

# Biographies

## JUSTICE LUCY BILLINGS: A PROFILE

Justice Lucy Billings received her B.A. magna cum laude from Smith College and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in 1970 and received her J.D. with honors from the University of California at Berkeley School of Law in 1973. Justice Billings was a staff attorney at Vermont Legal Aid, a Senior Attorney at Utah Legal Services, Director of Legal Support for Legal Services for New York City, Staff Counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union Children's Rights Project, and Director of Litigation for Bronx Legal Services. She handled class actions and other complex civil rights litigation to establish and enforce rights for minority, disabled, and low-income persons in housing, environmental justice, including prevention of lead poisoning, public health, child welfare, education, and employment.

Justice Billings was elected to the Civil Court in 1997, assigned to the Criminal Court in 1998, appointed a Supreme Court Justice by designation in 2004, and elected to the Supreme Court in 2009. She has presided over complex, high profile class actions and proceedings as a Justice of the Complex Litigation Center, including products liability actions and election proceedings. Those actions involved, for example, State agencies' procedures for collecting debts, Mayor Giuliani's attempts to prohibit street artists from selling their work, a teacher's repeated sexual abuse of children at their public school, corruption and unsanitary conditions in the public markets, and major construction site disasters. Justice Billings recently has been the Coordinating Judge of the New York City Asbestos Litigation.

The over 300 published opinions by Justice Billings have reformed the standards and procedures for employed public assistance recipients, for issuing business licenses, and for granting and revoking parole and have found new avenues of recovery for injured construction workers, pothole victims, and families of infants who die at birth due to medical malpractice. In 2008, her decision recognized same sex marriages, well ahead of the New York Legislature and other courts.

A few recent opinions by Justice Billings illustrate the breadth of her nearly 300 published opinions. She protected workers by sustaining an employee's discrimination claims for a supervisor's two anti-homosexual remarks and the employer's failure to take immediate corrective action and by holding general contractors liable under the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act for conduct that affects not only their own employees, but also other employers' employees at a construction site. She required parolees' sex offender designations and parole conditions to be justified by specific facts and reasons related to past conduct and chances of recidivism, with articulation of the actions parolees must take for conditions to be removed. She enforced an artist's proprietary lease against the cooperative corporation, requiring it to assure that her co-tenants were certified artists, and recognized her right as a third party beneficiary of

a co-tenant's purchase contract that required his unit to be occupied by a certified artist, consistent with zoning laws and the building's certificate of occupancy.

Justice Billings has written many publications other than her opinions, as well as published legal education materials, most notably: Proposed Amendments to the Civil Practice Law & Rules: C.P.L.R. Article 9 Should Be Amended to Permit Class Actions Against Governmental Defendants, 58 Record 316 (2003); The Proposed "Class Action Fairness Act", 54 Record 637 (1999); The Future of Legal Services: Legal and Ethical Implications of the LSC Restrictions, 25 Fordham Urb. L.J. 608 (1998); Local and Federal Statutory and Regulatory Bases for Preventing Lead Poisoning, 26 Trial Lawyers Q. 32 (1996), 29 Clearinghouse Rev. 382 (1995); Federal Task Force on Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction and Financing, Putting the Pieces Together: Controlling Lead Hazards in the Nation's Housing: Dissenting Views (1995); Tenants of Federally Financed Housing Lose Rights to Lead Paint Abatement, 26 Clearinghouse Rev. 1583 (1993); Developing Regulations for the Safe Abatement of Lead Paint, 1992 N.Y.U. Envtl. L.J. 7; Federal Practice Manual for Legal Services Attorneys (Legal Services Corp. 1989); and The Choice Between Living with Family Members and Eligibility for Government Benefits Based on Need: A Constitutional Dilemma, 1986 Utah L. Rev. 695. Justice Billings has presented legal education lectures and seminars to the New York Judicial Institute, New York City Civil Court Judges, New York State Trial Lawyers Institute, National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ), New York City Bar Association (NYCBA), New York County Lawyers' Association (NYCLA), Bronx County Bar Association, National Legal Services Corporation, National Legal Aid and Defender Association, American Association for Justice, and New York State Psychological Association.

Chief Judge DiFiore appointed Justice Billings to the Commission on Access to Justice and the Judicial Advisory Committee on Evidence, recognizing her passion both for serving the underserved and for making complex and technical legal principles understandable and usable. At NYCLA Justice Billings is a delegate to the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) and has been Co-Chair of the Judicial Section, Chair of the Civil Rights Committee, and a member of the Women in Law Committee. She is also a member of NYCBA (Council on Judicial Administration, Task Forces on Class Actions and Mortgage Foreclosures, and State Courts of Superior Jurisdiction and Social Welfare Law Committees), the New York Women's Bar Association (Litigation Committee), NYSBA (Judicial Section and Torts, Insurance, and Compensation Law Section), the Unified Court System Torts Litigation Advisory Committee, and NAWJ. She is the recipient of the National Lawyers Guild's 2017 Champion of Justice Award.

Justice Billings is also an avid skier in the western United States and Canada, South America, New Zealand, and Europe and an avid tennis player.



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### PRACTICE AREAS

- Medical Malpractice Defense
- Diagnostic Laboratory Litigation
- Pharmaceutical Medical Device Litigation
- General Liability Litigation
- Dental Malpractice
- Podiatric Malpractice
- Medical Professional Discipline

Patrick J. Brennan is a founding member of the Firm. After graduating from Fordham University and St. John's University School of Law, Patrick began his legal career as an Assistant District Attorney at the Bronx District Attorney's Office in 1987, where he was assigned to the elite Investigations Bureau. Patrick gained extensive experience in a venue known to be a challenging one for prosecutors. After 5 years of public service, Patrick joined a prominent New York defense firm as an associate attorney, representing physicians and hospitals in medical malpractice

cases. In 1994, Patrick joined a large, New York based national defense firm, and became a member of the firm in 1997. Patrick has extensive experience as a trial lawyer, having taken more than 75 verdicts in his career in state and federal courts.

In addition to defending physicians, oral surgeons, dentists and podiatrists in malpractice actions, Patrick has successfully defended construction accident cases, premises liability cases, legal malpractice cases and automobile liability cases. Patrick was designated national coordinating counsel for a national company sued in the Fen-Phen litigation. In addition, Patrick has headed a national account for a leading international diagnostic laboratory, defending actions in three different regions nationally for this client. Patrick has lectured extensively for hospitals, risk management associations, insurers and the New York State Bar Association on topics such as HIPAA, wrongful death, and successful trial tactics. Patrick is an approved New York State CLE lecturer and has conducted numerous seminars for CLE credits.

## EDUCATION

- St. John's University, J.D. – 1987
- Fordham University, B.A. – 1984

## BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court –Southern and Eastern Districts of New York
- State Admissions: New York

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Defense Research Institute
- Member, The Bronx County Bar Association
- Member, The Association of the Bar of the City of New York
- Member, The Association of Hospital Risk Managers
- Member, New York State Bar Association



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David Canton primarily represents hospitals and physicians in complex professional malpractice lawsuits and also practices in the areas of general liability and product liability litigation in the metropolitan region. Mr. Canton was elected to the partnership of Aaronson Rappaport Feinstein & Deutsch, LLC in 2016. He is admitted to the state bars of New York and New Jersey; the United States District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York as well as the federal courts of New Jersey.

