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Arthur Caplan, PhD



Arthur Leonard Caplan, PhD, is the Drs. William F and Virginia Connolly Mitty Professor and the founding director of the Division of Medical Ethics in NYU Langone Medical Center's Department of Population Health.

Prior to coming to NYU Langone, Caplan was the Sidney D. Caplan Professor of Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine in Philadelphia, where he created the Center for Bioethics and the Department of Medical Ethics. Dr. Caplan also taught at the University

of Minnesota, where he founded the Center for Biomedical Ethics, the University of Pittsburgh, and Columbia University. He was the Associate Director of the Hastings Center from 1984-1987.

Dr. Caplan has served on a number of national and international committees including: the Chair, National Cancer Institute Biobanking Ethics Working Group; the Chair of the Advisory Committee to the United Nations on Human Cloning; the Chair of the Advisory Committee to the Department of Health and Human Services on Blood Safety and Availability; a member of the Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Illnesses; the special advisory committee to the International Olympic Committee on genetics and gene therapy; the ethics committee of the American Society of Gene Therapy; the special advisory panel to the National Institutes of Mental Health on human experimentation on vulnerable subjects and the Wellcome Trust on research in humanitarian crises. He is a member of the board of directors of The Franklin Institute, the Board of Visitors of the Columbia University School of Nursing and the Board of Directors of the American Association of University Professors Foundation. Dr. Caplan served as the Co-Director of the Joint Council of Europe/United Nations Study on Trafficking in Organs and Body Parts. He is currently the ethics advisor on synthetic biology to the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, an agency of the United States Department of Defense. Dr. Caplan also serves as the non-voting Chairperson of the Compassionate Use Advisory Committee (CompAC), an external, expert panel of internationally recognized medical experts, bioethicists and patient representatives formed by NYU School of Medicine, which advises Janssen about requests for compassionate use of its investigational medicines. Dr. Caplan is the recipient of many awards and honors including the McGovern Medal of the American Medical Writers Association and the Franklin Award from the City of Philadelphia. He received the Patricia Price Browne Prize in Biomedical Ethics for 2011. He was a "Person of the Year- 2001" from USA Today and was described as one of the "Ten Most Influential People in Science" by Discover magazine in 2008. He has also been honored as one of the "Fifty Most Influential People in American Health Care" by Modern Health Care magazine, one of the "Ten Most Influential People in America in Biotechnology by" the National Journal, and one of the "Ten Most Influential People in the Ethics of Biotechnology" by the editors of Nature Biotechnology.

Dr. Caplan is the author or editor of thirty-two books and over 600 papers in peer reviewed journals. His most recent books are **Contemporary Debates in Bioethics** (Wiley 2013) and **Ethics in Mental Healthcare: A Reader** (MIT Press, 2013). He writes a regular column on bioethics for NBC.com and is a monthly commentator on bioethics and health care issues for WebMD/Medscape. He appears frequently as a guest and commentator on various other national and international media outlets.

Dr. Caplan holds seven honorary degrees from colleges and medical schools. He is a fellow of the Hastings Center, the NY Academy of Medicine, the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, the American College of Legal Medicine and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Born in Boston, Caplan did his undergraduate work at Brandeis University. He completed his graduate work at Columbia University where he received a PhD in the history and philosophy of science in 1979.

Lawrence Faulkner, Esq. is the General Counsel and Director of Corporate Compliance at Arc of Westchester. In that capacity he provides general legal advice to a large not for profit agency and supervises the agency's compliance program. In addition, he provides legal and legislative advocacy for the agency and its consumers, coordinates special efforts concerning emerging issues and provides training to agency staff. Mr. Faulkner has provided educational programs for families and attorneys in such areas as health care decision making, guardianship, end of life health care decision making, family access to investigation records, etc. He is Vice-Chair of the New York State Bar Association Health Law Section and Co-Chair of the Committee on Ethical Issues in the Provision of Health Care. He is also a member of the Committee on Issues Affecting People with Disabilities. Mr. Faulkner was instrumental in the drafting and passage of the New York Health Care Decisions Arc for Persons with Mental Retardation (Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities) which gives the guardians of individuals with developmental disabilities the authority to make health care decisions, and guardians and family members the authority to make health care decisions concerned with end of life care. Mr. Faulkner has been actively involved for more than 20 years in efforts to reform guardianship in New York State, most recently as a member of the Governor's Olmstead Task Force on reform of guardianship and a sub-committee on Supportive Decision Making. Mr. Faulkner has a BS from Cornell University and a MS and JD from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Before coming to Arc of Westchester he served as Deputy General Counsel at the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities.



