

Albany Biographies



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ALICE M BREEDING, ESQ.

Principal Attorney – Law Office of Alice M Breeding, Esq., PLLC

Alice M Breeding has been a practicing attorney in the Capital Region since 2004. After working as an associate for many years, she opened her own firm in 2013. She specializes in the representation of buyers, sellers and lenders in connection with residential real estate transactions. Guiding the first-time homebuyer through the process and transforming them into the well-informed homebuyer is a large focus for her practice. She is committed to making the home buying and home selling process as smooth and stress free as possible.

Ms. Breeding also issues title insurance through Westcor Land Title Insurance Company as her firm's title insurance underwriter and has previously worked with Stewart Title Insurance Company and Chicago Title Insurance Company.

Ms. Breeding lives and practices in Clifton Park, NY. She lives with her 2 dogs: Mister Arnie Palmer and Princess Tallulah Belle.

EDUCATION

ALBANY LAW SCHOOL

Juris Doctorate, May 1999

Admitted : December 2, 2004

RUSSELL SAGE COLLEGE

Bachelor of Arts, Economics May 1997

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

New York State Bar Association

Real Property Law Section

Member of Executive Committee – 3rd District

Representative

Member of Committee on Titles & Transfers

Member of Membership Committee

General Practice Section

Family Law Section

Elder Law & Special Needs Section

Capital District Women's Bar Association

NYS Women's Bar Association

Albany, Saratoga & Schenectady County Bar Associations

National Association of Women Lawyers

Marvin N. Bagwell is the Vice-President and Chief New York State Counsel for Old Republic National Title Insurance Company and is based in Westbury, New York. Marvin is a frequent lecturer on real estate and title insurance matters and has published over 70 articles on the subjects, many of which appeared in the New York Law Journal. Currently, Marvin is an editor of the N.Y. Real Property Law Journal and sits on the Board of Editors of the New York State Bar Association Journal. He edited the most edition of the Title Insurance section of the treatise, Warren's Weed New York Real Property. Marvin is a member of the Executive Committee of the Real Property Section of the New York State Bar and also sits on the Forms Committee of the American Land Title Association. Marvin has served as the President of both the New York State Land Title Association ("NYSLTA") and of the Title Insurance Rate Service Association ("TIRSA"). Marvin is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School. He is licensed to practice law in New York State and is an Associate member of the Commonwealth of Virginia Bar Association. He was elected a Fellow of ACREL in 2008.

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About me

Compassion, integrity, honesty, and knowledge of the mortgage industry are what separate me from the competition. I love being able to help people achieve their dream of home ownership, especially first time homeowners who thought they couldn't afford a home. I provide the best possible service to each of my clients so that when all is said and done, they have a smile on their face and joy in their heart.

Before moving into the mortgage industry nearly twenty years ago, I worked in the horse racing industry providing photo finish services to racetracks around the country. I still enjoy watching the horses run at the Saratoga Race Course. I am originally from a town called Lake Ronkonkoma, NY and moved to Saratoga Springs over 30 years ago and have been here ever since. I went to high school on Long Island and attended Suffolk Community College, SUNY Oswego, and SUNY Albany. I enjoy fishing, golf, and good rock and roll!

Feel free to call or email me. I would like to be able to help you finance your dream home.

Jonathan G. Schopf, Esq.

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Jonathan Schopf is an attorney in Albany, New York. He received his Juris Doctor from Albany Law School and his Bachelor's Degree from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. He is a Past-President of the Rensselaer County Bar Association. Prior to opening his own practice in Clifton Park, Mr. Schopf was employed by several respected local practitioners and law firms where he developed his background in corporate and municipal litigation.

A frequent lecturer on legal issues related to animals, he maintains an ever expanding niche practice in the area of animal law and animal welfare litigation which focuses on advocating for clients and the welfare of their companion animals in a variety of legal contexts. Constantly seeking to expand this boutique area of practice, Mr. Schopf advises clients who operate animal related businesses such as kennels, veterinary, animal service, farming, equine and not-for-profits as to legal issues which are unique to their business. He has assisted local law enforcement, the New York State Police and several charity organizations in several high-profile mass animal seizure cases over the last several years.

