

BIOGRAPHIES

KATHLEEN A. BARCLAY, ESQ.

BIOGRAPHY

Kathleen is a 1999 graduate of Union College and received her law degree in 2004 from Boston College Law School. Prior to joining Maguire Cardona, Kathleen gained extensive experience practicing law in Boston, before moving to the Albany area with her husband and family in 2009. She is admitted to practice law in the State of New York and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Kathleen focuses her practice in the areas of medical malpractice defense, errors and omissions, product liability, general liability defense and insurance coverage. Kathleen is a highly skilled courtroom advocate and has successfully obtained jury verdicts for her clients at trial, as well as obtained dismissal of cases prior to trial through motions for summary judgment.

Kathleen is an active member of the Capital District Trial Lawyers Association, Albany County Bar Association, Capital District Women's Bar Association and New York State Bar Association. Kathleen serves on the Board of Directors for the Capital District Trial Lawyers Association. Kathleen currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Albany County Bar Association, as well as the Chair of the Judicial Qualifications Committee. Kathleen also serves on the New York State Bar Association Committee on the Tort System, and is a member of the Trial Lawyer's Section. Kathleen is a member of the House of Delegates for the New York State Bar Association.

In 2015, 2016, and 2017 Kathleen was honored by Super Lawyers and included in its annual issue acknowledging outstanding Upstate New York attorneys. Kathleen was recognized for her successes in the category of Personal Injury Medical Malpractice Defense.

Running is one of her favorite activities, and Kathleen has participated in both the Baltimore Marathon and the Boston Marathon. Kathleen has also become an active Crossfitter. She resides in Ballston Lake with her husband and two sons.

PROFESSOR PATRICK M. CONNORS

BIOGRAPHY

Patrick M. Connors is the Albert and Angela Farone Distinguished Professor in New York Civil Practice at Albany Law School where he has taught New York Practice and Legal Ethics since 2000. Commencing with the January 2013 supplement, Professor Connors became the author for the treatise Siegel, New York Practice. The publication's sixth edition, "David D. Siegel & Patrick M. Connors, New York Practice (6th ed. 2018)," was released in March, 2018. The treatise has been cited in thousands of reported decisions and has been called "The Bible" for litigation in New York State courts.

He received his B.A. degree from Georgetown University and his J.D. degree from St. John's Law School, where he was an editor of the Law Review and research assistant to Professor David D. Siegel. Upon graduation from St. John's in 1988, Professor Connors served as a personal law clerk to Judge Richard D. Simons of the New York Court of Appeals until 1991. From 1991 until May of 2000 he was an associate and then member of the litigation department at Hancock & Estabrook, LLP, in Syracuse, New York.

Professor Connors is also the author of the McKinney's Practice Commentaries for CPLR Article 22, Stay, Motions, Orders and Mandates, Article 23, Subpoenas, Oaths and Affirmations, Article 30, Remedies and Pleading, and Article 31, Disclosure. He also authored the Practice Commentaries for the former New York Rules of Professional Conduct and several articles in the Surrogate's Court Procedure Act. He is currently an author of the New York Practice column and the annual Court of Appeals Roundup on New York Civil Practice, which are published in the New York Law Journal. From 1992 through 2003, he was a Reporter for the Committee on New York Pattern Jury Instructions ("PJI"), the panel of New York State Supreme Court Justices that drafts and oversees the frequent revisions of the standard jury charges in civil cases. His publications have been cited in hundreds of reported cases.

He was a member of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Professional Ethics from 1996 through 2016. He served on the New York State Attorney Grievance Committee for the Fifth Judicial District from 1997 until 2000. He was the Reporter for the New York State Bar Association's Special Committee on the Code of Judicial Conduct, which published a report recommending substantial amendments to New York's Code of Judicial Conduct. He was also the Reporter for the New York State Bar Association's Task Force on Non-lawyer Ownership of Law Firms. He is a member of the Office of Court Administration's Advisory Committee on Civil Practice and served as a member of the New York State Bar Association's CPLR Committee from 2003 through 2007.

Professor Connors is a frequent lecturer at continuing legal education seminars on recent developments in New York Practice, professional ethics and legal malpractice. He has also served as an expert witness and consultant on issues pertaining to attorney ethics, legal malpractice, and civil procedure.

JAMES HACKER, ESQ.

BIOGRAPHY

Jim Hacker is a 1981 graduate of Hamilton College where he is a Trustee and a 1984 graduate of Albany Law School where he chairs the Board of Trustees. He is an elected Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers as well as an elected Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

He is the former President of the Albany County Bar Association and is a Regional Vice President of the New York State Trial Lawyers Albany. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Legal Aid Society for Northeastern New York and is a past President of the Capital District Trial Lawyers Association who awarded him their Annual "Daniel H. Mahoney" Award in 2016. Mr. Hacker holds an AV rating from Martindale Hubbell and has been recognized as "A Best Lawyer in America" in both the fields of personal injury and commercial litigation.

Mr. Hacker divides his practice between the areas of commercial litigation and plaintiff's personal injury.