Richard N. Gottfried represents the 75th Assembly District, covering Chelsea, Hell's Kitchen, Murray Hill, Midtown and part of the Lincoln Center area in Manhattan. He is chair of the Assembly Health Committee since 1987. He is a leading state health policy-maker not only in New York but also nationally.

He was a major architect of New York's landmark managed care reforms, and is continuing to fight for stronger protections for consumers and health care providers, and public support for universal access to quality, affordable health care.

Highlights of his legislative work include the passage of: the Prenatal Care Assistance Program for low income women; the Child Health Plus Program, which allows low- and moderate-income parents to get free or low-cost health insurance for their children; the law that gives patients access to information about a doctor's background and malpractice record;

Family Health Plus, which provides free health coverage for low-income adults; the Health Care Proxy Law, which allows people to designate an agent to make health care decisions for them if they lose decision-making capacity; simplification of enrollment in publicly-financed programs (such as Medicaid); the Family Health Care Decision Act, which allows family members to make health care decisions when a person is incapacitated and has not filled out a health care proxy; the HIV Testing and Confidentiality Law; and laws that promotes stronger primary and preventive care and formation of accountable care organizations (ACOs).

In the Legislature, he has been the leading proponent of patient autonomy, especially in end-of-life care, and reproductive freedom. He also sponsors the N.Y. Health bill to create a universal publicly funded single-payer health coverage plan for New York State. Each year, he has fought to protect and increase funding for Medicaid, school health clinics, HIV/AIDS services, and other health concerns.

Mr. Gottfried introduced the first same-sex marriage bill in the Assembly in 2003, and was a co-sponsor of the bill that became law in 2011. He also sponsors the Gender Non-Discrimination Act (GENDA), to prohibit discrimination based on gender identity (transgender); a bill to prohibit NY-licensed health professionals from cooperating in the torture or improper treatment of prisoners; and the bill to legalize the use of medical marijuana.

He was the author of the 1998 Hudson River Park law that establishes the park and protects the River and the waterfront for all New Yorkers. He sponsored the legislation that created the Javits Convention Center and the recent law to expand it.

Dick Gottfried is a member of the Assembly Steering Committee and the committees on Rules and Higher Education, as well as Health. He is the head of the Manhattan Assembly Delegation.

He is a leading advocate in the Legislature for civil liberties, reproductive freedom and gay rights. He has been repeatedly named to the New York Civil Liberties Union's Honor Roll. He was named "Environmental Legislator of the Year" by the Environmental Advocates, and has been honored by the Family Planning Advocates three times.

Mr. Gottfried was the author of legislation to provide legal services for the disabled, strengthen the criminal laws against hazardous waste violators, provide health insurance coverage for midwife services, strengthen Small Claims Court, prevent illegal evictions, and reform the J-51 tax exemption program. He authored the first bill on public campaign financing, which was the model for NYC campaign finance system.

Mr. Gottfried was a pioneer in enacting legislation to recognize and protect the rights of crime victims. He was an architect of the 1978 Omnibus Crime Act and wrote laws to reform the grand jury system, strengthen the rape laws and decriminalize marijuana. He drafted the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 1976 and sponsored revisions of the laws on foster care, adoption, and child abuse.

He previously served as Deputy Majority Leader; Assistant Majority Leader; chair of the Assembly committees on Codes (covering the criminal justice system), and Children and Families; and chair of the Assembly task forces on the Homeless, Campaign Finance Reform, and Crime Victims.

Mr. Gottfried was first elected to the Assembly in 1970, and age of 23, while a student at Columbia Law School.