Mr. Schopf has represented scores of clients in NYS Agriculture and Markets Law Article 7, §123 "dangerous dog proceedings" as both respondent and petitioner. He has tried a multitude of these cases to verdict in courts across Upstate New York. In addition he regularly advises non-profit clients in their dealings with municipalities when contracting for municipal dog shelter services and other regulatory compliance issues with the NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets. He has litigated and enforced Article 7, §371 Security Bonds on behalf of several non-profit impounding organizations who accepted dogs as part of animal cruelty mass seizure operations conducted by NYS law enforcement agencies. Recently, Mr. Schopf obtained court approval for the formation of a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals with law enforcement powers over Articles 7 and 26 of the Agriculture and Markets Law in his home county of Saratoga.

He is an attorney-member of the Animal Legal Defense Fund and the author of "Animal Law Update", which is published in the Albany County Bar Association and the Saratoga County Bar Association's newsletters. Mr. Schopf was the founding Co-Chair of the Albany County Bar Association's Committee on Animals and the Law, one of the first such local bar association committees of this type in the nation.

Mr. Schopf draws upon his experience from his training as a corporate attorney to effectively advocate for his animal law clients. In addition to animal law, his practice involves advising municipal, institutional, business clients and technology companies in day-to-day operational and litigation matters. He also represents such clients in developing successful strategies for risk management and proactive liability protection. Mr. Schopf represents such clients at trial in both state and federal courts as both plaintiff and defendant in litigation involving tax certiorari, insurance coverage, commercial transactions, personal injury, technology-transfer, labor and employment disputes and civil matters. He also has a thriving general practice and frequently represents individual and municipal clients in transactional matters as-well-as civil litigation, small business law, Article 81 guardianships and constitutional law.

He is admitted to practice in all courts in the State of New York, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the Supreme Court of the United States. He has litigated numerous cases to verdict in courts throughout New York and has numer290ublished decisions.



George R. Slingerland, Shareholder

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Practice Areas:

- *Commercial Financing*
- *Commercial Real Estate*
- *Residential Real Estate*
- *Title Insurance Examination*

Education:

- *Albany Law School | JD*
- *Virginia Tech | Masters of Urban Development and Planning*
- *Binghamton University | BA*

George has established a reputation as one of the Capital District's most well-known and respected real estate and transactional attorneys. He was principal at Kerr Slingerland deVoe, P.C. before coming to O'Connell and Aronowitz as an integral part of the expansion our Residential Real Estate department.

Home buyers, sellers and developers of real estate, as well as mortgage lenders, deserve a very high level of service and advocacy from their lawyer, and that's what George seeks to provide to every client in every matter. Our law office handles both real estate transactional matters and civil litigation, including breach of contract, boundary/title disputes, and tax exemption cases. Our transactional clients include both first-time home buyers and experienced developers, tax-exempt charitable organizations and Fortune 500 lenders.

George is active in the community volunteering and fundraising for various autism programs including the Autism Society of America and Carter's Crew. He also donates time to Jack's Place and The Boys and Girls Club. He is admitted in New York State and is a member of the New York State Bar Association; the Albany County Bar Association; the Schenectady County Bar Association; the New York State Board of Applied Behavior Analysis; and is a board member of the Autism Society of the Greater Capital Region.

Michelle H. Wildgrube, Esq.

Ms. Wildgrube has been a principal of Cioffi • Slezak • Wildgrube P.C. (formerly Carpenter & Cioffi, P.C.) since 2004, and has been with the firm since 1999. Prior to joining Cioffi • Slezak • Wildgrube P.C., Ms. Wildgrube worked for a general practice firm that provided a broad foundation for her practice which now concentrates in the areas of estate planning and administration, corporate and business law, and real estate.

