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**Attorney John Balestriere**

Brooklyn native John Balestriere is an entrepreneurial lawyer who tries cases, conducts investigations, and argues appeals.

Mr. Balestriere represents individual and company clients in criminal and regulatory matters and in all stages of complex civil litigation, including depositions, trials, and appeals in state and federal courts. He also represents clients in intense negotiations and arbitration, and directs investigations into alleged misconduct within companies, institutions, and government entities.

Mr. Balestriere has seven years of law enforcement experience in both the Manhattan District Attorney's Office and State Attorney General's Office, trying a significant number of cases to juries and handling matters spanning from the lowest level misdemeanors to the highest level felonies. He also directed long term investigations of organized crime, insurance fraud, human trafficking, and large identity theft rings.

After work as a criminal prosecutor, Mr. Balestriere joined a small class action firm where he prosecuted securities, antitrust, and consumer fraud cases against some of the largest banks and public companies in the world.

Mr. Balestriere has been quoted in media in the United States and abroad, including The New York Times, CBS Morning News, The Birmingham Post-Herald, ABC News, Univision, and RAI television - the official broadcasting channel of the Italian government. He has commented on a wide range of topics including ongoing criminal trials, pending civil actions, recently passed legislation, major fraud investigations, the emerging use of the class action device in foreign countries, and the benefits of risk sharing in litigation. Mr. Balestriere has lectured in classes at Columbia College, Yale Law School, and Fordham Law School.

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Connie Boland is a Partner at the firm of Nixon Peabody in New York City. Ms. Boland concentrates her practice in federal and state court litigation and arbitration involving securities and common law fraud claims, complex breach of contract claims, and banking and lending disputes, including lender liability claims. Ms. Boland frequently advises clients in resolving general commercial disputes and claims involving real estate, bankruptcy, professional liability, and the health care industry.

Ms. Boland received her J.D. from Albany Law School of Union University, where, she was Executive Editor of the Albany Law Review. She received her B.A. from St. Lawrence University.

Ms. Boland is admitted to practice in New York and before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and the United States District Courts for the Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of New York.

Ms. Boland is a member of the American Bar Association (Litigation Section), the New York State Bar Association (Commercial and Federal Litigation Section), and the Federal Bar Council.

Jan H. Brown heads the Law Offices of Jan H. Brown, P.C. in New York City, concentrating on the practice of immigration law since 1979. Mr. Brown's has lectured extensively in venues around the US and around the world on immigration law topics.

He is Past Chair of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) New York Chapter and currently is Co-Chair of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) International Law Section Immigration and Nationality Committee. His writings in the immigration field include: Editorial Reviewer for Kurtzban's Immigration Law Sourcebook; Contributing Author – Visas Processing Guide – Process and Procedures at U.S. Consulates and Embassies; Contributing Author/Editor – Immigration and Nationality Law Handbook; and Contributing Author – Immigration Law Today.

**Matthew S. Dunn, Esq.**

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Matthew Dunn has a national reputation in immigration law, especially in the areas of finance, health care and technology.

Mr. Dunn is Co-Chair of the New York State Bar Association's Immigration and Nationality Law Committee. He is a past chair of the 1,000-member American Immigration Lawyers Association's New York Chapter and was also a member of AILA's governing board of directors. Mr. Dunn is also a member of the New York City Bar Association's Immigration and Nationality Law Committee.

Mr. Dunn is listed in *The International Who's Who of Corporate Immigration Lawyers* for 2010, *Chambers Global - The World's Leading Lawyers for Business* for 2010, *The Best Lawyers in America* for 2007-2009, *Chambers USA - America's Leading Lawyers for Business* for 2007-2010, and *New York Super Lawyers* 2007-2009. His expertise in immigration law has led to appearances on CNN, NBC, FOX and Channel 9 UPN, and quotes regularly in *The New York Times*, *Daily News* and *Newsday*. He has been a lecturer on immigration issues for the Practising Law Institute, ILW.com, AILA's national conference, the Center for Migration Studies and for numerous internationally prominent businesses, universities and institutions. He is also the Associate Editor of the Occupation Guide Book Series, which is focused on immigration issues for nurses and allied health care professionals, and has authored many publications in the field.

Mr. Dunn served as an Assistant District Counsel for the Immigration and Naturalization Service and as an Assistant District Attorney in Suffolk County, New York.

**Education**

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**Bar Admissions**

New York, 1994

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U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, 1996

**CLIFFORD R. ENNICO** ([www.cliffennico.com](http://www.cliffennico.com)) is widely considered to be one of America's leading experts on the legal and tax problems facing entrepreneurs and privately-owned businesses.

