is a partner concentrating in trust and estate litigation. His practice includes contested probate proceedings, fiduciary accounting proceedings, discovery proceedings, and other litigation related to estates and trusts. He is a frequent contributor to Farrell Fritz's New York Trusts & Estates Litigation blog.

Mr. Penzer is a frequent author of articles on trust and estate litigation practice and lectures extensively on the subject. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Trusts and Estates Law Section of the New York State Bar Association, a Chairperson of its Practice and Ethics Committee, and a former Chairperson of its Litigation Committee. Mr. Penzer is a member of the New York City Bar Association's Trusts, Estates, and Surrogate's Court Committee, and the Nassau County Bar Association's Surrogate's Court Estates & Trusts Committee.

Mr. Penzer is a Fellow of the American College of Trusts & Estates Counsel (ACTEC). He has an AV Preeminent Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating. In 2016 & 2017, he was selected to *The Best Lawyers in America* (Litigation - Trusts & Estates). Mr. Penzer was selected for inclusion on the 2014 and 2015 *Super Lawyers New York - Metro Edition* list (Estate & Trust Litigation), having previously been included on the 2011 Super Lawyers Rising Stars list. In 2009, he was the recipient of *Long Island Business News*' "40 Under 40" award, honoring professionals for their business leadership and community involvement.

He is a Vice President and member of the Board of Directors of The Safe Center LI, located in Bethpage, a non-profit agency serving the victims of domestic abuse and child abuse. In 2015, Mr. Penzer received the Nassau County Bar Association's Access to Justice Award for his pro bono work.

Mr. Penzer is a former intern to the Honorable Arthur D. Spatt, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. He received his Juris Doctor in 1996 from Fordham University School of Law, where he was an Associate Editor of the Fordham Intellectual Property, Media & Entertainment Law Journal. In 1993, he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Mr. Penzer is admitted to practice in the State of New York, in the United States District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York, and in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Mary F. Radford

Professor Mary F. Radford is the Marjorie Fine Knowles Professor of Law at the Georgia State University College of Law in Atlanta, Georgia. Her teaching areas include Wills, Trusts & Estates and Elder Law. Professor Radford is an Academic Fellow of the American College of Trust & Estate Counsel (ACTEC) and, in 2011-12, she served as that organization's President. Professor Radford served as the Reporter and principal drafter for the State Bar of Georgia committees that drafted the 1998 Revised Georgia Probate Code, the 2005 Revised Georgia Guardianship and Conservatorship Code, and the 2010 Revised Georgia Trust Code. Professor Radford is the author of *Redfearn: Wills & Administration in Georgia* (Thomson Reuters, 2016-17); *Trusts & Trustees in Georgia* (Thomson Reuters, 2016-17 ed.); and *Georgia Guardianship and Conservatorship* (Thomson Reuters, 2016-17 ed.), as well as numerous law review articles and other scholarly publications.

JAMES B. STEWART

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Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and bestselling author James B. Stewart combines the skills of an investigative reporter with the style and sensibility of a novelist, examining events in finance, law, and politics that shape American society. *The San Francisco Examiner* called him "the journalist every journalist would like to be," and *The Daily Beast* named him one of the 15 "most important writers on business and economics."

Stewart's *New York Times* column, "**Common Sense**," appears weekly in the Business Day section. He provides skillful coverage of corporate America and Wall Street, often exploring the use and abuse of power at the highest levels of business and government. A former *Wall Street Journal* reporter and front-page editor, Stewart received two Gerald Loeb Awards, the George Polk

Award for financial reporting, and a Pulitzer Prize with his deputy editor during his time at the paper.

As a regular contributor to *The New Yorker*, Stewart has written penetrating profiles of Blackstone Group's Stephen Schwarzman and Jérôme Kerviel, the rogue trader who lost billions of euros for Société Générale. His acclaimed cover story, "Eight Days: The Battle to Save the American Financial System," captured behind-the-scenes dealings that prompted unprecedented government intervention following the collapse of Lehman Brothers.

The author of 11 books, Stewart's *New York Times* bestseller, *DisneyWar*, about Michael Eisner's reign at the company, won the Gerald Loeb Award for Best Business Book. *Heart of a Soldier* was named the "Best Book about 9/11" by *TIME* magazine. His other bestsellers include *Blood Sport* and *Den of Thieves*, the definitive account of 1980s Wall Street insider trading scandals.

Stewart's latest book, *Tangled Webs: How False Statements are Undermining America: From Martha Stewart to Bernie Madoff*, analyzes America's perjury trend, which he suggests is symptomatic of an ethical breakdown compromising the country's judicial system as well as business, government, academia and medicine.

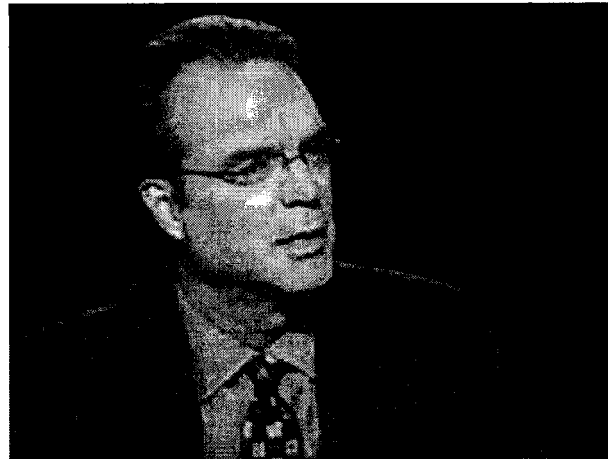
A Harvard-educated lawyer, Stewart is the Bloomberg Professor of Business Journalism at the Columbia Journalism School. In 2011 the New York Financial Writers Association honored Stewart with the Elliott V. Bell Award for lifetime contributions to the field of financial journalism.

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