As a volunteer with The Legal Project's Affordable Housing Attorney Assistance Program (AHAA), Ms. Wildgrube trains attorneys to represent clients with regard to real estate purchases. She frequently lectures for the New York State Bar Association and the Schenectady County Bar Association on real estate and estate planning issues. Ms. Wildgrube is a panel member of the Legally Speaking Program for The Legal Project. Through this program, Ms. Wildgrube presents seminars on estate planning and elder law issues to community groups.

Ms. Wildgrube is a member of the Committee on Character and Fitness for the Fourth Judicial District and the Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commission for the Third Department. She currently serves on the boards of directors of the Federation of Bar Associations, Fourth Judicial District (Past President), the Our Ability Alliance (Treasurer), and the Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce Foundation. In addition, Ms. Wildgrube is a member of the Executive Committee for the New York State Bar Association's Real Property Law Section and serves as a section representative to the House of Delegates.

Ms. Wildgrube is the co-chair of the Schenectady County Bar Association's Real Estate Practice Committee. Ms. Wildgrube is an appointed trustee for the John Alexander Trust Memorial Scholarship which is administered through the Schenectady County Bar Association.

Ms. Wildgrube was the recipient of the Schenectady County Bar Association's first Young Lawyer Award, the Schenectady County Bar Association's 2012 Lawyer of the Year Award, and the New York State Bar Association's 2013 President's Pro Bono Award.

Ms. Wildgrube holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Rutgers College and a Juris Doctor from the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law. She is a member of the New York State Bar Association, the Schenectady County Bar Association and the Capital District Women's Bar Association.

Buffalo Biographies

Melanie C. Marotto, Esq.
Harris Beach PLLC, Buffalo

State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law JD, 1992
Canisius College BA, 1988

Ms. Marotto is senior counsel to the firm and practices in the Commercial Real Estate Practice Group and serves on the Real Estate Developers Industry Team. She focuses on commercial real estate transactions representing purchasers, sellers, builders and corporations. She has authored and presented continuing legal education materials for the New York State Bar Association on such topics as mortgage financing and real estate sale contracts. She serves as examining counsel for a major title insurance company, and serves as closing counsel to commercial institutional lenders. Ms. Marotto represents several commercial developers in the Western New York area. She is involved in the drafting and negotiation of easements and lease agreements; and assists corporations in due diligence matters relating to the sale of real property and real estate offerings.



Keri D. Callocchia, Esq.

ATTORNEY BIOGRAPHY

Keri D. Callocchia is a Member of Callocchia Law Firm, PLLC focusing on counseling clients in all matters related to Real Estate, including commercial and residential real estate sales and purchases, title, financing, leasing and landlord tenant litigation. Initially an attorney with Roach, Brown, McCarthy & Gruber, P.C., Ms. Callocchia focused on both real estate and civil litigation. She founded her own firm in 2006. She additionally serves the City of Buffalo as an Administrative Law Judge.

Ms. Callocchia earned a Bachelors Degree from the University of South Carolina where she majored in Psychology and minored in Art History. Thereafter, she attended the University of Tennessee where she earned a Juris Doctorate as well as a Masters in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance.

Ms. Callocchia currently serves the Bar Association of Erie County as Chair of the Real Property Law Committee. She is also an active member the Women's Bar Association serving on the Judiciary Committee and serves as Board Member on the Elmwood Village Association. Ms. Callocchia is the founder of Suits for the Troops, organizing the collection of suits for veterans in Western New York, in addition, she is a committee Member for the Lawyers for the Arts, promoting attorneys to volunteer their talents to raise money for emerging local arts. She is also the co-founder of the Play Space Committee for the Elmwood Village Association, Committee Member for International School Playground Development and Strategic Community Partner for Delaware Soccer Club.

Nicole E. Fenz, Esq.

Nicole E. Fenz, Esq. earned her Bachelor's Degree in English Literature and Religious Studies from Nazareth College of Rochester in 2009 and her Juris Doctor from Duquesne University in 2012. After being admitted to the New York State Bar, she began her practice at the Law Office of Gary M. Schaff in the Village of Lancaster. She continues to practice there in the areas of residential and commercial real estate, small business formation, and landlord/tenant disputes. Nicole is currently the Chair of the Real Property Committee for the Erie County Bar Association and is also a member of the New York State Bar Association.