Highlights of significant results include:

- *Torres v. Maimonides Medical Center*, Supreme/Kings, 23285/11, defense verdict.
- *Crawford v. Hoffman*, 2008 NYLJ LEXIS 2898 (Supreme Court, 2008), partial summary judgment based upon lack of continuous treatment, *New York Law Journal* "Decision of Interest."

Mr. Canton received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Seton Hall University and a Juris Doctor degree from New York Law School, where he was an articles editor of the *New York Law School Journal of International and Comparative Law*. He has served as guest presenter on hospital risk management/avoidance topics.



**PRACTICE AREAS**

**General Litigation and Transactions**

**Medical Malpractice Litigation**

**Premises Liability**

**Product Liability**



**Zachary W.  
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Zachary W. Carter is the 78<sup>th</sup> Corporation Counsel of the City of New York. As the chief legal officer of the City, Mr. Carter oversees the Law Department with over 700 attorneys, who represent the City's interest in thousands of legal matters facing the City.

As a key legal advisor to the Mayor and his City agencies, Mr. Carter is primarily focused on advancing the City's interests, with a commitment to justice and fair outcomes for individuals. Throughout his career, Mr. Carter has used the law to level the playing field for those seeking equal access to justice and opportunity, free from the burden of discrimination based on race, national origin, gender, sexual preference or economic class.

In 1993 he was appointed by President Bill Clinton as the United States Attorney for the Eastern District, the first African-American to hold that office. His office prosecuted the full range of federal criminal cases, including major narcotics, securities fraud and human trafficking. Most notably, Mr. Carter oversaw civil rights prosecutions against police officers in the Abner Louima torture case and against rioters who killed Yankel Rosenbaum during the City's Crown Heights riots in 1991.

Prior to becoming the Corporation Counsel, Mr. Carter was a partner in the firm Dorsey & Whitney. He oversaw the Trial Group at the firm's New York office and was co-chair of the firm's White Collar Crime and Civil Fraud practice.

Mr. Carter has served as a magistrate judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York and as a judge of the New York City Criminal Court. He has served as chairman of the New York City Mayor's Committee on the Judiciary from 2002 through 2013. Mr. Carter has received the Public Interest Law & Society Award from the New York Lawyers for the Public Interest and the Emory Buckner Medal from the Federal Bar Council.

He graduated from Cornell University in 1972 and New York University School of Law in 1975.

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Christine, a senior associate, is published in the fields of law, organic chemistry, geobotanical studies and political science. She defends physicians, nurses, hospitals, nursing homes, healthcare professionals, social service agencies, non-profit entities, private companies and commercial property owners in professional and general liability actions. She also has significant experience representing defendants, including municipalities, in environmental litigation, and has a successful record of defending actions involving alleged elevator defects. In addition, she has created and maintained Lead Paint, Breast Cancer and Erb's Palsy Databases in support of ongoing litigation.

Christine manages the litigation support team and prepares medical malpractice and other complex cases for trial. Also managing her own case list, she has successfully secured summary judgment for defendants in actions involving leg amputations allegedly necessitated by delays in diagnosis of vascular insufficiencies, serious neurologic and orthopedic injuries allegedly resulting from elevator malfunctions, IV infiltration cases, actions involving allegations of failure to diagnose osteomyelitis (or bone infections), and many other types of professional and general liability actions.

Prior to joining Turken & Heath, LLP, at its inception, Christine was associated with the New York office of a national litigation firm.

Christine received her Juris Doctor degree from Ohio Northern University in 2005, where she served on the Editorial Board for the Ohio Northern University Law Review, and was winner of the Daniel S. Guy Appellate Advocacy Competition and a member of the Moot Court Board of Advocates. In law school, she received an academic award in Sales and Secured Transactions and served as a teaching assistant in the Decedents and Estates course. She was selected as the 2005 Outstanding Woman Law Graduate for Ohio Northern University by The National Association of Women Lawyers.

Christine graduated from Gettysburg College in 2002 with Political Science Departmental Honors. While attending college, she served as assistant to James D. Watson, Ph.D., a Nobel Prize Winner and co-discoverer of the double helix of DNA, and assisted in editing Dr. Watson's autobiography.

An avid golfer, Ms. Champey co-founded and captained both her high school varsity and the first women's varsity NCAA Division III Golf Team at Gettysburg College.





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Ms. Charles is the Casualty Product Leader supervising the Claims Adjusting Unit(s) handling: Auto, Environmental, General Liability and Umbrella matters within in the GRS portfolio. Rose joined Endurance supervising the Excess Casualty Claims Teams in Bermuda and the U.S., as well as a variety of property and casualty matters, and overseeing the management of external TPAs. Prior to joining Endurance, Rose was a Litigation Partner with the nationwide law firm of Wilson, Elser, LLP where she defended and tried cases for public housing authorities, municipalities, and private entities where she obtained settlements, defense verdicts, summary judgments and dismissals of often sensitive, high exposure, and complex liability matters including: §1983 Claims, Premises Security/Rape, Construction/Labor Law, Medical Malpractice, Lead paint and Toxic mold matters in Federal and State Court. Of note, she defended entities in the Atlanta Day Trading Massacre Cases, the Columbine Colorado Shooting Cases, the Rhode Island Fire Case, and personally supervised a team who conducted more than 1200 municipal hearings for claims arising from the 2003 Staten Island ferry crash and from law enforcement interactions with citizens at the 2004 Republican National Convention. She has presented seminars to universities and campus organizations, banks, hospitals, property owners, and insurance trade groups in addition to police officers and peace officers on the issue of premises security and risk management. Rose is a graduate of Boston University with a degree in Forensic Psychology, a Master of Science from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in Forensic Psychology and St. John's University School of Law. Rose is licensed to practice law in both New York and Washington, D.C. and is admitted in the U.S. District court for the Northern District of New York and the Southern District of New York. She has been an Adjunct professor at East Stroudsburg University. Rose is a member of the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance, Defense Research Institute, International Association of Claims Professionals, and is an Advisor of the Association of Professional Insurance Women. She has written articles relating insurance, legal, risk management, and has been published in the New York Law Journal and the Jury Verdict Reporter.

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Mylan L. Denerstein is a partner in the New York office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. Ms. Denerstein is Co-Chair of Gibson Dunn's Public Policy Practice Group and a member of the White Collar Defense and Investigations, Securities Litigation, Appellate and Crisis Management Practice Groups. Prior to joining Gibson Dunn, Ms. Denerstein served as Counsel to New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo. In this role she acted as the Governor's chief counsel and principal legal advisor.

