

HON. ARTHUR M. DIAMOND

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Arthur M. Diamond has served as a Justice of the New York State Supreme Court since January, 2004. He was re-elected to his second fourteen year term in November of 2017.

Justice Diamond is a graduate of Rutgers University (New Brunswick 1974) and Hofstra University School of Law (JD 1978). He began his legal career in the Office of the Nassau County

District Attorney Denis Dillon where he spent eight years and served as Deputy Chief of the Trial

Bureau. In 1999 and 2000 he was appointed to the County Court by Gov. George Pataki.

His column, *Evidentially Speaking*, appears regularly in the Nassau Lawyer, the official publication of the Nassau County Bar Association. He has lectured on evidence at the Nassau County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, the New York County Lawyers Association, the Judicial Seminars at the New York State Judicial Institute in White Plains, New York, the Second and Third Departments Attorney for the Child panels and the Hofstra University Continuing Legal Education Institute, among others. He was a co-editor of the Evidence chapter and a peer reviewer of the Article 81 chapter of the 2013 revision of the *Bench Book for Judges*. In 2016 he was named Clinical Instructor at Stony Brook University School of Medicine where he teaches a course he created, *Law and Medicine for Medical Students*. In October of 2018 he received the Medical School's Citizenship Award for outstanding service and contribution to the school.

Judge Diamond has served on the Chief Judge's statewide Judicial Advisory Council, a committee of Justices dedicated to improving trial practices in New York courts and in 2015 was appointed to the New York State Advisory Committee on Guardianship Matters. In January of 2016 he was appointed Supervising Judge of Guardianship matters for Nassau County.

Hon. David H Guy

Judge Guy has served as Broome County Surrogate Court Judge since January, 2011. In addition to Broome County Surrogate's Court, Judge Guy handles the Mental Hygiene Law Article 81 Guardianship matters throughout the 6th Judicial District and MHL Article 9 cases in Broome County. He serves on the New York State OCA Guardianship Advisory Committee and the OCA Second Special Commission on Fiduciary Appointments. Before becoming Surrogate, Judge Guy was with the Binghamton firm of Coughlin & Gerhart, LLP. Judge Guy received his BS from University of Rochester (1978) and JD from Albany Law School (1986). He is a member of the New York State and Broome County Bar Associations, and the NYS Surrogate's Association, currently serving as Secretary/Treasurer

HON. TANYA R. KENNEDY is a Supreme Court Justice of the State of New York, Civil Term and the former Supervising Judge of Civil Court, New York County. She is also the Immediate Past President of the National Association of Women Judges. Justice Kennedy previously served for ten years as an Adjunct Professor at Fordham University School of Law. She is Chair of the New York City Bar Committee to Encourage Judicial Service and member of the Board of Overseers of the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, where she received her law degree. Justice Kennedy is also an Advisory Board Member of Penn State Law. She promotes the advancement and empowerment of women through her membership in various women's organizations. Justice Kennedy serves as a mentor through her visits to various churches, schools and other organizations as a youth motivational speaker and is the recipient of numerous professional achievement and community service awards. She is also a frequent speaker at various panels and conferences.



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About Domenique

Domenique Camacho Moran represents employers—from startups to large corporations—in connection with all types of employment litigation, including matters arising under Title VII, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act,

the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, and the New York Human Rights Law.

As lead counsel, Domenique has represented management in jury trials and hearings in federal and state courts, arbitrations and administrative proceedings. She uses her extensive knowledge of employment law to help business owners comply with the many federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations that govern the employment relationship. She often provides companies with advice on the practical and legal implications of everyday employment decisions.

Additionally, Domenique regularly prepares and reviews employee handbooks and personnel policies, negotiates and drafts separation agreements, and provides guidance to employers faced with reorganizations and reductions in workforce. She conducts sexual harassment training for local and national employers that include investment banks, professional sports organizations, retail operations, manufacturing companies, and food service providers. She is also a contributor to Farrell Fritz's New York Construction Law blog.

A dynamic speaker, Domenique has significant experience providing training on a myriad of employment-related topics including effective management techniques, human resources fundamentals, litigation avoidance, preventing

workplace harassment and discrimination, conducting workplace investigations, and diversity awareness.

Prior to joining Farrell Fritz, she was a shareholder at Littler Mendelson, P.C.