Michael J. Lombardo

Michael J. Lombardo is a partner at the law firm of Duke, Holzman, Photiadis & Gresens LLP. His practice areas include all aspects of residential and commercial real estate acquisitions, financing, leases and sales. Additionally, Mr. Lombardo is an adjunct instructor with the School of Management at SUNY at Buffalo and Business School at SUNY at Fredonia with over 35 years of teaching experience where he is responsible for developing and teaching a business law course. He is a frequent speaker before various organizations on legal issues concerning real property matters. Mr. Lombardo is a past Chair of the Real Property Law Committee of the Bar Association of Erie County, and has been a regular active member of its contract revision subcommittee responsible for the revisions to the local standard residential real estate contract.

Mr. Lombardo received his B.S., B.A., J.D. and MBA degrees from the University at Buffalo.

Stephen C. Townsend received his undergraduate degree from UCONN and law degree from SUNY Buffalo Law School and is a member of the American Bar Association, the Erie County Bar Association and the Florida Bar Association. Mr. Townsend has represented mortgage lenders of all sorts for over three decades. He has lectured on tax issues (CLE seminar) and has and continues to lecture at various CRA (Community Reinvestment Act) and First Time Homebuyer seminars.

Westchester Biographies

DENISE PAGANO WARD

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Practice

Managing Attorney, **Grean & Ward**, Port Chester, New York

Practice concentrating on the following areas:

- Residential and commercial real property transfers.
- Corporate and commercial counsel to individuals and entities owning real property.
- Estate and tax planning; probate and trusts; elder law, guardianships and planning for long term care.
- Extensive Surrogate's Court practice including probate, administration, accounting, wrongful death compromise and guardian ad litem advocacy.
- Practice before Supreme Court Guardianship part, Article 81 Mental Hygiene Law.

Associate, **Cook & Grean**, Rye, New York 1986 - 1988

Practice concentrating on the following areas:

- Residential real estate; development, zoning and planning.
- Regulatory disclosure for cooperative and cooperative public offerings, planned unit development and subdivision regulation.

Associate Counsel, **LTIC Associates, Inc.** (Agent for Lawyer's Title Insurance Company), New York, New York 1983 - 1986

Counsel, Clearance officer, Condominium Department

Education

Juris Doctorate, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C., 1983

Bachelor of Science, cum laude, Fordham University, Bronx, New York, 1980

Admissions to Practice

New York State, 1984

United States District Court, Southern District, 1990

Supreme Court of the United States, 1998

Bar Associations and Memberships

American Bar Association

- Member since 1983
- Section memberships include Real Property, Probate and Trust Law and Taxation

New York State Bar Association

- Member since 1983
- Section memberships include Real Property, Trust & Estates and Elder Law

Westchester County Bar Association

- Member since 1986
- Section memberships include Real Property, Trusts & Estate and Elder Law
- Executive Director Representative for the Executive Board

Mamaroneck-Harrison-Larchmont Bar Association

- President since 2005
- Actively involved with increasing membership and participation in the local legal community.
- Association regularly provides monthly continuing legal education, networking and collegial opportunities.

Port Chester-Rye Bar Association

- President since 2014
- Member of executive board since 1997
- Association regularly provides monthly continuing legal education, networking and collegial opportunities.

New Rochelle Bar Association

- Member since 2000

Other Information

- Unique practice experiences include Conservatorships, Committees and Guardianships under the Mental Hygiene Law; specialized kinship hearings before the Surrogate regarding complex degrees of separation; fair hearings before the Department of Social Services.
- Speaker, NYSBA, WCBA, MHL Bar Association, PC-Rye Bar Association, New Rochelle Bar Association, on topics such as probate proceedings, elder law and real estate transactions.
- Fluent in written and spoken Italian

References

Available upon request

JEAN M. PARTRIDGE

JEAN M. PARTRIDGE, co-founder and managing member of Benchmark Title Agency, LLC has been in the title insurance industry for over 30 years. Prior to establishing Benchmark, Jean was a Senior Vice President and Branch Counsel of First American Title Insurance Company of New York and a member of their Board of Directors. She and her business partner, Thomas N. De Caro, have been working together successfully since 1985. When founding Benchmark in 2005, Tom and Jean had a goal to combine their experience as underwriters with their experience as title insurance agents, creating a company that melds the best of both structures. Today, they manage a staff of over 30 title professionals, including 5 attorneys. They are extremely proud to have assembled a staff of seasoned title professionals who average almost 20 years' experience!