Ms. Denerstein handles a broad range of complex litigation, as well as white collar, legislative and investigation matters. She represents diverse companies confronted with a wide range of legal issues involving local, state and federal government, from New York City Sanitation Department, New York Attorney's General's Office, New York State Department of Financial Services, New York State Governor's Office, to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, among others.

From 2007 to 2010 during the administration of then-Attorney General Cuomo, she served as the Executive Deputy Attorney General for Social Justice and managed approximately 100 attorneys statewide working in the areas of charities, civil rights, environmental protection, health care, labor and tobacco companies. From 2003 to 2007, she served as Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs for the New York City Fire Department where she was the highest ranking woman and African-American. From 1996 to 2003, Mylan served as a federal prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, first as Assistant U.S. Attorney, prosecuting complex securities, insurance fraud, money laundering and organized crime cases, and then as Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division, where she assisted in managing over 100 Assistant U.S. Attorneys.

Ms. Denerstein was named as one of New York Law Journal's 2016 "Top Women in Law." Ms. Denerstein received The Work & Family Legal Center's Distinguished Public Service Award in May 2016 from A Better Balance for her work on the Women's Equality Act; was The Association of Black Women Attorneys' Professional Achievement Honoree in April 2015; and was the Citizens Union of the City of New York's Public Service Award Honoree in October 2015 for her leadership helping to enhance the vitality of New York City.

Ms. Denerstein is a member of the Association of Black Women Attorneys, New York City Bar Association, National Bar Association, New York State Bar Associate, and Metropolitan Black Bar Association. She serves on the Boards of the American Red Cross, Greater New York, Sanctuary for Families and Vera Institute for Justice.

Ms. Denerstein graduated in 1993 from Columbia Law School, where she was named a Charles Evans Hughes Fellow for outstanding commitment to public service and was a recipient of the Jane Marks Murphy Prize for exceptional proficiency and advocacy in clinics.

## EDUCATION

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Columbia University - 1993 Juris Doctor

University of Virginia - 1989 Bachelor of Arts



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## NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

### Lisa M. Friel – Special Counsel for Investigations at the National Football League



Lisa joined the NFL in April 2015 as Special Counsel for Investigations, following her role as Vice President of the Sexual Misconduct Consulting & Investigations division for T&M Protection Resources and a distinguished 28-year career as a Manhattan prosecutor. She oversees investigations related to alleged violations of the League's Personal Conduct Policy. As such, she works closely with NFL Security, Management Council and the Special Counsel for Conduct, as well as the owners' Conduct Committee. In addition, she assists in the development and delivery of educational sessions regarding domestic violence, sexual assault and other conduct-related areas to both internal and external audiences and in this role, works closely with NFL Social Responsibility, Player Engagement

and Football Operations departments. Prior to coming to the League full-time, Ms. Friel served seven months as Special Advisor to Commissioner Goodell on these issues.

At T&M Protection Resources, Ms. Friel and her team developed policies and procedures, provided training workshops and conducted sensitive investigations into issues of sexual misconduct (both sexual assault and sexual harassment), domestic/dating violence, harassment, hazing and bullying for primary and secondary schools, colleges and universities, athletic teams and leagues, non-profit organizations, corporations and private individuals.

Ms. Friel began her professional career at the New York County District Attorney's Office. Hired by District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau in 1983, Ms. Friel specialized in sexual assault cases for the majority of her career at the District Attorney's Office. She was the Chief of the Sex Crimes Unit for nearly a decade and its Deputy Chief for 11 years. Since her first days as a prosecutor in 1983 and continuing in her tenure at T&M Protection Resources and now the NFL, Ms. Friel has directed thousands of investigations into allegations of sexual assault and harassment, domestic/dating violence and other misconduct and has trained hundreds of law enforcement personnel and lawyers throughout the world. Lawmakers in Albany and Washington repeatedly called upon her expertise to toughen laws against sexual predators, combat human trafficking, create DNA databanks and establish laws and protocols to eliminate the backlog of untested rape kits on the shelves of police departments' evidence rooms around the country. She has served on a number of city, state and national taskforces, including most recently, ones examining how sexual assault is handled in the U.S. military justice system and on the campuses of the nation's private K-12 schools.

An instructor, educator, lecturer, and former Division 1 varsity basketball and tennis player and basketball coach, Ms. Friel has connected with diverse audiences ranging from seasoned detectives to school children, doctors to volunteer sexual assault advocates, CEOs to line employees, as well as athletes and athletic personnel at all levels. She has headlined legal, sports and education conferences, has provided training to all types of audiences and has participated in numerous interviews and films addressing sexual assault, harassment, stalking and domestic violence.

Ms. Friel earned a Bachelor of Arts in history from Dartmouth College, graduating cum laude. At the University of Virginia Law School, she finished in the top seven percent of her class and was awarded the Order of the Coif upon receiving her Juris Doctor. She is also the mother of three adult children.

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Sheryl Galler has many years of experience handling employment and commercial matters for domestic and international clients. Her practice currently focuses on employment law and includes negotiating and drafting employment, severance and non-competition agreements, drafting employee handbooks and helping clients develop and implement employment policies. She also conducts internal investigations of discrimination and harassment claims, and counsels clients on a wide range of employment law and compliance matters.

Ms. Galler is a 1993 graduate of the Columbia University School of Law, where she was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. She received her B.A. in Political Science from Columbia University, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa. She is admitted to the bar in New York State, the U.S Court of Appeals, Second Circuit and the Southern and Eastern Districts of the U.S. District Court.

Ms. Galler is a member of the Executive Committees of the New York State Bar Association's Labor & Employment Law Section and Women in Law Section. She has chaired panels and presented continuing legal education courses for both the Labor & Employment Section and the Women in Law Section. She is the author of "Know New York State's New Paid Family Leave Benefits Law," published in the May 2017 edition of the New York State Bar Association Journal.



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**Susan L. Harper, Esq.** is the Managing Director NY/NJ of Bates Group LLC. Voted a “Best Securities Litigation Consulting Firm” by readers of the *New York Law Journal*, Bates Group is the nation’s preeminent financial services consulting firm, providing end-to-end solutions for financial services firms and their counsel, including litigation consultation and testimony, regulatory and internal investigation support, compliance solutions, AML and financial crimes investigation services, and economic damages consulting.

An experienced securities litigation attorney, Susan has represented financial services firms in matters before the FINRA, SEC, and in state and federal courts in connection with customer, industry, employment and regulatory matters. She has successfully defended, mediated and settled claims involving wrongful termination/discrimination, suitability, speculative products, hedge funds, overconcentration, fraud, churning, misappropriation, negligence, fiduciary duty, failure to supervise and Form U4/U5 related matters. From 2011-2015, she served as co-chair of New York County Lawyers’ Association’s (NYCLA) Securities & Exchanges Committee and led a committee of over 150 securities attorneys, successfully engaging members and industry leaders.