Alice Herb, JD, LL.M

Mini Biography

Professional Experience

- Clinical Professor Emerita, Family Practice and OB/GYN, SUNY Downstate Medical Center (1992-2012),
- Visiting Faculty, Sarah Lawrence College (1996-present);
- Ethics Consultant to NY Methodist Hospital (2006-present.)
- ❖ Formerly ethics consultant to The Brooklyn Hospital Center (1994-2003),
- Formerly Staff Attorney, Bioethics, Montefiore Medical Center
- ❖ Formerly TV news and cultural affairs producer, director and writer

Committees (Selected)

- SUNY Downstate Medical Center
 - Institutional Review Board,
 - Admissions, College of Medicine Interviewer
- ❖ Advisory Board, Metropolitan New York Ethics Committee Network
- ❖ New York State Bar Association Subcommittee on Ethics
- Vera Institute The Guardianship Project, Advisory Board Member
- Palliative Care Curriculum Working Group
- The Brooklyn Hospital Center
 - Institutional Review Board
 - **Bioethics Committee**
 - Infant Bioethics Committee
- Institutional Review Board, Community Research Initiative
- ❖ Institutional Review Board, The Hemophilia Foundation



David C. Leven, JD

David Leven has been the Executive Director of End of Life Choices New York (EOLCNY) since 2002. EOLCNY seeks to expand choice at the end of life and improve the quality of care for New Yorkers, ensuring that their values and wishes are respected. An expert on advance care planning, patient rights, palliative care and end-of-life issues, Mr. Leven has played a key leadership role in having legislation introduced and enacted in New York to improve pain management, palliative care and end-of-life care. Included, among others laws enacted, are the Palliative Care Education and Training Act and the Palliative Care Information Act (PCIA). The PCIA requires that terminally ill patients be offered information and counseling on their palliative care and end-of-life options. Continued legislative advocacy efforts include bills to ensure that patients have their end-of-life wishes respected, that doctors have required training in pain, palliative care and end-of-life care and that terminally ill patients have a right to aid in dying. A lawsuit to establish aid in dying in NY, initiated by EOLCNY, which is also a plaintiff, is pending in state supreme court.

Mr. Leven is the author of articles published in the Health Law Journal of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) on the connection between the Palliative Care Information Act and the Family Health Care Decisions Act, which was also published in the Elder and Special Needs Law Journal of the NYSBA and an article in the New York Law School Law Review on health justice. Mr. Leven also has articles (co-authored) published on the Family Health Care Decisions Act and the Palliative Care Information Act in the Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life & Palliative Care and in Elder Law Attorney of the NYSBA.

Mr. Leven lectures frequently to diverse professional groups and citizens on health care decision making and end-of-life issues. He has been a regular guest lecturer at Fordham Graduate School of Social Service and College of New Rochelle School of Nursing. He has spoken at over 60 senior centers and retirement communities and at numerous meetings and conferences. In recent years he was a plenary speaker at Consortium of New York Geriatric Education Centers Conferences (twice), Jewish Home Life Care Annual Palliative Care Conference, Lawrence Hospital Interdisciplinary Staff Meeting, Westchester/NYS Southern Region, Collaborative for Palliative Care Conferences (5 times) and Westchester Medical Group at West Harrison and Rye. He has also presented at the New York Academy of Medicine, State Society on Aging of New York Conferences (four times), the Hospice and Palliative Care of New York State Annual Meeting and at several medical centers. He has lectured at all of the New York City area law schools as well as at Yale, Syracuse and Albany law schools. Mr. Leven has appeared on Fox Cable TV, CBS TV, Channel 2 Local News, Regional News Network TV, WABC, Aljazerra, Fox Radio, CBS AM radio, BBC, WNYC, WVOX, WFAS and WLIB. He has been a periodic guest on the WBAI Health Styles program.

A graduate of the University of Rochester and Syracuse University College of Law, Mr. Leven is a recipient of numerous awards. These include, among others, the Public Interest Law Award of the New York State Bar Association, Committee on Public Interest Law and the Westchester Civil Liberties Union, Civil Liberties Award. In 1999 he was the Distinguished Public Interest Lawyer in Residence at Touro Law School.

Assemblywoman Amy Paulin



Assemblywoman Amy Paulin has served the 88th New York State Assembly District (Scarsdale, Eastchester, Tuckahoe, Bronxville, Pelham, Pelham Manor, and parts of New Rochelle and White Plains) since 2001. She chairs the Assembly Committee on Energy, and serves on the Committees on Education, Higher Education, and Health. A full-time legislator, Assemblywoman Paulin annually ranks among the state's most successful lawmakers. Her diverse legislative agenda includes state government reform, children and families, domestic violence, sex trafficking, education, health care, animal welfare and gun control. As Chair of the Assembly Committee on Energy, Assemblywoman Paulin has worked to encourage renewable energy and

ensure our electricity grid is reliable.