Jean is committed to providing clients with personal attention and a level of service that exceeds industry standards. She is also committed to providing clients with the most current and accurate information possible. She stays abreast of industry trends by active memberships in many professional organizations, and presently serves on the Executive Committee of the New York State Land Title Association (NYSLTA). In addition to serving on numerous NYSLTA committees she has chaired the Title Agent Licensing committee, the Governmental Regulation committee and the Newsletter committee. She has also built strong relationships with many of the of County Clerks Offices by serving as the liaison for the NYSLTA Land Records committee for the last 14 years. Additional affiliations include the New York State Bar Association, Westchester County Bar Association, Women's Bar Association of Westchester County, White Plains Bar Association, and National Association of Realtors.

Jean is also a member of the Advisory Board for the Real Estate Law Institute at Pace University School of Law. Jean is a frequent speaker on real estate matters and has been a CLE speaker for the New York State Bar Association, the New York State Land Title Association as well as for several local bar associations. Additionally, Jean has been certified by the New York State Department of Financial Services as a 'Broad Scope Instructor' qualifying her to teach on matters relating to title insurance, and to provide attendees Continuing Education credits.

Jean has recently been appointed a board member of the National Agency Advisory Board for Stewart Title Guaranty Company. Jean was also recently selected by First American Title Insurance Company to join 40 of the nation's largest title agents celebrating the success of women in the title industry.

Jean is admitted to practice law in both the states of New York and Connecticut. She is also rated AV for ethical standards and legal ability by Martindale-Hubbell peer review.

ALFRED T. RENAUTO

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Born: January 4, 1958

Undergraduate Degree: B.A., Syracuse University, 1980

Law School Degree: J.D., New York Law School, 1983

Admitted to the Bar of the State of New York, 1984

1990–1999 Associate, Marino, Chambers & Lou, P.C. predecessor to Marino & Chambers, P.C.

1999–2003 Associate, Marino & Chambers, P.C.

2004-Present Alfred T. Renauto, Esq. (Sole Practitioner)

Areas of Specialty: Commercial litigation including drafting of pleadings, motion practice, deposition, etc.; negotiation and drafting of commercial leases; all phases of residential real estate, foreclosures, secured lending, including representation as closing attorney for Chase Home Mortgage, Peoples of Westchester Savings Bank, Dime Savings Bank, Chemical Bank, North Side Savings Bank, North Fork Bank, Cendant Mortgage Corp., Merrill Lynch Credit Corp., Fleet Bank, PHH Mortgage Services, Coldwell Banker Mortgage, Century 21 Mortgage, Banco Popular, N.A., Independence Community Bank, InstaMortgage.com, ERA Mortgage, AIG Federal Savings Bank, USAA Mortgage, Hudson United Bank, Warwick Savings Bank, MBNA America, N.A., Option One Mortgage, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., HSBC Mortgage Corporation, Bank of America, N.A., Prospect Mortgage LLC, Thoroughbred Mortgage, LLC, Luxury Mortgage Corp., Webster Bank, N.A. and Citizens Bank, N.A.

New York City Biographies

SCOTT CLAMAN

Scott Claman is a partner in Giddins Claman LLP. Mr. Claman has been a practicing real estate attorney for over 35 years representing both major real estate developers and individuals in all aspects of the purchase, sale and leasing of residential and commercial property throughout the New York City area. Mr. Claman has lectured on real estate title transfer and closing issues, and participated as a panelist in a variety of panel discussions and tutorials on real estate closing matters for, The New York State Bar Association, The Bar Association of the City of New York and The Real Estate Board of New York and has lectured at many of the major residential brokerage firms in New York City on many facets of the real estate closing process. Mr. Claman has been quoted by New York One, New York Magazine, The New York Times, The Real Deal and The New York Observer on real estate matters. Mr. Claman, a lifelong resident of the New York area, is an honors graduate of Trinity College and of The Benjamin Cardozo School of Law where he received The Order of Barristers.