A leader in advancing women’s rights, Susan is the founding Chair of the New York State Bar Association’s (NYSBA) Women in Law Section. Under her leadership, she has led the Section from a 50-person committee at launch to over 615 Section members in the first five months. She has created seven new committees to align with the strategic interests of the Section’s mission of advancing women in the profession and all women under the law, including a General Counsels Committee, Partners Committee, Women in the Association Committee, Law Firm Equity Committee, Gender Issues Committee, Emerging Lawyers Committee and the first-ever Champions Committee devoted to engaging men to support the advancement of women.



Prior to this, Susan was the chair/co-chair of the Committee on Women in the Law (CWIL). Last year, the committee worked on legislation concerning salary disclosures, domestic violence, women's prisoners' rights, and an ERA amendment to the New York State Constitution.

In November 2017, Susan co-led the creation of a traveling exhibit and pamphlet honoring the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of women's suffrage in New York State. She conceived and led the creation of the first NYSBA *Journal* devoted exclusively to topics impacting women in the profession and in society, published in May 2017.

As an active member of CWIL's Legislative Affairs Subcommittee since 2011, Susan served as the Legislative Affairs Subcommittee Chair from 2013-2016. In 2011, Susan, along with fellow NYSBA Legislative Subcommittee members, successfully spearheaded the effort for the NYSBA to champion equal pay initiatives. In 2015, Susan served as the lead CWIL advocate in connection with a CWIL Report supporting proposed federal paid leave legislation. The NYSBA's Executive Committee and House of Delegates supported the Report, and paid leave was made a NYSBA Legislative Priority in 2016.

Susan also served as the Co-Chair of NYCLA's Women's Rights Committee (2009-2012). Her initiatives then focused on women's rights and professional advancement, reproductive rights, women on not-for-profit boards, human trafficking, and the plight of women in Afghanistan.

As the 2012-2013 President, Chair of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Financial Women's Association ("FWA") of New York, Inc. and the FWA of New York Educational Fund, Susan headed a team of over 80 leaders and a paid staff. She successfully led the 850+ individual and 20+ major corporate financial services member organization through a historic transitional year, increasing new member acquisition by 42% and the unrestricted Educational Fund giving by 54% over the previous year. During her tenure, she led a major strategic planning effort and initiated the restructuring of FWA to become one organization. She continued to lead and completed the "One FWA" corporate restructuring initiative while serving as FWA's Board Restructuring Chair (2013-2015) and FWA's *pro bono* General Counsel, a position she previously held in 2010-2011. As the 2015-2017 *pro bono* GC, she built an office of *pro bono* deputy general counsels and outside counsel to support overseeing legal matters, Board governance, policy, compliance, risk management, and employment issues impacting the organization. In 2016, she was honored and recognized as a "2016 FWA Public Sector Woman of the Year" at the FWA's 60th Anniversary Annual Dinner and Women of the Year Awards.

She currently serves as the FWA Liaison to the United State Military. Her leadership was recognized by the U.S. Congress in 2013.





An ABA award-winning writer, Susan possesses a legal journalism background, having served as the legal editor and real estate and big deals reporter for the *New York Law Journal* and an editor for the *National Law Journal/ALM Marketing*. Notably, during this period, she covered the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks on the U.S. and the post 9/11 rebuilding efforts by the New York legal and real estate communities.

Prior to beginning her law career, Susan conducted an international business throughout Western and Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Asia and the Caribbean.

A member of the New York and New Jersey Bars, Susan is admitted to practice before the New York and New Jersey state courts and the U.S. District Courts for the Southern District and Eastern District of New York and of New Jersey. She possesses a B.A. in Business Management from Simmons College in Boston, and a Juris Doctor degree from New York Law School (with highest honors). She is a proud member of the Board of Directors of the New York County Lawyers' Association (NYCLA).



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Chairman of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP since 2008, Brad Karp is one of the country's leading litigators and corporate advisers. Brad has successfully defended financial institutions and other companies in numerous "bet the company" litigations, regulatory matters and internal investigations. Prior to being named chairman of Paul, Weiss, Brad chaired the firm's Litigation Department.

Brad has received numerous industry recognitions over the years. In 2018, Brad received the Special Achievement Award from the *Financial Times* in recognition of his legal achievements and leadership of Paul, Weiss and was also named "Attorney of the Year" by *New York Law Journal*, "Litigator of the Year" by *The American Lawyer*, "Sports MVP of the Year" by *Law360*, and "Securities Lawyer of the Year" by *Best Lawyers*. In 2017, Brad was selected as a "Litigation Trailblazer" by the *National Law Journal* and *Best Lawyers'* "Banking Lawyer of the Year." Brad's successful representation of financial institutions and others was featured in a 2014 *American Lawyer* story in which Paul, Weiss was selected as the best securities litigation/regulatory firm in the United States and in an earlier cover story, "The Lifesavers," in which Paul, Weiss was selected as the country's best litigation firm. Brad has been repeatedly named by the National Association of Corporate Directors on its list of most influential people in the boardroom community and selected by *Chambers* as a "Star" in multiple practice areas. In 2013, the *New York Law Journal* awarded Brad its first-ever Impact Award, in recognition of Brad's "significant and lasting impact on the legal community in New York." In 2013, *Benchmark Litigation/Euromoney* selected Brad as its "Litigator of the Year." In 2012, the *Financial Times* selected Brad as one of the 10 most innovative lawyers in the United States. In 2011, *Lawdragon* selected Brad as its "Lawyer of the Year." Additional publications consistently rank Brad as one of the leading lawyers in the United States, including *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Crain's New York Business*, *The Lawyer (U.K.)*, *The Legal 500*, *Euromoney Institutional Investors*, *Best of the Best USA* and *Benchmark/Institutional Investor*.

Brad's recent clients in significant securities, commercial and regulatory matters have included Citigroup, JPMorgan, Bank of America, Morgan Stanley, HSBC, Standard Chartered, Bank of New York Mellon, UBS, Barclays, Goldman Sachs, Wells Fargo, Signature Bank, Apollo Global Management, Blackstone Group, KKR, SoftBank, Citco, Fortress, Glencore, Deutsche Bank, Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, Deloitte, The National Football League, FIFA, Philadelphia 76ers, Xerox, Western Union, MacAndrews & Forbes, ING, Tishman-Speyer, AXA Equitable, General Atlantic, Carlos Ghosn, Primerica, Autotrader, MagnaChip, Bloomberg, Ericsson, Sotheby's, SS&C, Mutual of Omaha, Bank of China, China Construction Bank, Agricultural Bank of China, Newmont Mining, Merck, Johnson & Johnson, SICPA, BB&T, Eton Park, Bowlmor, OneWest Bank, Columbia University, CIM Group, Pattern Energy, Zurich Capital and Aurora Bank.

