

# Hon. Tanya R. Kennedy

New York State Supreme Court,  
County of New York



The Honorable Tanya R. Kennedy is a Supreme Court Justice and former Supervising Judge of Civil Court, New York County. She also served as an Adjunct Professor at Fordham University School of Law where she taught a Juvenile Justice seminar course from 2006 to 2016.

She is the President-Elect of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ) and former Treasurer, Finance Committee Chair, Vice President of Publications, Vice President of Districts, Secretary and New Judges' Committee Chair of NAWJ. She is also a board member of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association.

Justice Kennedy received her law degree from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. She is a member of Cardozo's Alumni Association Executive Committee, where she served as Corresponding Secretary and Activities Committee Chair. She is also a member of Cardozo's Black Asian Latino Law Student Alumni Association, the Dean's Advisory Council, as well as the Dean's Council on Diversity and Inclusion, and has served as an instructor for Cardozo's Intensive Trial Advocacy Program in the winter 2012 and 2013 sessions.

Her various honors include the 2012 Pat Irvin Personal Service Award from the Association of Black Women Attorneys; the 2014 Award from the New York County Lawyers' Association Civil Court Practice Section; the 2015 Alumni of the Year Award from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law; and the 2017 Diversity Leadership Award from Penn State Law.



# Danielle C. Lesser, Esq.

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Danielle serves as the Co-Chair of the Business Litigation Department. Danielle is an experienced trial attorney whose diverse practice involves all phases of litigation, from pleading through verdict and appeal. Danielle's practice includes both litigating and advising transactional clients with respect to litigation risk and litigation avoidance strategies.

Danielle has successfully handled a broad range of litigations in state and federal court as well as in arbitrations and is often retained on the eve of trial. Danielle's representations include public companies, multi-million dollar private companies, hedge funds, private equity funds, investment bankers, start-ups, developers, real estate companies, information and technology companies, high net worth individuals, and partnerships in all types of business disputes, ranging from restructuring, hotel and hospitality, real estate, and contract disputes to enforcement of restrictive covenants.



# Hal R. Lieberman, Esq.

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Hal Lieberman is the co-author of “New York Attorney Discipline,” and the former Principal Trial Attorney and Chief Counsel for the Departmental Disciplinary Committee in New York’s First Department. During the past 17 years, he has defended hundreds of lawyers and law firms before disciplinary and grievance committees in connection with lawyer discipline complaints, formal disciplinary prosecutions, reciprocal discipline proceedings, post-conviction disciplinary proceedings, reinstatements, and matters related to bar admissions before the several New York character and fitness committees. Mr. Lieberman is a regular columnist for the New York Law Journal on the subject of Professional Discipline. He also publishes a blog, [NYLegalethics.attorney](http://NYLegalethics.attorney).

In addition to attorney discipline defense, Mr. Lieberman has been a lecturer in law at Columbia Law School teaching legal ethics, has lectured widely, and published numerous articles on the subjects of legal ethics and professional discipline. He has testified as an expert in legal ethics in approximately 45 civil and criminal adjudications since 1998, including, among others, disqualification motions, legal malpractice cases, partnership disputes, fee disputes, and numerous issues involving interpretation and application of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

Mr. Lieberman joined Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady LLP in 2014. He is the past partner-in-charge of the New York office of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, and was the subject of an exclusive interview in the March 23, 2011 issue of the New York Law Journal. The article, “Q&A with Hal R. Lieberman,” focused on Mr. Lieberman’s long and unique experience handling New York attorney disciplinary cases and legal ethics matters more generally, and his views on the state of New York’s lawyer discipline system from the perspective of a former Chief Counsel to the Departmental Disciplinary Committee.



# Hon. Andrea Masley

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Justice Andrea Masley was elected as a Justice to the New York State Supreme Court in 2016 and assigned to the Commercial Division in 2017. She was appointed to the NYS Unified Court System's E-Discovery Working Group in 2010.