Bruce M. Cohen, Esq.

Founding Partner of Cohen and Frankel, LLP, Mr. Cohen represents sellers and purchasers in a wide range of residential and commercial real estate transactions. Mr. Cohen has been instrumental in many large scale, exclusive, and luxury real estate transactions which include the largest co-op sale on record in Manhattan in 2008. He has handled real estate transactions in excess of \$5 billion over the course of his career.

Prior to starting his law firm, Mr. Cohen was employed by Phillips Lytle Hitchcock Blaine & Huber and Greenbaum Rowe Smith Ravin Davis and Bergstein, as well as boutique real estate firms Liner and Gold and Greenberg, Irwin and Weisinger, where he represented developers and lenders and spent time in the workout department negotiating and preparing forbearance agreements and loan documents for various lending institutions.

A graduate of SUNY at Buffalo and Brooklyn Law School, Mr. Cohen is admitted to practice in the State of New York and is a member of the Bar Association of the City of New York and the New York State Bar Association.

Mr. Cohen is a member of the Board of Directors of the Valley National Bank and serves on various committees of the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester. Mr. Cohen has lectured for the Real Estate Board of New York and currently teaches in the training program for the Corcoran Group/Citihabitats.



James H. Lee, Esq. is Senior Commercial Counsel for Madison Title Agency. As part of his daily responsibilities, Mr. Lee clears complex commercial title issues, oversees underwriting activities and manages large, high profile commercial transactions in New York. Mr. Lee was formerly with LandAmerica Financial Group, Inc., where he was a claims attorney, specializing in complex title claims and related legal work. Mr. Lee began his legal career at Wingate & Cullen in Melville, New York, where he performed extensive legal research, assisted in litigation, drafted legal documents and represented lenders in commercial and residential real estate closings.

Admitted to the Bar in both New York and New Jersey, Mr. Lee earned his Bachelor of Arts at Baruch College and his Juris Doctor at Rutgers School of Law-Newark. Mr. Lee is also licensed as a Title Insurance Producer in the state of New Jersey.

JERRY S. LEIBNER, Vice President, The Seaport Title Agency Ltd.

Jerry Leibner has been involved with real property transactions since 1975. He earned his law degree from Brooklyn Law School, a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Rochester and an MBA from NYU Graduate School of Business. He was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1972 and has been a sole practitioner for the past 30 years. He has participated in more than 10,000 closings representing buyers, sellers, lenders and title companies.

He was an Adjunct Associate Professor of Computer Science at LaGuardia Community College for 20 years. He is a member of the New York State Bar Association and its Real Property Section. Mr. Leibner teaches a title closing course for the New York Real Estate Institute. Mr. Leibner represents major developers in the New York area completing transactions involving purchases and sales of Development Rights, Swaps, Forward and Reverse 1031 Tax Free Exchanges, assembly of properties for development. He has lectured numerous times at CLE courses on numerous aspects of real estate transaction.

Mr. Leibner can be reached at 516-867-5100.