Brad speaks and writes frequently on business litigation, securities litigation and corporate governance. He has spoken at more than 500 conferences and has lectured at Harvard Law School, Yale Law School, Columbia Law School, NYU Law School and The Federal Judicial Center. Brad has written more than 500 articles on business litigation issues. For the past 34 years, Brad has written a monthly column for the *New York Law Journal*, "Second Circuit Review," which analyzes developments in the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Brad is a frequent contributor to the *Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation*. Brad has also spoken out and written about pressing issues of social justice. Most recently, in 2018 he authored two op-eds in *The New York Times*, "Stop Shielding Gun Makers," advocating changes to laws related to gun manufacturer liability, and "An Army of Lawyers for Migrants," urging the private bar to address the unlawful treatment of immigrants and to seek the reunification of separated families. In 2018, Brad also authored an op-ed in the *New York Law Journal*, "Democracy Itself Is on the Ballot," addressing the issue of voter suppression and disenfranchisement.

Brad is active in the community, serving on more than 25 public interest and educational institution boards. Brad is the chairman of the Legal Action Center and a director/trustee of the Riverdale Country School, Mount Sinai Hospital, The Partnership for New York City (Executive Committee), the Harvard Law School Leadership Council, the Lincoln Center Business Advisory Council, the New York City Bar Association (Vice President), the American Constitution Society, Junior Achievement Worldwide, Harvard Law School Center on the Legal Profession, Practicing Attorneys for Law Students Program, Inc., the Leadership Council of the Legal Services Corporation, the Harvard Law School Visiting Committee, the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, American Friends of Hebrew University, the New York Bar Foundation, the Program Advisory Board of the Brennan Center for Justice, the Mark Messier Foundation, the Best Lawyers Advisory Board, the Economic Club of New York, the Federal Bar Council Second Circuit Inn of Court, the Union College President's Council, the United States Supreme Court Historical Society, and the NYU Program on Corporate Compliance and Enforcement. Brad is a founding member of the PriceWaterhouse Leaders Council examining financial services industry regulatory reform, and is a member of The New York City Bar Association Task Force on New Lawyers in a Changing Profession. Brad currently is chairing the 2017-19 (Bicentennial) Harvard Law School Annual Fund. Brad is chair of the Advisory Committee of the Citizens' Committee for Children.

Brad has received more than a dozen recognitions for his pro bono accomplishments and charitable service, including the Servant of Justice Award by the Legal Aid Society, the Judge Learned Hand Award by AJC, the Human Relations Award by the Anti-Defamation League, the Arthur Liman Public Interest Award by the Legal Action Center, the Pro Bono Award by the Pro Bono Partnership, the Torch of Learning Award by American Friends of Hebrew University, the Corporate Protector Award by Citizens' Committee for Children, the Extraordinary New Yorker Award by the JBFCS, the Joseph Proskauer Award by UJA, the Legal Advocate Award by the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence, the Man of Distinction Award by Legal Momentum, the Impact Award by the *New York Law Journal*, the Pro Bono Partner Award by the Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, and the Judge Simon Rifkind Award by The Jewish Theological Seminary.

Brad is a 1984 honors graduate of Harvard Law School and clerked for The Honorable Irving R. Kaufman, former Chief Judge of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. Brad has spent his entire professional career at Paul, Weiss, beginning as a summer associate in 1983.



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MR. KRINSKY'S ethics-based *defense litigation practice* focuses on:

- ***Federal & State Attorney/Judicial Ethics Matters***, including: representing attorneys and law firms under investigation by disciplinary authorities and other government agencies; providing guidance to lawyers concerning the day-to-day practice of law; representing disbarred and suspended attorneys seeking reinstatement; advising and representing members of the New York State Judiciary in matters before the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct; and assisting law school graduates in the admissions process.
- ***Federal & State Criminal Defense Matters***, including: defending clients against law-enforcement actions such as claims of securities fraud, antitrust, investment advisory fraud, health care fraud, tax issues, money laundering, RICO, and narcotics trafficking, among others; helping conduct internal investigations; addressing compliance issues; and responding to regulatory inquiries.
- ***Art Law Ethics & Litigation Matters***, including: allegations of business fraud; art-related disputes; fraudulent transactions; provenance and authenticity; fraudulent inducement to sell; and sales tax evasion.

MR. KRINSKY is a frequent lecturer on topics involving ethics in litigation, personal and professional responsibility and academic integrity, including at: the N.Y. State Judicial Institute; the Appellate Divisions, First and Second Judicial Departments; the N.Y. State Bar Association; the N.Y. City Bar; the N.Y. County Lawyers' Association; the N.Y. State Academy of Trial Lawyers; the N.Y. State Trial Lawyers Association; the Practising Law Institute; the Bay Ridge Lawyers Association; the Queens County Bar Association; Sotheby's Institute of Art; and law schools such as Brooklyn Law School, Columbia Law School and Fordham Law School.

MR. KRINSKY serves as the *Chair* of the Ethics Committee of the Entertainment, Arts & Sports Law Section of the N.Y. State Bar Association; and the *Chair* of the Committee on Professional Discipline of the N.Y. County Lawyers' Association. Mr. Krinsky serves on the Board of Advisors of the N.Y. County Lawyers' Association Institute of Legal Ethics; and is also a Member of: the Brooklyn Bar Association; the N.Y. State Bar Association's Committee on Attorney Professionalism; the N.Y. City Bar Association's Professional Responsibility Committee; and the N.Y. County Lawyers' Committee on Professional Ethics.



KATHLEEN LYONS

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Kathleen Lyons is VP in the Property Casualty Business Management Unit at Swiss Reinsurance Holding Corporation. She manages wide variety of claims including medical malpractice, workers compensation & D&O under the reinsurance umbrella of the company. Prior to joining SwissRe, she was claims counsel for HANYS Insurance Company. HANYS wrote primary and excess coverage for hospitals and physicians in New York State. Ms. Lyons managed an extensive book of medical malpractice claims

Before joining HANYS, Ms. Lyons worked as an attorney for 20 years at several defense firms. She specialized in medical malpractice and hospital liability. She was on the curriculum planning committee and an instructor in the Legal Nurse Consulting Program at Pace University.

She started her career as a nurse and worked in various clinical settings including the ICU and ER for 10 years .

She holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Michigan and a JD from Fordham University – School of Law

Ms. Lyons is active in the NYS Bar Association and a member of the Committee of Women in Law. She is on the Board of APIW - Association of Professional Insurance Women and serves as Membership Chair .



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Terri Mazur focuses her practice on securities litigation and regulation, primarily in the financial services industry, as well as on antitrust and complex commercial disputes. She primarily represents corporate clients, financial institutions and accounting firms. Terri defends lenders and financial institutions in class actions involving consumer lending, consumer leasing, credit reporting and practices and fraud claims. She also represents national and multinational corporations in monopoly, price fixing, market allocation and conspiracy cases.

Terri has broad experience with multidistrict, class and individual actions involving securities law (especially claims under Exchange Act Sections 10(b), 11 and 20(a)), professional liability, contract, fiduciary duty, fraud and deepening insolvency claims. She defends lenders in class actions, particularly in the area of consumer issues, in federal and state courts across the country. Ms. Mazur has represented corporations in suits involving copyright infringement, breach of contract, business torts, trade secrets, covenants not to compete, RICO claims, insurance coverage and wrongful death claims. In the products liability field, she has successfully defended a chemical and lubricant manufacturer against PCB contamination claims and a manufacturer of fire safety-related equipment. Ms. Mazur has successfully tried numerous cases, both bench and jury trials, as well as evidentiary hearings (TROs, preliminary injunctions, class certification), in federal and state courts throughout the country. She has written appellate briefs and argued before the Courts of Appeal for the Third, Seventh, Ninth, and Tenth Circuits, as well as in the Illinois and New Mexico appellate and supreme courts.

