

Hon. Mae A. D'Agostino

United States District Court,
Northern District of New York



Mae Avila D'Agostino is a United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York. At the time of her appointment in 2011, she was a trial attorney with the law firm of D'Agostino, Krackeler, Maguire & Cardona, PC. Judge D'Agostino is a 1977 magna cum laude graduate of Siena College in Loudonville, New York. At Siena College Judge D'Agostino was a member of the women's basketball team. After graduating from College, she attended Syracuse University College of Law, receiving her Juris Doctor degree in May of 1980. At Syracuse University College of Law, she was awarded the International Academy of Trial Lawyers award for distinguished achievement in the art and science of advocacy.

After graduating from Law School, Judge D'Agostino began her career as a trial attorney. She has tried numerous civil cases including medical malpractice, products liability, negligence, and civil assault.

Judge D'Agostino is a past chair of the Trial Lawyers Section of the New York State Bar Association and is a member of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Judge D'Agostino has participated in numerous Continuing Legal Education programs. She is an Adjunct Professor at Albany Law School where she teaches Medical Malpractice. She is a past member of the Siena College Board of Trustees, and Albany Law School Board of Trustees. She is a member of the New York State Bar Association and Albany County Bar Association.

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Scott Fein serves as Co-chair of the Corporate and Public Agency Regulatory Compliance Practice Group at Whiteman Osterman & Hanna where he has been an attorney since 1983. Since joining the Firm, Mr. Fein has devoted his time almost exclusively to regulatory compliance, internal investigations, litigation and the defense of civil and criminal enforcement matters.

Bruce D. Feldman, Esq.

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Bruce D. Feldman is an Assistant Attorney General and Special Counsel in the Office of New York State Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman. His practice focuses on contract litigation in the New York State Supreme Court and Court of Claims, principally in the areas of architectural design and construction, and on issues pertaining to access to governmental records. Mr. Feldman served for twelve years as the Assistant Attorney General in Charge of the Litigation Bureau (in Albany) for two Attorneys General, defending the State of New York, its agencies and employees in a broad range of litigation in State and Federal courts.

From 2007 - 2011, Mr. Feldman served as Chief Counsel to the New York State Department of Transportation and Director of the Department's Division of Legal Affairs, providing policy guidance and legal counsel in areas affecting the development, financing and delivery of New York's multi-billion dollar transportation program.

Mr. Feldman graduated from Northwestern University with Highest Distinction and from Boston University School of Law. Born and raised in Haverhill, Massachusetts, he is a member of Congregation Gates of Heaven, where he has served as Vice President of the Board of Trustees and legal advisor to the Board.

E. Stewart Jones, Esq.

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E. Stewart Jones, Jr. is an exceptional attorney that is recognized for professional excellence as well as community service, volunteerism and philanthropy.

E. Stewart Jones, Jr. is the 3rd generation attorney to lead the highly acclaimed law firm that bears his name. His commitment to excellence is matched by his compassion to serve, as demonstrated by his professional success and tireless contributions to the community in which he lives and works. Recognized as one of the Best Lawyers in America, E. Stewart Jones, Jr. has been represented countless individuals and families, won high-profile cases, major civil and criminal cases, and obtained record number of million-dollar verdicts and settlements on behalf of his clients. At one time or another throughout his career, he has earned the distinction of being the attorney who had won the largest verdicts in a number of counties across Upstate NY.

A life-long resident of the Capital District, Mr. Jones always knew he would be a lawyer. He joined the family practice in 1966, the same year he began practicing law. However, his Grandfather Abbott Jones founded the law firm in 1898 and his father, E. Stewart Jones, Sr. carried on the same legacy that E. Stewart Jones, Jr. is so very proud of. The firm began and has continued as a family practice, embracing the attorneys, staff and clients as extended family, which is why he and the award-winning team have earned such a sterling reputation with clients and the community. He may have inherited his grandfather and father's work ethic, but the compassion, sincere desire to win, and commitment to providing his very best to each and every client are a product of his own values and desire to serve.

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Michael J. Murphy is a trial attorney handling complex litigation with an emphasis on Labor and Employment Law, Municipal Law, and Professional Liability Law. He maintains an active trial practice in State and Federal courts as well as before the EEOC and New York State Division of Human Rights. He is regularly retained by leaders in business, government, community organizations, and the professions to represent their interests in sensitive, high profile litigation and investigations. Mr. Murphy is currently the Chair Emeritus of ALFA International, The Global Legal Network, and Past President of the Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association.

Mr. Murphy is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Fellowship into the American College of Trial Lawyers is extended only by invitation, after careful investigation, to those experienced trial lawyers who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility and collegiality. Membership in the College cannot exceed one percent of the total lawyer population of any state or province.

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Robert Schofield is a partner in Whiteman Osterman & Hanna's Labor and Employment Law, Education, and Litigation, Arbitration and Mediation Practice Groups. His areas of expertise include public sector labor and employment issues, education law, and general litigation, as well as State Court practice. Mr. Schofield has been with Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP since 2000.

Mr. Schofield is a past President of the Albany County Bar Association and the Albany County Bar Foundation. He is a member of the House of Delegates of the New York State Bar Association, and a past member of the State Bar's Committee on Attorney Professionalism. He has served as the President of the NY Capital Chapter of the Labor and Employment Research Association, an organization of practitioners and arbitrators in the labor-management community. He is a member of the New York State School Boards Association Council of School Attorneys.

Prior to joining the Firm, Mr. Schofield was the law clerk to the Hon. Justices Bernard J. Malone, Jr. and Joseph Harris of the New York Supreme Court, and previously served as an Appellate Court Attorney for the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department. Mr. Schofield graduated, magna cum laude, from Syracuse University College of Law, where he was an editor of the Syracuse Law Review. He holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, as well as a Bachelor of Arts degree from Plattsburgh State University. He is admitted to practice in New York and in the United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of New York, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court. He has been listed in the upstate editions of Best Lawyers in America and New York Super Lawyers.

Vincent J. Syracuse, Esq.

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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.