Mindy H. Stern

Mindy H. Stern is a partner of Schwartz Sladkus Reich Greenberg Atlas LLP, a New York City law firm where she concentrates in real estate, estate planning and estate administration. Ms. Stern is immediate Past Chair of the Real Property Law Section of the New York State Bar Association, and is a member of that Section's Executive Committee. Ms. Stern also Chairs the Committee's Task Force creating a scholarship fund in memory of the Association's deceased former President, Lorraine Power Tharp, and is a member of the Executive Committee's Task Force regarding attorney escrow accounts and a member (and former Co-Chair) of the Section's Committee on Not For Profit Entities and Concerns. Ms. Stern is a former member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York's delegation to the House of Delegates of the New York State Bar Association, and she is a past Chair of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York's Committee on Real Property Law, as well as a former Secretary of the Association's Committee on Cooperatives and Condominiums. Ms. Stern was an Adjunct Professor at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law from 2007 through 2014, where she taught a Real Estate Contract Drafting course. She has lectured for the New York State Bar Association, Practicing Law Institute, the Real Estate Institute of New York University, and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and authored numerous articles on a variety of real estate related topics. She is a member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers, has been voted by her peers to be a New York Metro Super Lawyer since 2008 (and, in 2015, was named by Super Lawyers to be one of the top 100 attorneys, and, since 2015, one of the top 50 women attorneys, in the New York City Metro area), and was named one of Real Estate Weekly's C00 Women Real Estate Leaders for the 21st Century.

Richard Supple Jr., Esq.
Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP
New York, NY

Richard Supple Jr. is the firm's General Counsel and Co-Leader of its Professional Responsibility, Professional Liability and Risk Management Department. A prolific writer and speaker on legal ethics issues, he represents law firms and lawyers in all kinds of professional ethics-related matters, including disciplinary and legal malpractice cases, partnership and fee disputes, internal investigations, and disqualification and sanctions motions. Mr. Supple also has a substantial risk management advising practice and counsels law firms and lawyers with respect to joint-venture transactions, dissolutions, and lending and credit agreements.

As a former prosecutor and defense counsel, Mr. Supple has tried, arbitrated, mediated and acted as an expert in numerous cases in federal and state courts. In addition, he has argued dozens of appeals before the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, the New York Court of Appeals, and intermediate appellate courts throughout New York.



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EDUCATION

Brooklyn Law School, J.D. 2007
Yeshiva University, B.A. 2004, *cum laude*

BAR ADMISSIONS

2008, New York
2008, District of Columbia
2007, New Jersey

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BIOGRAPHY

Ariel Weinstock is a partner in the firm's real estate department.

Ariel has handled a broad array of real estate transactions, representing and advocating for the interests of owners, developers, contractors, architects, lenders, borrowers, landlords, tenants, purchasers, sellers, condominium boards, and not-for-profit entities. Ariel has also prepared and negotiated design and construction agreements in connection with development and renovation projects totaling in excess of \$200,000,000.00, including AIA-based construction documents for both national and local clients, on significant ventures.

Ariel was recently appointed to the Executive Committee of the Real Property Law Section of the New York State Bar Association, where he also serves as Secretary of the NYSBA Construction Law Committee and he is Co-Chair of the New York County Lawyers' Association Construction Law Committee.

COURT ADMISSION

U.S. District Court of New Jersey

BAR ASSOCIATIONS

New York County Lawyers' Association
Co-Chair, Construction Law Committee

New York State Bar Association
Co-Chair, Student Internship Committee, Real Property Section
Secretary, Construction Law Committee, Real Property Section

Founder and Managing Editor, New York County Lawyers' Association Construction Law Journal

RECENT CLE PRESENTATIONS

Survey Examination, NYSBA CLE, Practical Skills - Purchases and Sales of Homes

Opening Up: Office Leasing and Renovation Contracts, NYCLA CLE, First Annual Business and Contract Law Institute

Opening Up: Office Leasing and Renovation Contracts, Cardozo Business and Contract Law Institute

The Business of Building: Professionals' Perspectives, NYSBA CLE, RPLS Summer Meeting, 2012

Default by Owners, Mechanic Lienors and Lenders in Construction Contracts -Remedies for Cure, NYSBA CLE, Hot Topics in Real Property Law and Practice

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Areas of Practice

Real Estate

Real Estate Closings (Purchases and Sales Residential and Commercial)
Complete Title Insurance Services
Real Estate Contract Drafting & Review
Leases and Landlord Tenant Matters

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More Information on [Title Insurance](#)

Business

Corporate Partnership and Limited Liability Company Formation
Business Purchase and Sale
Shareholder Agreements
Contract Review
Business Plan Review

Wills and Estates

Wills, Powers of Attorney, Living Wills & Health Care Proxies
Estate Planning, Probate Matters and Estate Administration
Guardianship Matters

More Information on [Estate and Personal Planning](#)

Mr. Mangano is a native of Syracuse. In 1978, he graduated from the University of Rochester, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and Political Science. He received his Law Degree from Syracuse University in 1981, graduating Magna Cum Laude.