Terri works closely with corporate senior management and in-house counsel, advising on industry trends, identifying future threats and opportunities for the company, assisting with the creation and implementation of specific action plans, developing litigation strategy and preparing high-level executives for deposition and trial testimony.

Terri also is a frequent speaker and author on securities, antitrust and women's issues. She serves on the Executive Committee of the New York State Bar Association's Antitrust Section, was appointed to the NYSBA's Membership Committee and is the Co-Chair of the Annual Meeting for the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Women in the Law. She founded and chaired Mayer Brown's Women's

Initiatives Committee, working closely with firm management to enhance the retention, professional development, and advancement of women attorneys at the firm, and has been very active in diversity and women's issues throughout her career.

### **Professional Experience**

**GREENBERG TRAURIG LLP**, New York, NY (*Shareholder, August 2015 – January 2018*)

**KAYE SCHOLER LLP**, New York, NY (*Partner, November 2012 - July 2015*)

**MAYER BROWN LLP**, New York, NY (*Partner, 1992-2012; Associate, April 1987 - 1991*)

Chicago Office: April 1987 – June 2005

New York Office: July 2005 – October 2012

**MONTGOMERY & ANDREWS, PA**, Santa Fe, NM (*Associate 1984 - March 1987*)

First- and second-chaired several bench and jury trials and took and defended more than 150 depositions, focusing on antitrust, commercial litigation (including natural gas litigation), products liability and defense of workmen's compensation claims.

### **Significant Representations**

#### **Securities and Derivative Litigation**

- *State of New York v. American International Group, Inc., et al.* (New York Supreme Court, New York County, 2012 – 2015). Representation of former CFO and director of AIG in a Martin Act action by the New York State Attorney General alleging misrepresentations relating to reinsurance transactions.
- *Hoi Ming Michael Ho, et al. v. Duoyuan Global Water, Inc., et al.* (S.D.N.Y., Case No. 10 Civ. 7233 (GBD)). Representation of former CFO and a director of a China-based manufacturer and seller of water treatment equipment in this class action brought by holders of ADS. The class asserted claims under Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5 and Sections 11 and 15 of the 1933 Act, alleging material misstatements relating to the company's revenues, distributors and employees in connection with the company's initial public offering and second public offering.
- *In re Cendant Corporation Securities Litigation* (D.N.J., Case No. 98 Civ. 1664 (WHW)). Representation of Ernst & Young in this multibillion dollar securities fraud action centered in the District of New Jersey. The case involved multiple class and derivative actions brought by Cendant shareholders for \$20 billion, as well as claims by Cendant against Ernst & Young, numerous separate state actions, SEC and DOJ proceedings, criminal trials, securities and professional liability matters. All matters were ultimately settled on terms favorable for the client.
- *Stephenson, et al v. Hartford Life & Annuity Ins. Co., et al.* (N.D. Ill.). Representation of Cancer Treatment Centers of America and its founder, Richard Stephenson, in bringing federal securities and consumer fraud claims arising out of the purchase of a variable life insurance policy. This matter was settled on terms favorable for the clients.
- *AUSA Life Ins. Co. v. Ernst & Young* (S.D.N.Y., Case No. 94 Civ. 3116). This was a trial of a "mass" action by nine insurance companies against Ernst & Young alleging 10b-5 and common law fraud claims after the bankruptcy of one of E&Y's auditing clients, JWP, Inc. Plaintiffs were a group of note holders who sought damages in excess of \$150 million. After a three month bench trial, the district court entered

judgment for Ernst & Young on the ground that plaintiffs had failed to establish loss causation. Ultimately, after two appeals and a remand, the judgment in favor of Ernst & Young was affirmed by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

### **Antitrust**

- *In re Urethanes Antitrust Litigation, Case No. 2:04-md-01616* (D. Kan.)(JWL). Representation of multinational corporations BASF Corporation and BASF SE in connection with allegations that several manufacturers conspired to fix the price of, and allocate customers and nationwide markets for certain urethane products. This high-profile, complex price-fixing case - brought despite the DOJ's closure of a related grand jury investigation without charges being filed - included class actions filed around the country, which were consolidated in an MDL proceeding before a U.S. District Court Judge in Kansas. Several additional direct actions were brought by a number of plaintiffs who opted out of the class. Won a ruling permitting discovery from the plaintiffs of their downstream sales and marketing data. Aggressively defended and resolved the key cases in favor of the client before a federal jury returned a substantial verdict against a co-defendant in the class action.
- *Morici, et al. v. American Airlines, et al.* (Cook County, Ill.). Representation of American Airlines in the class action brought under state antitrust laws alleging that numerous airlines conspired to fix the price of fuel surcharges. Settled on terms favorable to the client.
- *Giant Industries, Inc. v. Shell, et al.* (D.N.M.). Representation of an oil refinery company as plaintiff in an action alleging that its joint venture partners violated §2 of the Sherman Act arising out of their operation of a jointly owned pipeline.

### **Financial Services Litigation**

- *Kedziora v. Citicorp National Services, Inc.* (N.D. Ill. & 7th Circuit). Served as defense of lessor in class action brought by automobile lessees challenging the disclosure and reasonableness of early termination charges in automobile lease under the federal Consumer Leasing Act, won dismissal of disclosure claims and summary judgment on counterclaim against the class representative.

### **Other Significant Matters**

- *Viacom v. YouTube, Inc., Google, Inc., and The Football Association Premier League, et al. v. YouTube Inc., YouTube LLC, Google, Inc.* (S.D.N.Y.)(J. Stanton). Won summary judgment for YouTube and its parent Google in billion-dollar copyright infringement actions brought by Viacom and a class of film studios, music publishers, sports leagues and others in the Southern District of New York under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998 (DMCA). The *Washington Post* called the win "an immense legal victory" for Google, and the *New York Times* observed that "the ruling in the closely watched case could have major implications for the scores of Internet sites" that rely on user-generated content. The Second Circuit affirmed in part and remanded for further findings on certain issues. (*Viacom v. Google, et al.*, S.D.N.Y. 2010).
- *Lexecon v. Milberg Weiss*, (N.D. Ill. 1998). Representation of Lexecon in its \$45 million jury verdict and \$50 million settlement from the Milberg Weiss law firm in an abuse of process case; mentioned in the book *Money Lawyers* as a result of her role in this case (Joseph C. Goulden (2005)).