Experience

- Won a landmark defense verdict for an employer in a multimillion-dollar 2009 class action wage and hour trial.
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Credentials

EDUCATION

- State University of New York at Stony Brook
- University of Notre Dame Law School

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S.D.C., Southern District of New York
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Affiliations & Appointments

- New York State Bar Association

BIOGRAPHY – FELICIA PASCULLI, ESQ. CELA

Felicia Pasculli, Esq. concentrates her practice in the areas of Elder Law & Special Needs Law, Trusts and Estates, and Veterans Law. She takes great pride in introducing the area of VA pension benefits to the Elder Law bar in 2001. She is certified as an elder law attorney (“CELA”) by the American Bar Assn. accredited National Elder Law Foundation and has been designated a “NY Metro Area Super Lawyer” for seven consecutive years, as well as a *Best Lawyer in America*. She is a founder of the Long Island Alzheimer’s Foundation and the Family Council at the Northport, New York VA Medical Center.

Felicia serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the Elder Law & Special Needs section of the New York State Bar Association and has served as Secretary of NYNAELA (National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys). She has lectured extensively for NAELA, the NY State Bar Assn., the NYS Women’s Bar Assn., National Organization of Veterans Advocates (NOVA), as well as many other professional groups. Her topics have included the intersection of public benefits, including Medicaid with veterans’ benefits, Trusts, Ethics, and Guardianships. She is accredited to train attorneys for the right to represent veterans before the VA.

Felicia has had articles published in bar association journals and newsletters, as well as public media. She is presently working on a book about aging based on her experiences as an elder law attorney.

She is very excited being part of the creation of a new firm, Futterman, Lanza, & Pasculli, LLP. As her past practice did, the new practice will focus on a holistic approach to clients’ needs which includes maximum availability and accessibility, and taking into account their lifestyles, medical needs, and familial relationships.

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Ira Salzman



Ira Salzman is a partner in the law firm of Goldfarb Abrandt Salzman & Kutzin LLP. Ira is the former Chair of the Elder Law Committee of the New York County Lawyers' Association. He is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the Elder Law Section of the New York State Bar Association and the co-chair of its Guardianship Committee. He is the former co-chair of its Medicaid Committee and former co-chair of its Legislation Committee.

Ira is a Fellow of the Brookdale Center on Aging. He is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and a former editor of its quarterly journal. He has written articles for the quarterly journal of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, the Elder Law News (a publication of Little, Brown & Company), and for the Elder Law Attorney (published by the Elder Law Section of the New York State Bar Association). He is the co-author of the Guardianship Section of the New York Lawyer's Form Book (published by the New York State Bar Association). He is the author of the chapter on the responsibilities of the attorney for an alleged incapacitated person in Guardianship Practice In New York (published by the New York State Bar Association).

Ira has lectured at numerous Office of Court Administration certified training programs for Court Evaluators and Guardians in New York County and Bronx County. In 1999 he received the Leonard Lerner Award for pro bono service from the New York County Lawyers' Association. In 2012 he received an award from the Elder Law Section of the New York State Bar Association in recognition of his work drafting a New York version of the Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective proceedings Jurisdiction Act.

Hon. Bernice Daun Siegal

Bernice Daun Siegal, elected Justice of the Supreme Court in 2008 and Judge of the Civil Court of New York for Queens County in 2001, has been appointed to serve as an Associate Justice of the Appellate Term, Second Department commencing January 2018. During her term as Civil Court Judge, she was appointed Supervising Judge of the Civil Court, Queens County, one of the busiest trial courts in the State, and served in that capacity for almost two years. Justice Siegal has been appointed to the *Pattern Jury Instructions Committee of the Association of Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York*. She also serves on the *New York State Continuing Legal Education Board*. She actively participated in the deliberations and Revision of the CLE Rules which now include mandatory “Diversity, Inclusion and Elimination of Bias” CLE Training.

