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Matthew Flanagan is a 1989 graduate of Fordham University and received a Juris Doctorate degree from St. John's University School of Law in 1992. He is a skilled litigator with extensive trial and appellate experience in the area of legal malpractice defense, professional liability, religious and charitable institution liability, and complex personal injury litigation. He has successfully argued numerous appeals in the Appellate Divisions for the First, Second and Third Departments, and in the Court of Appeals of the State of New York. He has lectured on legal malpractice prevention and civil procedure and ethics before the New York State Bar Association, the Nassau County Bar Association, and the Suffolk Academy of Law.

Mr. Flanagan has been named to the New York *Super Lawyers* list as one of the top attorneys in the New York Metropolitan area for 2012 and 2013, a distinction achieved by no more than 5 percent of the lawyers in the New York Metropolitan area. *Super Lawyers*, a Thomson Reuters business, is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.

Mr. Flanagan has also been awarded a rating of AV Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell. The Rating is the Highest Possible Rating in both Legal Ability and Ethical Standards, and was awarded following a Peer Review Rating Process, which included surveys of judges and other attorneys. He was also named one of the top professional liability attorneys on Long Island in 2010, 2011 and 2012 by LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell.

Mr. Flanagan is admitted to practice before the Courts of the State of New York, 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. He is a member of the American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, the Nassau County Bar Association and the Theodore Roosevelt American Inn of Court.