For ten years prior to her 2007 election to New York City Civil Court, Judge Masley was the Principal Court Attorney for Justice Charles Edward Ramos, in the Commercial Division of the New York State Supreme Court, New York County, and for Judge Louise Gans, Acting Supreme Court Judge, New York County.

Judge Masley received her J.D. from Fordham University School of Law in 1991 where, in the Spring of 2005, she taught Remedies. Upon graduation, Judge Masley was a litigation associate at the firm of Dechert Price & Rhoads until 1995. Before joining the staff of the New York State Supreme Court in 1998, Judge Masley was Diversity Counsel at the City Bar Association.

Judge Masley is a member of the New York State Bar's Commercial and Federal Litigation Section and, since 1991, a member of the City Bar Association where she currently serves on the Executive Committee. As chair from 2005 to 2008 of the City Bar's Committee on State Courts of Superior Jurisdiction, which addresses issues arising in New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Terms, Appellate Divisions, Court of Claims, and Court of Appeals, the Committee drafted the form confidentiality agreement for the Commercial Division. She sat on the City Bar's Electronic Discovery Committees from 2005 to 2007, which drafted reports entitled "Manual for State Trial Courts Regarding Electronic" and "Cost-Allocation Explosion of Electronic Discovery in All Areas of Litigation Necessitates Changes in CPLR," and was appointed again from 2013 to 2014. The New York State Bar's Commercial and Federal Litigation Section awarded Judge Masley the Chair's Service Award as Chair of its PJI Committee and for her contribution to commercial practice.

She is the author of a chapter on contract litigation in the five volume series Practical Solutions for New York Lawyers, published by Lexis/Nexis in 2003.

Prior to her legal career, Judge Masley obtained an M.B.A. in finance and a B.A. in Economics from Rutgers University. She was the Trade Practice Specialist at the Better Business Bureau and accountant at Bunge Corporation, a grain trading firm.





# Carl Regelmann, Esq.

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Carl Regelmann is an associate in Tannenbaum Helpern's Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice. Carl advises on complex commercial litigation. Prior to joining Tannenbaum Helpern, Carl was the Principal Law Clerk to New York State Supreme Court Commercial Division Justice Carolyn E. Demarest for over eight years. Carl has experience in all aspects of business-related litigation including breaches of contract, corporate dissolutions, derivative actions, construction defects, attorney malpractice, board of manager disputes, business torts, and partnership disputes.



# Vincent J. Syracuse, Esq.

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## Overall Program Chair & NYC Chair

Vincent J. Syracuse joined Tannenbaum Helpert during the summer of 1979 and founded the firm's litigation department and is currently its Co-Chair. As a general litigator for over 40 years, Vince has earned a reputation as a problem-solver, strategist, tactician and aggressive advocate for his clients. Recognized by Super Lawyers as one of the Top 100 Lawyers in the New York Metro area, he represents a variety of clients in commercial litigation in all New York State and Federal Courts on the pre-trial, trial and appellate levels and in various alternate dispute resolution forums including mediation and arbitration. He is also a mediator in the Commercial Division of the New York County Supreme Court.

Vince has been active for many years in numerous bar association activities and frequently chairs or participates as a faculty member in continuing legal education programs on various commercial litigation subjects, including the New York State Bar Association's extremely successful program on ethics and civility in litigation which he has chaired for over fourteen years. Vince has been a member of the NYSBA's House of Delegates. He has been a member of the Executive Committee of the NYSBA's Commercial and Federal Litigation Section since 1994. He was the Section's Chair in 2009-2010, having previously served as Chair-Elect, Vice-Chair and three terms as the Section's Treasurer. The Section honored Vince with its nominations in 2007 and 2012 for the NYSBA's Attorney Professionalism Award recognizing him as a "tireless advocate for ethics and civility in New York." In March 2010, Vince was appointed by Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman to the Ethics Commission for the Unified Court System which monitors the annual financial disclosure statements within the judicial branch of the New York State government. Vince is also a member of the NYSBA's Committees on Attorney Professionalism and Continuing Legal Education. He writes the monthly Attorney Professionalism Forum in the NYSBA Journal.