In handling personal injury cases, Mr. Hacker has represented individuals in cases involving complex product liability issues, automobile accidents resulting in serious injuries, traumatic brain injuries, spinal damage, burn injuries, carbon monoxide poisoning and medical malpractice.

With respect to commercial litigation, Mr. Hacker represents individuals and corporations with respect to their issues involving breach of contract, restrictive covenants and insurance disputes.

Recently Mr. Hacker has been serving as a neutral in mediation and arbitration matters brought before him by private litigants. He is known for his practical and fair approach to resolving disputes amicably in the alternative dispute resolution arena.

Mr. Hacker is the managing partner of E. Stewart Jones Hacker Murphy, LLP, a prominent 16 attorney firm in Albany, Troy and Saratoga Springs, New York with focuses on commercial litigation, personal injury, tax certiorari litigation and criminal defense.

MAUREEN E. MANEY, ESQ.

BIOGRAPHY

Maureen E. Maney is a partner in the Syracuse law firm of Mackenzie Hughes LLP. She concentrates her practice on the defense of corporations, municipalities, individuals, health care providers, religious entities, and not for profit organizations in a wide variety of civil litigation at both the trial and appellate levels in state and federal court. Maureen assists clients with matters involving commercial disputes, employment, products liability, medical and nursing malpractice, civil rights, fiduciary litigation and negligence claims. She has also served as local counsel to national law firms on diverse litigation matters.

Maureen's clients include hospitals, nursing homes, national transportation companies, business entities, municipalities, financial institutions, religious corporations, and individuals. Maureen is an adjunct professor at the Syracuse University College of Law and a frequent lecturer for state and local bar associations.

After earning a Bachelor of Arts degree (summa cum laude) in 1997 from Le Moyne College, Maureen attended Albany Law School of Union University, where she graduated with a Juris Doctor (magna cum laude) in 2001. She was admitted to the New York State Bar in 2002.

Maureen is a past president of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York ("WBASNY"), an organization with over 4,400 attorneys and judges. In 2013, Maureen was recognized as a "Rising Star" by the New York Law Journal. She has been selected for inclusion in the New York – Upstate Super Lawyers. Maureen is rated AV Preeminent with Martindale Hubbell. She is an active member of the New York State Bar Association, WBASNY, and the Onondaga County Bar Association.

MIRNA MARTINEZ SANTIAGO, ESQ.

BIOGRAPHY

MIRNA MARTINEZ SANTIAGO is Deputy Counsel at one of the largest Latino not-for-profit organizations in the United States. Mirna has over 20 years of legal experience, handling a range of matters from torts to professional liability to insurance coverage to regulatory affairs. She also conceived the Girls Rule the Law program and conference to introduce underprivileged and underrepresented middle and high school girls to the law.

Mirna lectures on an array of topics – with a focus on diversity, inclusion and the elimination of bias – and has published on legal, as well as non-legal subjects. Mirna has been featured in Latina Magazine and on NBC News speaking about the Afro-Latina experience.

Bar & Court Admissions: State Courts of New York; U.S. District Court for the Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of New York.

Education: New York University, B.A., 1992; State University of New York at Buffalo, School of Law, J.D., 1995; Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, Certificate in Magazine and Book Publishing, 2001

Professional Honors:

- 2017 – present: Delegate, 2nd Department, New York State Bar Association House of Delegates
- 2015/2016: Chair: Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section of the New York State Bar Association
- 2014 – 2016: Defense Association of New York Diversity Initiative, Planning Committee
- 2012: New York State Bar Association: Torts, Insurance & Compensation Law Section Award for Outstanding Chair (Diversity)
- 2010: New York State Bar Association: Sheldon Hurtwitz Young Lawyer Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Practice of Law in the Field of Insurance

Language Skills:

- Spanish (fluently spoken and written)
- Garifuna (fluently spoken)

PAT SPEIGHT, SEANCHAI STORYTELLER BIOGRAPHY

Pat Speight specializes in traditional Irish Tales, Folk Tales from the fireplaces of Ireland. Pat has stories to make you laugh to make you cry and to scare and cheer, stories about Animals and Birds, Kings and Warriors, Saints and Sinners, Witches and Magicians, Pickpockets and Ghosts, Fairies and Mermaids and Mythical, Mystical characters that inspire and captivate the imagination. He appeared on the NBC Today Show with host Meredith Vieira in 2009 when the show celebrated St Patrick's Day on location in Ireland.

In 2002 Pat Speight was appointed first *Storyteller In Residence* to Cork County Council. One of the founding members of <http://www.storytellersofireland.org/>, he has travelled far and wide and has been a featured Storyteller at many a Festival, including ...

USA National Storytelling Festival
Jonesborough Tennessee
Manchester Irish Festival
The North West International Festival
Cape Clear Festival
The Ulster Folk and Transport Festival
Scealta Shamhna in Dublin
Stories from the Hearth Wexford
The Irish Centre London
Seacat Storytelling Festival
Newcastle Irish Festival
Irish Festival Chicago, USA
Courtmacsherry Storytelling Carnival