A native of Yonkers, New York, Ennico is best known as the former host of *MoneyHunt*®, a fast-paced reality TV show for entrepreneurs that aired on PBS nationwide from 1994 to 2003. His weekly syndicated newspaper column, *Succeeding in Your Business*™, known as the “Ann Landers of the business world”, appears in dozens of major newspapers and business Websites throughout North America ([www.succeedinginyourbusiness.com](http://www.succeedinginyourbusiness.com)). He also hosts the "Protecting Your Business" channel for the Small Business Television Network ([www.sbtv.com](http://www.sbtv.com)), and is a frequent contributor to *Entrepreneur* and other small business magazines.

Ennico is the author of several books on entrepreneurship and small business management, including *Small Business Survival Guide* (Adams Media, 2005) and *The eBay Business Answer Book* (AMACOM, \$19.95), and speaks nationwide on the legal and tax issues facing early stage startups ([www.succeedinginyourbusiness.com](http://www.succeedinginyourbusiness.com)).

As a lawyer, Ennico has represented over 15,000 entrepreneurial companies and small businesses in his 28-year career. Formerly associated with the New York City law firms of Willkie Farr & Gallagher and Thacher Proffitt & Wood, Ennico currently practices small business law in his own practice in Fairfield, Connecticut.

Ennico is the author or editor of several legal treatises for Thomson/West, including:

- o *Closely-Held Corporations: Forms and Checklists*, a one-volume handbook for lawyers representing closely-held corporations;
- o *Forms for Small Business Entities*, a comprehensive collection of legal forms and checklists for lawyers representing partnerships, limited partnerships, corporations and limited liability companies (LLCs);
- o *Basic Legal Forms with Commentary*, a collection of legal forms and checklists for solo practitioners and lawyers practicing in small firms;
- o *Basic Legal Transactions*, a step by step practice guide to a wide variety of business, estate planning, real property and family law transactions; and
- o the Business Corporation Law (BCL) and Not-for-Profit Corporation Law (N-PCL) volumes of *West's McKinneys Forms*, the leading legal forms guide for New York State corporate lawyers.

His books for law students and young lawyers include *The Legal Job Interview: Winning the Law-Related Job in Today's Market*; *Your Legal Career: Finding Success and Satisfaction as a Lawyer* and *Business Lawyer's Handbook: An Introduction to the Corporate Counsel's Life and Work* ([www.legalcareer.com](http://www.legalcareer.com)). His next two books, *How to Make Law Review* and *How to Make Partner*, will be released later this year by Kaplan Publishing ([www.kaplan.com](http://www.kaplan.com)).

Ennico holds a B.A. degree, *magna cum laude*, from Dartmouth College, and received his J.D. degree from Vanderbilt University School of Law, where he was Articles Editor of the *Vanderbilt Law Review*. He is a member of the Connecticut Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, and the Fairfield County Bar Association.

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### Education

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### Practices

**Bankruptcy and  
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New York  
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United States District Court for  
the Southern District of New  
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United States District Court for  
the Eastern District of New York

United States Court of Claims

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Ronald J. Friedman is regarded as a leading practitioner in representing trustees and creditors in bankruptcy cases and other clients, out-of-court restructurings, and creditors' rights controversies. He provides comprehensive legal guidance to SilvermanAcampora's clients in workouts, restructurings, bankruptcies, liquidations, distressed debt transactions, acquisitions, and a variety of complex litigation scenarios. In addition to his substantial restructuring experience, Mr. Friedman has counseled clients in the telecommunications, real estate, and equipment leasing industry in all facets of their corporate operations. Mr. Friedman has also lectured for the **New York State Bar Association**.

Mr. Friedman is actively involved in the **Boy Scouts of America** as an Eagle Scout and Board Member of the Theodore Roosevelt Council of Boy Scouts serving over 12,000 youth in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, New York. He is general counsel to, and a member of the Board of Directors of the **Friends of Long Island Wrestling**, a not-for-profit corporation. He also serves on the *pro bono* panel of the **Association of the Bar of the City of New York**.

### Noteworthy

Mr. Friedman has been awarded an AV Rating for his professionalism and the quality of his legal work from Martindale Hubbell, the premier directory of legal professionals.

### Memberships

American Bankruptcy Institute  
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**ROBERT E. GREY, ESQ.**

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A third-generation attorney, Robert Grey has represented thousands of clients before the Workers' Compensation Board, represented plaintiffs at trial in personal injury cases in both State and Federal court. He has also briefed and argued appeals in various State and Federal courts, including a successful argument at the New York State Court of Appeals.