As a member of the Advisory Committee for the Commercial Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York and a former Chair of the Commercial Division Committee, Vince has helped shape the development of the Commercial Division since its inception in New York and Monroe Counties, and subsequent expansion to several counties throughout the State of New York. The Advisory Committee acts as liaison between the bar and the Commercial Division and has created a mechanism that allows practitioners in the Commercial Division to express their views about the structure of the Commercial Division, and comment on various matters of Commercial Division practice, including the definition

of a "commercial case." Vince has been directly involved in the drafting of the Commercial Division rules that have refined the criteria for the assignment and retention of cases in the Commercial Division, and govern practice in the various Commercial Division venues.

Vince has been selected for inclusion in New York Super Lawyers for 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 every year that selections were made.

# Mark C. Zauderer, Esq.

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Mark C. Zauderer, a prominent New York trial and appellate lawyer, has represented major corporations, prominent individuals, and a Presidential cabinet secretary in significant business, financial and commercial litigation in federal and state courts throughout the United States. Subject matters have included contracts, business torts, securities, real estate, legal malpractice, shareholder rights, limited partnerships, defamation and fiduciary relationships in business, law firm and estate matters.

He also frequently serves as an arbitrator and private mediator of significant disputes. He is a past President of the Federal Bar Council and is a member of the Board of Editors of the New York Law Journal. In 2003, Zauderer was appointed by Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye as Chair of New York's Commission on the Jury, a blue ribbon panel of lawyers and judges charged with finding ways to improve New York's jury system. He also served as a member of the Chief Judge's Commercial Courts Task Force, which implemented the establishment of the New York State Court System's Commercial Division and as member of the Office of Court Administration's Program on the Profession and the Courts, which drafted New York's current sanctions rules. Zauderer is a past chair of the 2000 member Commercial and Federal Litigation Section of the New York State Bar Association, served as a delegate to its House of Delegates, as a member of the Special Committee on Cameras in the Courts, and chaired the Association's Steering Committee on Commerce and Industry. He also served as a member of the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on Professional Responsibility, and the Committee on State Courts of Superior Jurisdiction of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. Zauderer currently serves as a member of the Governor's Judicial Screening Committee for the Appellate Division, First Department and a member of the Chief Administrative Judge's Advisory Committee on Civil Practice and lectures frequently and provides media commentary on litigation related issues. In 2012, Zauderer was appointed by Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman as a member of the Task Force on Commercial Litigation in the 21st Century. In 2013, he was appointed by Chief Judge Lippman as a member of the permanent Advisory Committee of the Commercial Division. In 2015, Zauderer was appointed a Member of the Chief Judge's Commission on Statewide Attorney Discipline, which made recommendations for the revisions of New York's attorney discipline system. In 2015, he was honored by the New York Law Journal with its award for "Lawyers Who Lead By Example" for his contributions to public service. On May 29, 2016, Zauderer delivered the Commencement Address at Touro Law School and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. Zauderer was formerly a partner with

Solomon, Zauderer, Ellenhorn, Frischer & Sharp, a firm he co-founded in 1981. Zauderer received his JD from the New York University School of Law and served as a law clerk to a Federal judge.

Zauderer is a director of the New York Arbitration Center and a member of the American Arbitration Association's National Roster of Commercial Arbitrators.

In 2004, Zauderer served as a member of a four person delegation to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States to advise on the establishment of a commercial court. Zauderer is listed in Who's Who in the World, Who's Who America, New York Super Lawyers and New York Magazine's "The New York Areas Best Lawyers". In 2007, he was awarded the Eliphalet Nott Medal for distinction in field by the Union College Board of Trustees.