To date 171 of her bills have been signed into law. One of her most important legislative accomplishments was writing and sponsoring the bill that eliminated the statute of limitations for rape.

Assemblywoman Paulin has a long, distinguished record of activism in public policy and community issues. Prior to her election to the Assembly, Paulin served in a number of capacities, including Executive Director, My Sisters' Place; Member, Scarsdale Village Board; Founder and Chairwoman, Westchester Women's Agenda; President, Westchester League of Women Voters; Vice President, NY State League of Women Voters; Citizen Member, County Board of Legislators' Special Committee on Families.

Recently she has been honored by the Federated Conservations of Westchester County, NYS Camp Directors Association and named NYS Legislator of the Year by the American Institute of Architects (AIA). Among other citations and recognitions, her honors and awards have included being named New York State Legislator of the Year by the National Organization of Women of New York State, the Spirit of Independence Award from Westchester Disabled on the Move, an Ally Award from New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NYSCASA), Vision of the Community from the Scarsdale Teen Center, the Metropolitan Library Council (METRO) award for outstanding and dedicated service in support of libraries, and being named a Leader in the Fight against Domestic Violence by the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NYSCADV).

The Assemblywoman was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. She is a graduate of the State University of New York at Albany and holds a Master's degree and has completed doctoral course work in Criminal Justice from SUNY-Albany. For over thirty years she and her husband, Ira Schuman, have lived in Scarsdale where they raised their children Beth, Sarah, and Joey.

Karen Porter is Associate Professor of Clinical Law and the Executive Director of Brooklyn Law School's Center for Health, Science, and Public Policy. She teaches a variety of health law classes and runs the law schools health law externship program. Prior to coming to Brooklyn Law School she taught courses at Washington University Law School on law and medicine, and AIDS and the law. She has authored numerous publications related to AIDS policy. Prior to teaching, Professor Porter held a post-doctoral fellowship at Montefiore Medical Center/The Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Department of Epidemiology and Social Medicine. Her background also includes work as a senior policy analyst and staff counsel to the National Commission on AIDS. She is a graduate of Yale Law School and Yale College. She also hold a Master's of Science degree in Public and Non-profit Management from the Wagner School at New York University.



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Professional Bio

Timothy E. Quill, M.D. is a Professor of Medicine, Psychiatry, and Medical Humanities at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. He is also the Director of the Center for Ethics, Humanities and Palliative Care and a Board certified palliative care consultant in Rochester, New York.

Dr. Quill has published and lectured widely about various aspects of the doctor-patient relationship, with special focus on end-of-life decision making, including delivering bad news, nonabandonment, discussing palliative care earlier, and exploring last-resort options. He is the author of several books on end-of life, including Physician-Assisted Dying: The Case for Palliative Care and Patient Choice (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2004), Caring for Patients at the End of Life: Facing an Uncertain Future Together (Oxford University Press, 2001), and A Midwife Through the Dying Process: Stories of Healing and Hard Choices at the End of Life (Johns Hopkins University Press, 1996), and numerous articles published in major medical journals including "Death and Dignity: A Case of Individualized Decision Making" published in the New England Journal of Medicine. Dr. Quill was the lead physician plaintiff in the New York State legal case challenging the law prohibiting physician-assisted death that was heard in 1997 by the U.S. Supreme Court (Quill v. Vacco).

Dr. Quill received his undergraduate degree from Amherst College (1971), and his M.D. from the University of Rochester (1976). He completed his Internal Medicine residency in 1979 and a Fellowship in Medicine/Psychiatry Liaison in 1981, both from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. Dr. Quill is a Fellow in the American College of Physicians, an ABMS certified Palliative Care consultant, a board member of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, and a founding board member of American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine.

Ruth Lucas Scheuer, RN, DrPH, JD

Ruth Scheuer earned her RN from Mt Sinai Hospital School of Nursing, her B.S. from the University of Pittsburgh; her Masters (MPH) and Doctorate (DrPH) in Public Health from Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health and her J.D. from Pace University Law School.

She is currently an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Medical Ethics in Medicine, Weill Cornell Medical College and a facilitator in the Program in Bioethics at Albert Einstein University School of Medicine. She also works part time in Patient Services at New York Presbyterian Emergency Department.

