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Lisa Shrewsberry is a partner in the firm's Connecticut and New York offices and practices in the firm's professional liability, employment practices liability and directors and officers liability areas. She has represented lawyers, accountants, actuaries, insurance agents, broker/dealers, registered representatives, architects and engineers in all phases of litigation and arbitration. In addition to serving as counsel of record in such professional liability matters, Ms. Shrewsberry has supervised defense counsel on a national basis in litigation and arbitration on behalf of directors and officers liability insurers, and life insurance carriers, life insurance agents, securities brokers/dealers and registered representatives, and their errors and omissions carriers. In insurance coverage matters, Ms. Shrewsberry's practice includes policy drafting and policy interpretation, through coverage and bad faith litigation.

Ms. Shrewsberry served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at New York Law School from 1994-1996, where she taught courses in legal research and analysis, legal writing, oral argument and drafting litigation documents. Ms. Shrewsberry received her Juris Doctor from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 1988, and she graduated from Central Connecticut State University with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting, cum laude in 1985.

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Jack Babchik is one of the principals of Babchik & Young LLP. He graduated from St. John's University School of Law in 1977 with a Juris Doctorate, and was admitted to practice in New York in March 1978. His other admissions include:

- United States District Courts for the Southern, Eastern and Northern Districts of NY
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

## **Other Accomplishments:**

He has also been registered to practice before the United States Patent & Trademark Office since 1978, and is a Certified Mediator, United States District Court for the Northern District of New York. He is the author of articles for the profession and a lecturer on professional liability, legal ethics and construction litigation to professional groups and insurance companies. He was also a certified mediator for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District. He has more than 30 years of experience, including trial and appellate practice and has argued before the First and Second Departments, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals and the New York State Court of Appeals. His areas of concentration include:

- Insurance Defense
- Professional Liability (including Architects and Engineers, Accountants, Attorneys, Insurance Brokers, Real Estate Brokers and Appraisers) Directors and Officers
- Construction Litigation
- Employment Discrimination
- Products Liability
- Toxic Torts
- General Liability Defense



He was formerly associated with Kenyon & Kenyon, a patent and trademark litigation firm that represented Fortune 500 companies, and Hart & Hume, a professional liability and construction litigation firm catering to the insurance industry. In 1983, along with two partners from Hart & Hume, he formed the firm of Bergadano, Zichello & Babchik and expanded the firm's services to include not only professional liability, but also products liability, labor and employment law. In 1996, he founded Babchik & Mond, LLP and established a successful practice geared to the insurance industry, professionals, and corporate clients. In 1999, the firm became Babchik & Young, LLP and continued the practice of its predecessor while incorporating new areas of expertise in vertical transportation and general liability.

### Jack Babchik is a member of:

- The American Bar Association (Section on Torts and Insurance Practice)
- New York State Bar Association (Section on Insurance, Negligence and Compensation Law)
- The Westchester County Bar Association
- The Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS)

He became Chairman of the Ethics Committee of the Westchester County Bar Association ("WCBA") from 2009 to 2011 and was included in the New York and Westchester County editions of Super Lawyers® in the areas of professional liability and insurance defense. He has attained Martindale Hubbell's highest rating of AV Preeminent. He has successfully tried professional malpractice cases to verdict, directed verdict or had his clients dismissed or discontinued mid-trial. He lectures on behalf of the New York State Bar Association with regard to claims against lawyers and for the WCBA in the area of legal ethics. He understands his clients' needs and works diligently on their behalf at reasonable cost. He has received high praise from carriers and clients.



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Mat Broderick is Claims Counsel for Travelers in Morristown, New Jersey. In that role, Mat handles primarily Lawyers Professional Liability claims. Mat has previously handled claims involving employment practices, directors and officers as well as general liability claims. Prior to joining Travelers, Mat practiced law both in New Jersey and New York, focusing primarily on the defense of attorney malpractice claims. Mat is a 2006 graduate of Seton Hall University School of Law, and a 2003 graduate of the State University of New York at Plattsburgh.



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Melissa Demmon is Vice President, Claims Counsel, Professional Liability for Endurance Services, Ltd., handling legal malpractice, architects and engineers, real estate management and title, and insurance agents and brokers' claims. Prior to joining Endurance, Melissa was Claims Counsel for The Bar Plan Mutual Insurance Company in St. Louis, Missouri where she managed a large caseload of legal malpractice claims.