### **Professional & Community Involvement**

- Member, American Bar Association, Sections on Antitrust and Litigation
- Member, New York State Bar Association, Sections on Antitrust, Commercial and Federal Litigation, and Women in Law



- Member, Executive Committee, Antitrust Section
- Member, Executive Committee, Women in Law Section
- Member, New York City Bar Association
  - Appointed to Antitrust & Trade Regulation Committee
- Member, National Association of Women Lawyers
- Board Member, Northwestern University School of Law, Law School Fund Board

### **Awards & Recognition**

- Team Member, U.S. News – Best Lawyers®, Best Law Firms Edition, “Law Firm of the Year,” Banking & Finance – Litigation, 2017
- Listed, *The Legal 500 United States*, Securities Litigation – Defense, 2016
- Recipient, Urban Justice Center, 9th Annual Community Justice Awards Luncheon, "Social Justice Award," April 9, 2013

### **Articles, Lectures & Publications**

#### **Articles**

- > Co-Author, "Recent Developments in the Extraterritorial Reach of the U.S. Antitrust Laws," *InsideCounsel*, August 13, 2014
- > Co-Author, "How to Obtain and Use U.S. Discovery in European Private Antitrust Actions," *International Finance Law Review*, January 21, 2013

#### **Lectures**

- > Speaker, "Antitrust Class Actions - Where Are We? A 360 Degree Perspective," NYSBA Antitrust Section, Annual Meeting, 2014
- > Speaker, "May Antitrust Update for In-House Counsel," ABA Antitrust Section's Corporate Counseling Committee, 2013
- > Speaker, "Securities Law Issues in Fracking," ABA Section of Business Law, Annual Meeting, 2012
- > Speaker, "Internal Investigations," National Association of Women Lawyers: Seventh Annual General Counsel Institute, 2011
- > Speaker, "Appellate Practice," NYSBA Committee on Women in the Law, Eighth Annual Edith Spivack Symposium, 2011
- > Speaker, Rainmaking for Junior Women Associates Seminar, New York City Bar Association, Women's Committee, 2010

### **Education**

**Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, IL**

J.D., *cum laude*, 1984; Executive Editor, *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*

**Cornell University, Ithaca, NY**

B.A., *magna cum laude*, English, 1981

President, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Psi Deuteron Chapter (1980-1981)

Admissions:

- US District Court for the Southern District of New York, 2010
- US District Court for the Eastern District of New York, 2010
- New York, 2006
- US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, 2016
- US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, 1997
- US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, 1991
- US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 1988
- US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (member, Trial Bar), 1988
- Illinois, 1987 (inactive)
- US District Court for the District of New Mexico (member, Trial Bar), 1985
- US Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, 1985
- New Mexico, 1984 (inactive)

Selected Presentations and Publications:

- Panelist, “*Internal Investigations for Corporations: Identifying Issues and Avoiding Mistakes,*” National Association of Women Lawyers, November 3, 2011.
- Panelist, Rising Rainmakers Program, New York City Bar Association, November 3, 2010 and May 3, 2011
- Panelist, “*What to Do to Start Preparing for Discovery,*” Mayer Brown Webinar, November 16, 2010
- Contributing author, *Antitrust Developments Handbook*, American Bar Association, Third Edition (1993)
- “The Use of Illegally Obtained Evidence to Rebut the Insanity Defense,” 74 *J. of Crim. L. & Criminology* 391 (1983)

Professional Activities:

- New York State Bar Association, Sections on Antitrust, Commercial and Federal Litigation, and Women in Law
  - Member of the Executive Committees of the Antitrust and Women in Law Sections
  - Co-Chair, Annual Meeting of the NYSBA’s Women in Law Section
- American Bar Association, Sections on Antitrust and Litigation
- New York City Bar Association, Member Antitrust and Trade Regulation Committee
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Interests:

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**Brooklyn Law School**, Brooklyn, New York

Juris Doctor, June 1978

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Bachelor of Arts, May 1975

### **LEGAL EXPERIENCE:**

**Morelli and Lassalle, LLP New York, New York**

April 2014 to Present

Founder and Senior Partner

Litigate cases of significant monetary exposure for defendants in general negligence and medical malpractice.

**Morelli, Gerrard & Lassalle, LLP, New York, New York**

January 2013 to April 2014

**Heidell Pittoni Murphy ,LLP, New York, New York**

July 1081 to December 2012

Senior Equity Partner

Litigated cases of significant monetary exposure for defendants in general negligence and medical malpractice.

**Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, New York, New York**

September 1978 to June 1981

Assistant Corporation Counsel Torts Division

Litigated cases on behalf of New York City in general negligence, medical malpractice, intention torts and prisoners' rights as the first woman Assistant Corporation Counsel in Kings County, New York



Laurie Robinson Haden is senior vice president and assistant general counsel of CBS Corporation, where she practices litigation and reports directly to the company's head of litigation. She is the founder and CEO of Corporate Counsel Women of Color, which she created in 2004 to advance women of color attorneys and to foster diversity in the legal profession. Laurie has been recognized by the *Network Journal* as one of the "25 Most Powerful Black Women in Business" and by *Savoy Magazine* as one of the country's Most Influential Black Lawyers. In 2012, Laurie completed her certificate in entertainment media management from New York University. Laurie also completed her certificates in mediation from JAMS and Cornell School Industrial Labor Relations. She received her Bachelor of Arts from North Carolina Central University (magna cum laude) and her Juris Doctor from Indiana University School of Law at Bloomington. Laurie is on the board of directors of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. and the board of visitors of Indiana University at Bloomington Maurer School of Law.

**Carol Robles-Román** is an attorney and subject matter expert on higher education, the judiciary, women's rights and legal reform. She has worked with federal legislators, cities and organizations to enhance gender equality, personal safety and access to justice reform. She is an executive board member of the ERA Coalition/Fund for Women's Equality, which leads national efforts to educate and advocate for constitutional equality in the U.S. This year her work was featured on MSNBC, Telemundo, the Washington Post, the New York Times, the Guardian, Reuters, the New Republic, el diario, the American Bar Association journal and Glamour magazine.

She is the former president and CEO of the women's civil rights organization Legal Momentum, where she spearheaded a new national program for young women called Rights Now! She helped initiate first of its kind litigation and federal legislation on behalf of victims of sex trafficking. Her work was featured in the renowned documentary, I am Jane Doe.

She served as Deputy Mayor for Legal Affairs and Counsel to NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg for 12 years where she oversaw 13 agencies and spearheaded public-private partnerships in judicial administration, domestic violence, anti-discrimination laws and human trafficking.

Carol is on the board of the Women's Forum of NY and is a former member of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee of the City University of New York, one of the largest and complex public university systems in the country. Her recognitions include the ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence 2017 Award, the Natl Women's Political Caucus 2015 Women of Courage Award and Hispanic Business Magazine's "100 Most Influential Hispanics". She holds a J.D. from New York University School of Law, and a B.A. from Fordham University at Lincoln Center. She is married to her college sweetheart, U.S. District Court judge Nelson Roman.

## **Council Member Helen Rosenthal**

Helen Rosenthal represents the Upper West Side in the New York City Council.

She is a leading voice on issues of gender equity and civic engagement, accessibility, tenants' rights, education equity, and adequate funding for social service providers.