The firm also represents clients in Social Security Disability, Long Term Disability, and related matters throughout the metropolitan area.

**EDUCATION:**

The Johns Hopkins University, B.A. 1987; St. John's University School of Law, J.D. 1990

**BAR ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS:**

Nassau County; Suffolk County; Queens County; New York County Lawyers Association, New York State Bar; New York State Trial Lawyers Association; Injured Workers' Bar.

**PROFESSIONAL LECTURES:**

Nassau County, Suffolk County, Queens County, Brooklyn, Bronx County, New York State Bar, Injured Workers' Bar Associations; New York State Trial Lawyers Association; St. John's University School of Law.

**OTHER LECTURES**

Robert Grey has appeared as a speaker on hundreds of occasions for local unions, health care providers, occupational safety and health groups, and community groups. He has been interviewed for newspaper, radio and television about workers' compensation and September 11<sup>th</sup> issues.

## **JOHN R. MCCARRON JR., ESQ.**

John R. McCarron Jr. is the founder and owner of the McCarron Consulting Group, LLC and a partner at the firm of Montes & McCarron, Attorneys & Counselors at Law PLLC. Prior to forming MCG, John gained considerable work experience in the Nuclear Industry and the Computer Security field as well as working as a senior member of the technology team at Cybersettle, Inc. While working at Cybersettle, he managed the company's IT infrastructure and operations, while overseeing a global network which spanned numerous countries covering 3 continents. In addition to IT management, John was also heavily involved in the product side of Cybersettle's business: the world's first on-line dispute resolution system. This system obtained patents in the U.S. and other countries around the world, and the system is still in use today.

John is also the co-founder of Forever In Focus, Inc, a boutique photography company specializing in the photojournalistic approach to documenting the photographic subject and the people and events that surround them.

John was the recipient of the 2008 Rising Stars, 40 Under 40 Award for Westchester County, New York.

John achieved certification as a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer in 2003 and maintains that certification today.

John graduated from the Western Connecticut State University in 1999 and received his Juris Doctor and certificate of concentration in International Law from Pace University School of Law in 2009 and an LLM in Real Estate Law in 2010. John's passion in the law revolves around the close connection technology has with the law , as well as the intricacies of taxation and finance that are interwoven with matrimonial practice, commercial real estate transactions, trusts and estates and small business.

John is a member of the American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, Westchester County Bar Association and Putnam County Bar Association. John is the co-chair of the WCBA's Law Office Management Committee and a Standing Member of the NYSBA Law Practice Management Committee. He also is a member of the Westchester Young Advisor's Group – a group of dedicated young professionals in Westchester County who utilize their business acumen to foster innovative business strategies.

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### Marian C. Rice

For nearly 30 years, Ms. Rice has concentrated her practice on the representation of attorneys and risk management for lawyers. Ms. Rice holds the AV® Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell, its highest rating for ethics and legal ability, has been designated a Super Lawyer annually since 2008 and was assigned "superb" AVVO rating. In 2012, Long Island Business News named Ms. Rice as one of the 50 most influential women on Long Island.

Ms. Rice is the Immediate Past President of the 6,000 member Nassau County Bar Association, the largest suburban bar association in the country. In addition to being a columnist for the American Bar Association Law Practice Management Journal, Ms. Rice also serves as an ABA Presidential appointee to the ABA Standing Committee on Lawyer's Professional Liability and was Chair of the New York State Bar Association - Committee for Insurance Programs from 2008 to 2013. Ms. Rice is a member of the Professional Liability Underwriting Society; the Defense Association of New York and the Defense Research Institute. In addition to being a New York State Bar Association Presidential appointee to the Task Force on Non-Lawyer Ownership and the Special Committee on Legal Specialization, Ms. Rice has served on the Law Practice Management Committee and the Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section. Her prior roles at the Nassau County Bar Association include President 2012-2013, President Elect 2011-2012, First Vice President 2010-2011, Second Vice President 2009-2010, Treasurer 2008-2009, Secretary 2007-2008, Director 2004-2007, Judiciary Committee (Chair 2006-2007) Vice-Chair (2005-2006), Strategic Planning Committee (Chair 2005-2006) (Vice-Chair 2003-2005), Nassau Lawyer/Publications Committee (Editor in Chief 2006-2007) (Co-Managing Editor 2005-2006). She is also a member of Nassau-Suffolk Trial Lawyers; and the Suffolk County Bar Association.