Mrs. Scheuer was a partner in the Law firm of Ackerman Salwen and Glass and served as a consultant to the Food and Drug Administration's Institutional Review Board. In addition to her teaching at two medical schools, she taught a course in Health Policy and Law at The Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University from 2002 to 2010.

Mrs. Scheuer was one of the founding members of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) Health Law Section and has served on several special Committees of the NYSBA, including the Special Committee on AIDS and the LAW and the Special Committee on Administrative Law. She continues to serve on two Committees of the Health Law Section, the Committee on Ethics in the Provision of Health Care and the Committee on Biotechnology and Research. She is a member of the Board of Associates, The Whitehead Institute.

Her awards include the Joan and Sanford Weill Medical College of Cornell University Award for Teaching Excellence in Public Health (2006) and the Distinguished Alumnae Award, The Mount Sinai Hospital School of Nursing (2014)

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Kathryn L. Tucker is Executive Director of Disability Rights Legal Center (DRLC). As Executive Director, Ms. Tucker oversees the Disability Litigation Program, Cancer Legal Resource Center, HIV Law and Policy Project, and Pro Bono services. She is also an Associate Professor at Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, teaching in the areas of law, medicine and ethics, with a focus on the end of life. Prior to joining DRLC, Ms. Tucker served as Director of Advocacy and Legal Affairs for Compassion & Choices, where she worked to improve care and expand choices at the end of life. She also practiced at Perkin Coie, and served as Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Washington, Seattle University and Lewis & Clark Schools of Law.

Ms. Tucker is a graduate of Hampshire College and Georgetown University Law School. She was recently added to the Fulbright Specialist Roster by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs and the Institute of International Exchange of Scholars, to share her scholarship abroad. In March 2015, Ms. Tucker will serve as a Fulbright Specialist with a Faculty Appointment at the University of Auckland.

In two landmark federal cases decided by the U.S. Supreme Court, Washington v. Glucksberg and Vacco v. Quill, Ms. Tucker was lead counsel representing patients and physicians arguing that mentally competent terminally ill patients have a constitutional right to choose aid in dying. These cases recognized the right to aggressive pain management. Ms. Tucker also played a key role in Baxter v. Montana and Morris v. New Mexico, cases that established the right to choose aid in dying as a matter of state law.

Ms. Tucker was involved in the campaigns to enact the Washington Death with Dignity Act (2008) and the Vermont Patient Choice at the End of Life Act (2013). She is a recognized leader in spearheading creative and effective efforts to promote improved care for seriously ill and dying patients, and served as co-counsel in the nation's first case to assert that failure to treat pain adequately constitutes elder abuse. Ms. Tucker is listed in the prestigious directory *Who's Who in American Law* and was also recognized by the *National Law Journal* as Lawyer of the Year, Runner Up.

For a select list of Ms. Tucker's presentations, please click here.

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Dennis C. Vacco

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Former New York State Attorney General, Dennis C. Vacco, is a partner in the Litigation Practice Group. Mr. Vacco was elected New York State Attorney General in 1994 and served until 1999. In 1988, he was appointed United States Attorney for the Western District of New York by President Ronald Reagan after serving 10 years as an Assistant District Attorney in Erie County.

He focuses much of his legal practice on Governmental Investigations and Compliance work. Dennis works both with clients who want to be sure they are in compliance with the complex and ever-changing rules of both the state and federal governments, as well as with clients who have been directly targeted by the New York State Attorney General as part of a government investigation. Prior to joining Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman, Dennis spent two decades as a prosecutor, so he understands what it takes to avoid ending up in the crosshairs of a government investigation.

Always an innovator, Dennis expanded the traditional role of the Attorney General by resurrecting the long dormant criminal prosecution powers of the office. He then used the expanded purview of his office to form the nation's first Internet Child Pornography unit targeting online predators. His distinguished career has seen him before the United States Supreme Court in the case of **Vacco v. Quill** where he successfully argued that Physician Assisted Suicide was not a constitutionally protected right.

Prior to joining LMWF, Dennis honed his entrepreneurial skills as the former president of Waste Management's New York subsidiary, and as owner of his own consulting firm.

To learn more about Dennis' work in the area of government investigations, visit his blog, www.governmentinvestigationsattorneys.com.

He lives in Boston, New York with his wife, Kelly, also an attorney, and their two teenage sons.

Education: SUNY Buffalo Law School; Colgate University

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