Before joining The Bar Plan, Melissa was Counsel with Ropers Majeski Kohn & Bentley, serving as coverage counsel to insurers with regard to D&O, PL, and FI liability insurance policies. Her work included representing insurers as monitoring counsel and coverage counsel for claims against FI and D&O insurerd's arising out of regulatory investigations and civil litigations. Melissa spent seven years with the firm Ohrenstein & Brown in New York as an associate and counsel, again serving as coverage and monitoring counsel to insurers in connection with D&O/PL insurance policies. Prior to joining Ohrenstein & Brown, Melissa was an associate with Mendes & Mount, representing insurers' interests in claims made against insured's under LPL and miscellaneous E&O insurance policies.

Melissa is a member of the New York, New Jersey and Missouri Bars, and is also admitted to the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and the District of New Jersey. She received a J.D. from St. Johns University School of Law, and a B.A. from Columbia College, Columbia University.



# Lisa Kaplan

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Lisa Kaplan has worked for the last ten years at Zurich North America as a professional liability claims specialist handling professional liability claims. Prior to Zurich Lisa was a commercial litigator in New Jersey and was a member of the office of Attorney Ethics. She received her JD from Benjamin Cardozo School of Law and BA from Boston University.



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Tom Leghorn defends professional liability claims against lawyers and is one of New York's most experienced attorneys in this area. Tom's practice also encompasses the defense of insurance agents and brokers, securities broker-dealers, and other professionals. In addition, he handles intellectual property, cyber and complex commercial litigation, including representing European companies in U.S.-based matters.

In addition, Tom has handled criminal financial cases ranging from investigation of embezzlement, self-dealing, mishandling of tax money and insider trading before New York's Attorney General, the U.S. Attorney and the SEC. He also has handled coverage cases on fidelity bonds for embezzlement and insider theft.

Tom has defended legal malpractice claims for 30 years. His extensive experience enables him to quickly assess a malpractice claim and recommend effective strategies for its resolution. Law firm defendants as well as their insurers also appreciate the added value Tom provides by putting procedures in place to help them avoid repeat claims. His understanding of the nuances of intellectual property law is an added benefit for IP law firms seeking professional liability counsel. With the dramatic increase in cyber exposures, Tom has been able to advise law firms as to such exposures for them and to jump in knowledgeably when a cyber claim arises.

#### **Areas of Focus:**

**Professional Liability** 

Tom's legal practice places an emphasis on the defense of attorneys in lawyer liability matters. He has defended law firms throughout the United States, trying cases in both the state and federal courts. In addition to trial work and appeals, Tom has been retained by many firms to conduct risk management audits and to act as outside general counsel.



As part of his professional liability practice, Tom has been involved in the defense of insurance agents and brokers against claims that run the gamut from alleged failure to secure homeowners coverage to multimillion-dollar lawsuits against the world's largest brokers. Tom's practice also has involved insurance coverage matters in the professional liability area involving lawyers, accountants, and insurance agents errors and omissions policies.

## Intellectual Property

As former chair of the firm's Intellectual Property practice, Tom has addressed matters of copyrights, trademarks, and the defense of patent claims, as well as all aspects of ecommerce and media liability/defamation. He has experience at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, including proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board. Tom handles coverage matters with an intellectual property focus. In addition, he has acted as an expert witness in federal court on the scope of coverage for intellectual property claims under a CGL's advertising injury provisions.



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Rachelle B. Martin is a Claims Consultant in the Lawyers Professional Liability Claims Department for CNA. Since joining CNA in 2013, Rachelle has handled claims for large, mid-size and small law firms and accountants. Prior to joining CNA, Rachelle was a senior litigation associate handling the defense of product liability, premises liability and professional liability matters. Rachelle received a B.A. from Pace University and J.D. from Hofstra University School of Law where she served as an editor on the Family Court Review. Rachelle is licensed to practice law in New York.



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With more than 10 years of industry experience, Mike has worked extensively on many facets of insurance programs for professional service firms. Prior to joining USI Affinity, Mike spent over 8 years with Aon in a variety of management roles. Most notably, Mike was the Assistant Vice President and National Sales Manager for Aon Affinity's Healthcare Division, and also spent time as the National Sales Manager for the AICPA Accountant's Professional Liability Program.

Mike currently sits on the Law Practice Management Services Committee of the DC Bar. Mike is a regular speaker and panelist for the Law Practice Sections of the NYSBA, NJSBA, and NJICLE regarding Insurance and Risk Management topics relative to the legal industry.