With dozens of published opinions, she has lectured in continuing legal education courses for the Queens County Bar and Queens Women’s Bar Associations and the Jag Officers of the New York Guard, as well as training programs for judges, and authored an article, “Non Military Affidavits: Providing Civil Relief at Home” exploring legal precedent to protect litigants who are in the military. A decision of note currently on appeal to the Court of Appeals denied dismissal to defendants National Grid and Long Island Power Authority holding that providing electricity in this matter was a proprietary act, rather than a governmental action, and that the for profit private company and Long Island Power Authority are not shielded by governmental immunity. (*Baumann v. Long Island Power Authority*, 45 Misc.3d 257 affd by *Baumann v. Long Island Power Authority*, 141 A.D.3d 554 [2nd Dept 2016][holding that the provision of electricity was properly categorized as a proprietary function and therefore governmental function immunity doctrine did not apply].) In another significant decision, affirmed by the Second Department, the Court held that a nurse, despite playing an active role in an operation but who was acting under the direct supervision of an attending anesthesiologist, did not exercise independent medical judgment nor commit an independent act constituting a departure, therefore, could not be held liable for medical malpractice. (*Yakubov v. Jamil*, 121 AD3d 884 [2nd Dept 2014].)

Currently, after presiding over complex cases including medical malpractice litigation, she was asked to preside over one of two Guardianship Parts

in the 11th Judicial District. In addition to her responsibilities in the Guardianship arena, she continues to handle foreclosure matters and litigation involving the Long Island Power Authority as a consequence of Super Storm Sandy filed in the 11th judicial district. Previously, as Supervising Judge in Civil Court she implemented new programs to assist pro se litigants involved in consumer transaction litigation and to ensure the fair administration of justice.

Active in professional associations, she is a vice president of the Supreme Court Justices Association of the City of the New York. As the past president of the Network of Bar Leaders and former Chairwoman and President of the Brandeis Association, she is credited with bringing in a new generation of attorneys and judges into these vibrant associations. Justice Siegal is former board member for National Association of Women Judges Region 2, member of the Queens County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association, past president & Board Member of the Queens County Women's Bar Association. An member of the Queens County Bar Association, she actively participates in the Academy of Law and Elder Law Committee. Throughout her judicial career, Justice Siegal planned and participated in programs at law schools and Universities to mentor and support students. Her chambers has welcomed interns from High School to Law School, and she was honored to have participated in the Sonia & Celina Sotomayor High School Judicial Internship Program and the Ronald Brown Law School Prep program of St. John's University School of Law by working with young aspirants to the legal profession. Complementing her service to the legal community, Justice Siegal serves on the Board of Directors of the Workmen's Circle, a 501(c)3 corporation, which is dedicated to promoting Jewish Culture, Yiddish Learning and Social Justice.

Justice Siegal holds a Juris Doctorate from New York Law School, where she graduated Magna Cum Laude and was a proud member of the Law Review, National Barristers and the National Lawyers Guild.

Previously, in the public sector, Justice Siegal was Counsel to a member of New York City Council. With extensive knowledge of zoning and land use, educational issues, housing matters and the legislative process, she crafted legislation and strategies to win significant legal and political battles. She also has special expertise in health care policy with a Master in Public Administration from New York University and extensive experience overseeing the use of government funds at medical centers. Justice Siegal earned her Bachelor's with honors from

Queens College, City University of New York.

Prior to becoming a lawyer, she was a community activist, working with tenants, home owners and small business owners organizing tenants and merchant associations and lobbying legislators. She has worked professionally in the health care field as an administrator at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and as Assistant Director at Lincoln Medical Center. As an attorney, she represented tenants, poor and working class people and small business owners and provided legal services to members from a number of unions, including Local Three of the RWDSU, Local 840 of IBT, and District 15 of the International Association of Machinists.

She has been happily married to an exceptional person and a well respected labor leader, Kevin Lynch, for over three decades. They have two wonderful daughters, Rebecca Lynch, currently Deputy Director for the Working Families Party of Wisconsin and Sara Lynch, currently with the Public Defenders in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and recently sworn into the Pennsylvania.

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Ed is a Trustee of the NYSARC Pooled Trust, and serves as a Trustee of the Wildwood Programs Pooled Trust, a trust program serving individuals with developmental and learning disabilities. In 2009 and again in 2013, he received the Marie Ivancich Memorial Award from the Brain Injury Association of New York State for professional commitment to the organization's mission of advocacy for individuals living with brain injuries.

He is a member and former President of the Special Needs Alliance, www.specialneedsalliance.org, a not for profit organization of attorneys who practice in the areas of special needs trusts and public benefits. His professional affiliations include membership in the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, and the New York State Bar Association's Elder Law and Trusts and Estates Sections.

Ed is a contributing author to various publications of the New York State Bar Association, including [Representing People with Disabilities](#), and [Planning for Incapacity](#), and [Guardianship Practice in New York State](#).