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John A. Cirando

(Local Chair), DJ & JA Cirando Esqs., Syracuse, New York

John A. Cirando is a Syracuse attorney, is widely regarded as one of New York's preeminent appellate lawyers. A former Onondaga County Chief Assistant District Attorney and Army captain, Mr. Cirando's extensive appellate experience includes regular appearances before all appellate courts in New York, both state and federal. He serves, by appointment, on the New York State Law Revision Commission, the Governor's Judicial Screening Committee, and the Commission on Judicial Nomination. He serves in numerous civic and non-profit organizations as board member or general counsel. He also represents fellow attorneys in regard to Grievance matters. Mr. Cirando lectures on a variety of topics and has taught appellate advocacy at Syracuse University College of Law. He is a graduate of St. Bonaventure University and S.U.N.Y. at Buffalo College of Law.

Anthony J. Gigliotti

5th District Attorney Grievance Office, Syracuse, New York

Anthony J. Gigliotti received his undergraduate degree from Syracuse University in 1968 and went on to earn his law degree from St. John's University in 1971. He started his career as a Staff Attorney for Onondaga Neighborhood Legal Services, and in 1976 became its Executive Director for 10 years, expanding its services to 4 additional counties and changing its name to Legal Services of Central New York. During that time Mr. Gigliotti advocated for and assisted in the authorship of Real Property Law §235-b which codified New York's Implied Warranty of Habitability. As a member of the NYSBA's Committee on Legal Aid Mr. Gigliotti helped launch the first Pro Bono Service Awards, now awarded annually by the NYSBA President. Mr. Gigliotti was the founding director of Onondaga County's Volunteer Lawyer's Project, and now serves on its board of directors

From 1987 to 1996, Mr. Gigliotti held positions as Syracuse City Court Judge, General Counsel for the Widewaters Group, Assistant NYS Attorney General In Charge of the Watertown Regional Office, as well as a private law practice.

Since 1996, Mr. Gigliotti has served as Principal Counsel for the Attorney Grievance Committee, Appellate Division Fourth Department, Fifth Judicial District. In 2001, Mr. Gigliotti was appointed as a member of the New York State Lawyer Assistance Trust by Chief Justice Judith S. Kaye. Tony is Chairperson of the Onondaga County Lawyers' Assistance Steering Committee.

Mr. Gigliotti has lectured extensively on ethics, initially as an adjunct professor of law at Syracuse University College of Law and at numerous bar sponsored continuing legal education programs.

Hon. Kate Rosenthal

Syracuse City Court Judge, Syracuse, New York

Hon. Kate Rosenthal is a Judge of the Syracuse City Court, first elected to the Court in 2000 and again in 2010. She is a native of Binghamton, New York and attended Earlham College and Syracuse University College of Law.

Prior to attending law school, Judge Rosenthal served as a Staff Assistant for Congressman Matthew F. McHugh. For almost two decades she was a sole practitioner with an emphasis in criminal defense. She has been an adjunct Professor of Law at Syracuse University and has lectured at CLE's for both lawyers and judges. She has served on the Board of Directors of NYS Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Syracuse Family Service, Huntington Family Services as well as the Onondaga County Bar Association. She is the immediate past president of the New York State Association of City Court Judges.

In 2009 she was presented with the Hon. William Brennan award for outstanding jurist by the NYS

Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Mark J. Solomon

(Overall Program Chair & Local Chair), Law Offices of Mark J. Solomon, Ithaca, New York

**Born: June 24, 1945
Ellenville, N.Y.**

Education:

A.B. Colgate University 1967 magna cum laude
M.A. University of Chicago 1971
JD Cornell Law School 1984 magna cum laude

Legal Practice:

Associate: 1985
Barney Grossman and Roth Ithaca, New York
Solo practice: 1986-1987
Ithaca, New York
Partner: 1988-2005
Managing Partner: 2000-2004
LoPinto, Schlather, Solomon & Salk Ithaca, New York
Of counsel 2006- September 2007
Schlather, Geldenhuys, Stumbar & Salk Ithaca, New York
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Law Offices of Mark J. Solomon Ithaca, New York
Concentration in matters of professional responsibility

Professional Activities:

Member: NYSBA Committee on Professional Ethics 1992-present CLE Planning Chair
2001-present
NYSBA Committee on Professional Discipline 1995-2004; 2005 - present
NYSBA Special Committee on Multi-Jurisdictional Practice 2001-present
NYSBA Special Committee on Unlawful Practice of Law 1997- 2000;
Chair 2000 to 2005, 2009-present
NYSBA Special Committee on Judicial Campaign Monitoring 2003-2007
Member, Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers 2007
Adjunct Faculty Cornell Law School
Adjunct Faculty Syracuse Law School

Honors:

Phi Beta Kappa 1966
B.A. and J.D. magna cum laude
1967-1971, Danforth Fellow;
Lehman Fellow (hon.);
1971, Brookings Institution Graduate Fellow.
1984 Order of the Coif
1986, N.I.T.A. diploma, teacher training.
1996, Neighborhood Legal Services, award for pro bono services 1985-1995

Hon. Gerald J. Whelan

Presiding Justice, Appellate Division, Fourth Department, Buffalo, New York

Hon. Gerald J. Whalen is a graduate of Canisius College where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1979. He earned his Juris Doctor degree in 1983 from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Justice Whalen was elected New York State Supreme Court Justice in 2005 for a term of fourteen years serving in the 8th Judicial District. He was appointed to the Appellate Division, Fourth Department by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo on September 28, 2012. Justice Whalen was awarded the Trial Justice of the Year award by the New York State Trial Lawyers Association, Western New York Regional Affiliate in 2012.

Prior to taking the bench, Justice Whalen was a litigation partner with Hiscock & Barclay, LLP. He served on the firm's Diversity Committee and was the firm's Associate and Hiring partner for the Buffalo office. Justice Whalen was in private practice for 21 years, handling complex civil and criminal cases before taking the bench. Justice Whalen was also an adjunct professor at Canisius College and was a member of the Canisius Pre-Law Advisory Committee from October 2006 to July 2014. For twenty-five years, Justice Whalen was a member of the Judge John J. Hillery Memorial Scholarship Foundation and was the Hillery Foundation's Man of the Year in 1997. The Hillery foundation provides scholarships for students in need. Justice Whalen was elected and served as President of the Supreme Court Justices Association, Eighth Judicial District, in 2012. He also served as Chair of the Bar Association of Erie County Judges' Committee in 2011 and 2012. From February 2002 to October 2012, Justice Whalen served on the Fourth Department, Eighth Judicial District Committee on Character and Fitness. Justice Whalen has also lectured at SUNY Buffalo on Constitutional Law and he is a frequent lecturer on civil matters at New York State and Erie County Bar Association events.