Mike holds a Property and Casualty Insurance License in New Jersey and many non-resident Producer Licenses in a variety of other states. He graduated from Rowan University in New Jersey with a Bachelors Degree in Business Management.



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Deborah A. Scalise is a partner in the firm SCALISE & HAMILTON LLP in Scarsdale, New York which focuses its practice on the representation of professionals (primarily lawyers and judges) in professional responsibility and ethics matters and white-collar criminal matters. Since 2002, Ms. Scalise has appeared before the Character and Fitness Committees, New York State and Federal Grievance Committees, and the Judicial Conduct Commission.

Prior to 2002, Ms. Scalise was Deputy AAG General in Charge of Public Advocacy for the Westchester Region for the NY Attorney General's Office and handled cases involving consumer frauds, civil rights and public integrity matters. Before that, she was Deputy Chief Counsel to the Departmental Disciplinary Committee for the First Judicial Department where she investigated and litigated complex disciplinary matters. She began her career as an ADA in Kings County, where she handled economic crimes and arson cases. Ms. Scalise received a Juris Doctor from Brooklyn Law School, a Bachelor of Arts Degree from John Jay College, CUNY and also earned a Master of Arts Degree in Forensic Psychology from the John Jay College Graduate School, CUNY.

In 2016, Ms. Scalise was appointed to the NYS OCA CLE Board by Chief Judge Janet DiFiore. She also testified before the 2105 OCA State Commission on Professional Discipline with regard to attorney mental health issues and the materials she authored were annexed to the Commission's Report which issued recommendations as to the unification of the NYS disciplinary process.

Active in several bar associations, she is a member of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA), where she Chaired the Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Committee for five years and serves as a member on the Attorney Professionalism Committee. She is a past Vice President of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York (WBASNY), where she currently Co-chairs the Professional Ethics Committee. She is a past President of the Westchester Women's Bar Association (WWBA), Co-chairing its Grievance/Ethics



Committee and a past President of the White Plains Bar Association (WPBA). She serves as Outreach Co-chair for both the WPBA and the WWBA and is actively involved in educational programs, including Take Your Children to Work Day, Law Day and Career Day. A member of the American Bar Association (ABA), she served on its Public Sector Lawyer's Division's Ethics and CLE Committee. She is also a member of the New York County Lawyers Association (NYCLA), serving as a Board Member of its Ethics Institute. She served as the Westchester County Bar Association's (WCBA) Co-chair of the Ethics and Professional Responsibility Committee for two years. As a member of the New Rochelle Bar Association (NRBA), she serves as a Small Claims Court Arbitrator in the New Rochelle City Court. She is also a member of the Federal Bar Council (FBC), the New York State Trial Lawyers Association (NYSTLA), the Brooklyn Columbian Lawyers Association, the Westchester Columbian Lawyers Association and the Eastchester Bar Association.

Ms. Scalise is a frequent CLE lecturer for the: Appellate Division, First, Second and Third Departments; NYS Judicial Institute; NYSBA; NYSTLA; PLI; WBASNY; NYCLA, WWBA; WCBA; WPBA; NRBA; FBC; Brooklyn Women's Bar Association; Rockland County Women's Bar Association; NYS Supreme Court Judges Association; NYS Magistrate's Association; NYC Civil and Housing Court Judges; Association; Pace University Law School CLE Program; St. John's University Law School CLE Program; Fordham Law School CLE Program; CUNY Law School CLE Program; NY Civil and Criminal Trial Attorneys Association; NYS Association of Disciplinary Attorneys; and NY County Supreme Court Arbitrators.

In 2016, Ms. Scalise coached Pace Law School's Team in the National Ethics Trial Competition Team at the Pacific McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, California. She was an Adjunct Professor at Fordham Law School, where she taught Professional Responsibility; a faculty member of the Cardozo Law School Intensive Trial Advocacy Program; and a guest lecturer on professional responsibility and ethics at Brooklyn Law School, Columbia Law School, Cardozo Law School, Pace Law School and John Jay College.



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#### **Bar Admissions:**

New York – 1977

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York – 1978

U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit -1980

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York – 1986

U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut – 1988

### **Education:**

Cornell University (B.S., 1973) Fordham University (J.D., 1976) Member, Fordham Law Review (1974-1976)