Mr. Mangano has over 30 years experience in the General Practice of Law, with a concentration in Real Estate, Business and Corporate Law, and Wills and Estates. He has represented thousands of individuals and families in both complex and simple real estate matters, and many businesses, large and small. He is Vice Chairman of the Real Property Law Section of the Onondaga County Bar Association, and a member of the Real Property Law Section of the New York State Bar Association. He is a frequent lecturer at New York Bar Association Seminars for attorneys and other real estate professionals. Mr. Mangano has also been engaged by several local real estate companies to train agents in real estate and real estate contracts.

Community Involvement, Honors and Awards

Syracuse University Law Review, 1980-81
Order of the Coif (Honorary Law School Society)
Juris Doctor from Syracuse University, Magna Cum Laude
Vice Chair, Real Property Law Section, Onondaga County Bar Association
Former Member, Board of Trustees, Onondaga Free Library
Trustee of the Year, 2000, Onondaga County Library System
Member, Syracuse Symphony Orchestra, Inc. Board of Trustees
Chair, Syracuse Symphony Orchestra, Inc. Board of Trustees
Member, Syracuse Symphony Association
Member, Knights of Columbus Council 12035
Affiliate Member, Greater Syracuse Association of Realtors

William H. Bradt is Counsel and co-owner of Bradt-Luciani Real Property Services, a Syracuse based title insurance agency. A graduate of Albany Law School, he has worked at several major title insurance companies and large agencies. He is a member of the New York State Magistrate's Association, and sits on the North Area Family YMCA and Greater Syracuse YMCA boards of directors.

Anthony J. Gigliotti

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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 the Staff Attorney for Onondaga Neighborhood Legal Services, and in 1976 became the Executive Director of Legal Services of Central New York, a position he held for 10 years. It was during this time that he began his periodic work as adjunct professor at the Syracuse University College of Law which spanned over two decades. From 1987 to 1996, he 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 private law practice.

Since 1996, Mr. Gigliotti has served as Principal Counsel for the Attorney Grievance Committee, Appellate Division Fourth Department, Fifth Judicial District and has lectured extensively on ethics at numerous continuing legal education programs. In 2001, Tony was appointed as one of the founding members of the New York State Lawyer Assistance Trust by Chief Justice Judith S. Kaye.

Tony is a member of the Onondaga County Bar Association's Lawyers Assistance Steering Committee, led the effort to establish the local Volunteer Lawyer's Project, and now serves on its oversight Pro Bono Practice Committee. He has been a member of the New York State Bar Association throughout his legal career, having served on the Real Estate Section's former Committee on Residential Landlord and Tenant Law, the Committee on Legal Aid, and currently serves on the Lawyer Assistance Committee.

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Education

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Admissions

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- New York State Bar Association
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Ariel was recently appointed to the Executive Committee of the Real Property Law Section of the New York State Bar Association, where he also serves as Secretary of the NYSBA Construction Law Committee and he is Co-Chair of the New York County Lawyers' Association Construction Law Committee.

COURT ADMISSION

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Prior to Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C., Anthony was special counsel at Ackerman, Levine, Cullen Brickman & Limmer, LLP. He was also a partner in a boutique firm that specialized in commercial real estate.

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- [United States District Court for the Western District of New York](#)

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- U.S. Bankruptcy Court (Western District of New York)
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- 2011 Greater Rochester Assn. of Realtors (GRAR) Honor Society Inductee
 - **GREATER ROCHESTER ASSN. OF REALTORS.**
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- 2006 Empire State Counsel Program Honoree
 - **NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSN.**
 - Recognition of high quality service to indigent clients.
- 2000 William McKnight Award Recipient
 - **VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES PROJECT OF MONROE COUNTY, INC.**
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