Ms. Rice has authored materials for numerous publications and newsletters, including the New York Law Journal, the New York State Bar Journal and Nassau Lawyer, and has lectured for the Professional Liability Underwriting Society, the ABA Standing Committee on Lawyer's Professional Liability, the Nassau and Suffolk County Bar Associations, the New York State Bar Association, the New York City Bar and the American Conference Institute, as well as for various law firms, insurers, law schools and trade associations, at seminars covering such diverse topics as Risk Management and Loss Prevention for Attorneys, The Elements of and Defenses to a Legal Malpractice Action, Legal Malpractice Principles and Trial Strategy, Representing the Client with Greater Concerns, Federal Statutes Affecting



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From 1999 to 2003, Ms. Rice administered the Attorney Loss Prevention Hotline Service for the broker responsible for the NYSBA sponsored professional liability insurer.

Ms. Rice received her Juris Doctorate from St. John's University School of Law, Jamaica, New York in 1979 and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Fordham College at Fordham University in 1976. She was admitted to practice before the Courts of the State of New York in 1980 and is also admitted before the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, as well as several other jurisdictions on a pro hac vice basis.

From 1984 to 2000, Ms. Rice was a Governor-appointed member of the Council for the State University of New York Maritime College at Fort Schuyler.

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Ms. Sanders received her Juris Doctor degree from Albany Law School and Bachelor's of Science degree in Biology from Union College in Schenectady, NY. She is admitted to practice in New York State, U.S. District Courts for New York's Northern, Southern and Eastern Districts and the Second Circuit. In 2013, Ms. Sanders was named a "Rising Star" in the field of Intellectual Property Litigation by *Thompson Reuters*.

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## **PATRICIA J. SHEVY, ESQ.**

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Patricia J. Shevy is the founder of The Shevy Law Firm, LLC, of Albany, New York. Tricia focuses her practice exclusively in the areas of estate planning and administration, elder law and business succession planning. Tricia also maintains a satellite office in Schoharie, New York.

Tricia believes in the teamwork approach and regularly works with her clients and their investment advisors, bankers, insurance agents and accountants to ensure that the plan meets the client's long term objectives.

Tricia is an active member of the New York State Bar Association- Trusts and Estates Section (Chairperson of the Life Insurance and Employee Benefits Committee) and Elder Law Section (Co-Vice Chair of the Estate, Trusts and Taxation Committee and member of the Board of Editors of the Elder and Special Needs Law Journal). She is also a member of the Albany County Bar Association, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce.

Tricia's past public service includes serving on the Boards of Directors of Childs Nursing Home, Albany County Correctional Facility for Children's Benefit, Rensselaer County Housing Resources Corporation and the Watervliet City School District Board of Education, serving as president for 3 years. Currently, Tricia is on the Board of Directors of The Bus Stop Club, Inc., a support program for the siblings of chronically ill children.

Tricia earned a Bachelor of Science in Management-Finance from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 3 years. Following graduation from RPI in 1994, Tricia received her Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from Albany Law School of Union University in 1997, where she was a member of the Justinian Society.

Tricia routinely lectures to small groups regarding estate tax planning, long term care planning, estate planning issues for parents of disabled children as well as the unique issues of estate planning for non-traditional families and small business owners. Tricia also lectures and writes for continuing legal education programs offered by the New York State Bar Association and other providers of continuing legal education programs.

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Sheila Sproule works for the NYS Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution and Court Improvement and has since 1999, where she acts as Deputy Chair of the Mediator Ethics Advisory Committee and liaison to many of the statewide Community Dispute Resolution Center Programs. Sheila is an Adjunct Professor at Fordham Law School, where she has worked in the Mediation Clinic since 1999.

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**JONATHAN A. WEXLER**

Jonathan A. Wexler is a shareholder at Vedder Price and a member of the firm's Labor and Employment Practice Area of the New York office. He represents private-sector, not-for-profit, and public-sector clients in litigation matters in federal and state courts, and before such administrative agencies as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the New York State Division of Human Rights, the National Labor Relations Board, and the New York Department of Labor.

Mr. Wexler has arbitrated statutory claims as well as grievances under collective bargaining agreements and has negotiated labor contracts on behalf of employers. Mr. Wexler counsels clients concerning labor and employment law matters, including EEO laws, restrictive covenants, trade secrets, wage and hour matters, and employee benefits issues, and has prepared personnel policies, employment agreements, and separation agreements for numerous clients.

Mr. Wexler is a member of the Labor and Employment Section of the New York State Bar Association. He has lectured and conducted training in the areas of effective supervision, sexual harassment and compliance with employment laws.

**Education**

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**Bar Admissions**

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