As chair of the Committee on Women since the beginning of 2018, Helen has had a packed agenda. In spring 2018, she and Speaker Corey Johnson spearheaded the Council's groundbreaking and far reaching *Stop Sexual Harassment in NYC Act*, which was signed into law in May.

The Act expands protections to every employee in New York City -- regardless of where they work or how small their workplace.

As Committee Chair, Helen has written new laws that provide more support for expectant mothers, especially in communities of color; and better treatment for survivors of sexual assault. She has fought for stronger protections for reproductive rights, and continues to advocate on behalf of survivors of domestic and gender-based violence, including inmates in City jails.

In 2017, Helen led the City Council Women's Caucus in releasing a major report about the declining number of women in the City Council. That same year, Helen and her colleagues wrote a historic package of new laws which provide greater protections for tenants against harassment and unsafe conditions. And as Chair of the Contracts Committee during the 2014-2017 session, Helen successfully fought for increased City investment in nonprofits who provide essential social services to 2.5 million New Yorkers, especially seniors, children, and people with disabilities.

In addition to her Committee duties, Helen is co-chair of the Council's Manhattan Delegation, and a member of its Budget Negotiating Team (BNT).

## Laura Sulem, Esq.



Laura Sulem is the Director of Litigation at Practical Law, a Thomson Reuters company, where she oversees editorial content and business strategy for the 60-member Litigation service.

Before joining Practical Law, Laura was a litigator at Golenbock Eiseman Assor Bell & Peskoe LLP, where she concentrated on complex commercial litigation in state and federal courts. She began her career at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP, where she was an associate in the Litigation department.

Laura graduated *summa cum laude* from New York Law School, where she was a member and an Executive Articles Editor of the *New York Law School Law Review*. She earned a B.A. in English from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Laura sits on the Executive Committee of the New York State Bar Association's Women in Law Section.



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### Practice Areas

Securities Litigation

### Education

New York University School of Law  
J.D., 2002

New York University  
B.A., English and Politics, with honors, 1999

### Admissions

2003, New York

### U.S. Court of Appeals

2015, First Circuit  
2014, Second Circuit  
2016, Ninth Circuit  
2010, Tenth Circuit  
2014, Eleventh Circuit

### U.S. District Court

2003, Southern District of New York  
2003, Eastern District of New York  
2009, District of Colorado  
2009, Eastern District of Wisconsin

Carol C. Villegas focuses on prosecuting complex securities fraud cases on behalf of institutional investors. Leading one of the Firm's litigation teams, she currently oversees litigation against DeVry Education Group, Skechers, U.S.A., Inc., Nimble Storage, Liquidity Services, Inc., Extreme Networks, Inc., and SanDisk. In addition to her litigation responsibilities, Carol holds a variety of leadership positions within the Firm, including serving on the Firm's Executive Committee and serving as Co-Chair of the Firm's Women's Networking and Mentoring Initiative.

Carol's skillful handling of discovery work, her development of innovative case theories in complex cases, and her adept ability during oral argument earned her recent accolades from the *New York Law Journal* as a Top Woman in Law. She has also been recognized as a Rising Star by *Benchmark Litigation* and a Next Generation Lawyer by *The Legal 500*.

Carol played a pivotal role in securing favorable settlements for investors from AMD, a multi-national semiconductor company, Aeropostale, a leader in the international retail apparel industry, ViroPharma Inc., a biopharmaceutical company, and Vocera, a healthcare communications provider. A true advocate for her clients, Carol's argument in the case against Vocera resulted in a ruling from the bench, denying defendants motion to dismiss in that case.

Prior to joining Labaton Sucharow, Carol served as the Assistant District Attorney in the Supreme Court Bureau for the Richmond County District Attorney's office, where she took several cases to trial. She began her career as an associate at King & Spalding LLP, where she worked as a federal litigator.

Carol received a J.D. from New York University School of Law, and she was the recipient of The Irving H. Jurow Achievement Award for the Study of Law and selected to receive the Association of the Bar of the City of New York Minority Fellowship. Carol served as the Staff Editor, and later the Notes Editor, of the *Environmental Law Journal*. She earned a B.A., with honors, in English and Politics from New York University.

Carol is a member of the National Association of Public Pension Attorneys (NAPPA), the National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL), the Hispanic National Bar

Association, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and a member of the Executive Council for the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Women in the Law.

She is fluent in Spanish.

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## Ongoing Cases

*Avila v. LifeLock, Inc.*

*In re Extreme Networks, Inc. Securities Litigation*

*Local 705 International Brotherhood of Teamsters Pension Fund v. Diamond Resorts International Inc.*

*In re Nimble Storage, Inc. Securities Litigation*

*Pension Trust Fund for Operating Engineers v. DeVry Education Group, Inc.*

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## Settled | Resolved Cases

*In re Accuray Inc. Securities Litigation*

*In re ARIAD Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Securities Litigation*

*In re Chemed Corp. Securities Litigation*

*Hatamian v. Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.*

*In re Herley Industries, Inc. Securities Litigation*

*Howard v. Liquidity Services Inc.*

*Lancer Funds Securities Class Action Settlement (Citco Settlement)*

*In re Spectranetics Corporation Securities Litigation*

*The City of Providence v. Aeropostale, Inc. et al.*

*In re ViroPharma Inc. Securities Litigation*

*In re Vocera Communications, Inc. Securities Litigation*

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## Noteworthy

### In the News

**Law360**, Extreme Networks Must Face Pared-Down Stock-Drop Suit (03/21/2018)

**New York Law Journal**, Top Women in the Law 2016 Awards (11/15/2016)

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### Special Mentions

**Law360**, Named Labaton Sucharow Class Action Practice Group of the Year (2012,

2014-2017)

**New York Law Journal**, Top Women in Law (2016)

**Benchmark Litigation**, Rising Star (2016)

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## Published & Presented

**Lawline CLE Program**, First Solar and Its Effect on Securities and Fraud Actions (04/30/2018)

**St. John's School of Law: Multilingual Legal Advocates Program**, Insights on Being a Bilingual Female Lawyer in the Legal Industry (04/10/2018)

**Law360**, 9th Circ. Decision Could Be Game-Changer For Investors (02/02/2018)

**New York State Bar Association (NYSBA)**, Leveling the Playing Field: Addressing Institutional and Implicit Bias and Identifying Opportunities for Women's Participation and Success (Moderator) (01/23/2018)

**New York State Bar Association (NYSBA)**, Everything You Always Wanted to Learn About Breaking Into Tech, Financial Services, & Startup Companies & Current Trends (Moderator) (01/25/2016)

**New York State Bar Association (NYSBA)**, Negotiation Ethics: Pitfalls and Rules (Moderator) (01/27/2015)

**New York State Bar Association (NYSBA)**, Show Me the Money: Can We Close the Gender Equity Gap? (Moderator) (01/28/2014)

**New York State Bar Association (NYSBA)**, Women on the Move (Moderator) (11/28/2012)