



Family Law
Section

New York State Bar Association

Family Law Section Summer Meeting 2022

 Thursday, July 7, 2022 - Sunday, July 10, 2022

 Newport Marriott Hotel
Newport, RI

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Welcome to Newport, Rhode Island!

They say that you should try to do something new every day. When you visit Newport, the possibilities for new experiences are endless. With access to spectacular beaches and outdoor activities, an impressive selection of museums, art galleries and shops, this memorable coastal community offers many unique opportunities!

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Joan Casilio Adams Esq, J. Adams & Associates PLLC, Williamsville, New York

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Discounts and Scholarships

New York State Bar Association members and non-members may receive financial aid to attend this program. Under this policy, anyone who requires financial aid may apply in writing, not later than ten working days prior to the start of the program, explaining the basis of the hardship, and if approved, can receive a discount or scholarship, depending on the circumstances. For more details, please contact: Gina Bartosiewicz at gbartosiewicz@nysba.org

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, July 7

- 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** **Registration and Exhibits** – South East Foyer
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.** **Executive Committee Meeting** – Salons III & IV
- 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.** **Kid’s Camp: Dinner and A Movie** – Newport Room
- 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** Shuttle will leave for the reception/dinner at the Newport Beach House. Shuttle will do a continuous loop until 6pm
- 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.** **Cocktail Reception and Dinner at the Newport Beach House**
3 Aquidneck Ave, Middletown, RI 02842
- The Newport Beach House is a classic coastal private luxury beachfront venue located on Newport’s most famous beach. Enjoy the magic of the sand, salt and sea while connecting with friends!
- Thank you to BST & Co. CPAs LLP for Sponsoring this Event!**
- Hospitality Event To Be Announced**

Friday, July 8

- 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** **Kids Camp and Activities** – Newport Room
- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.** **Committee Breakfast Meetings**
- ADR Committee - Middletown
 - Blue Ribbon Commission Task Force and Legislative Committee - Bristol
 - Child Custody Committee - Courageous
 - LBGTQ Committee - Enterprise
- 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** **Registration and Continental Breakfast with the Exhibitors** - South East Foyer
- Thank you to Financial Research Associates for Sponsoring this Breakfast!**
- Everyone, including spouses and guests, are invited to a continental breakfast with the exhibitors.*
- 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** **GENERAL SESSION** - Salons II, III & IV
- 8:30 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.** **Welcoming Remarks: Overview of Events**
Joan Casilio Adams, Esq., Section Chair, J. Adams & Associates, PLLC
Williamsville, New York
- 8:35 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.** **NYSBA Welcome**
Richard C. Lewis, Esq., NYSBA President Elect, Hinman Howard & Kattell, LLP
Binghamton, New York
- 8:40 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.** **Program Introduction**
Peter R. Stambleck, Esq., Mosberg Sharma Stambleck Gross, LLP
New York, New York
- 8:45 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.** **Executive Compensation**
- Speaker**
Robert Z. Dobrish, Esq., Dobrish Michaels Gross LLP
New York, New York
- Moderator**
Hon. Jeffrey S. Sunshine, Statewide Coordinating Judge for Matrimonial Cases
Brooklyn, New York

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The following will be covered:

- Identifying types, e.g., stock options, stock awards, RSUs, ISOs, claw back provisions
- Characterization, e.g., marital vs. separate. Is the DeJesus coverture still valid? Past versus future compensation
- Valuation and tax issues
- Duplicative award, i.e., an award of stock options and maintenance
- Various agreement provisions

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9:35 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

Refreshment Break with the Exhibitors - South East Foyer

9:50 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

Real Estate and Property Interests

Speaker

Lydia A. Milone, Esq., Bodner, Milone LLP
White Plains, New York

Moderator

Hon. Jeffrey S. Sunshine, Statewide Coordinating Judge for Matrimonial Cases
Brooklyn, New York

The real estate portion of the program will discuss selected cases focusing on discrete topics including the effect of a Separation Agreement or Decree of Separation on tenancy by the entirety, factors considered in awarding exclusive occupancy and the effect of such an award on a partition action, how separate property interests affect the distribution of real property, credits and offsets, and creditors rights. A compilation of selected agreement clauses pertaining to real estate will be provided in the materials.

Practice pointers, such as how to properly address the NYS transfer tax and other transfer-related fees will be discussed.

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10:40 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Pensions and Retirement Assets

Speaker

Charles P. Inclima, Esq., Inclima Law Firm, PLLC
Rochester, New York

Moderator

Hon. Jeffrey S. Sunshine, Statewide Coordinating Judge for Matrimonial Cases
Brooklyn, New York

- Case studies illustrating what not to do and the consequences that impact the client and the attorney
- Emphasis on knowing the Plan that is to be distributed
- Avoiding pitfalls
- Review of case law relating to various aspects of pension and deferred compensation
- Selected Agreement provisions to facilitate a proper distribution of pension and retirement benefits

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Golf Tournament-Newport National Golf Club

Frederic J. Siegel, Esq., Golf Chair, Siegel Reilly & Conlon, LLC
Stamford, CT.

Newport National which started out as a 200-acre landscape nursery is now deemed the "Number One Public Access Course in New England," by New England Golf Monthly. The 18-hole links-style course sports sloping fairways, marshes, and strategically placed bunkers. Golfweek Magazine placed the course in the "Top Twenty New Courses in America" soon after it was completed.

Registration in advance required to play
Boxed lunch will be provided at golf course

Afternoon on your own

Explore Newport! Check out Things To Do Section on pg 24 for some ideas!

5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Kid's Dinner & Activities

5:30 p.m.

Shuttles will leave for the reception at Rosecliff Mansion

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Reception at Rosecliff Mansion

548 Bellevue Avenue, Newport, Rhode Island

Rosecliff is a Gilded Age mansion of Newport, Rhode Island and is now open to the public as a historic house museum.

Commissioned by Nevada silver heiress Theresa Fair Oelrichs in 1899, architect Stanford White modeled Rosecliff after the Grand Trianon, the garden retreat of French kings at Versailles. After the house was completed in 1902, at a reported cost of \$2.5 million, Mrs. Oelrichs hosted fabulous entertainments here, including a fairy tale dinner and a party featuring famed magician Harry Houdini. "Tessie", as she was known to her friends, was born in Virginia City, Nevada. Her father, James Graham Fair, was an Irish immigrant who made an enormous fortune from Nevada's Comstock silver lode, one of the richest silver finds in history. During a summer in Newport, Theresa met Hermann Oelrichs playing tennis at the Newport Casino. They were married in 1890. A year later, they purchased the property known as Rosecliff from the estate of historian and diplomat George Bancroft. An amateur horticulturist, it was Bancroft who developed the American Beauty Rose. The Oelrichs later bought additional property along Bellevue Avenue and commissioned Stanford White to replace the original house with the mansion that became the setting for many of Newport's most lavish parties. Rosecliff is now preserved through the generosity of its last private owners, Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgar Monroe, of New Orleans. They gave the house, its furnishings, and an endowment to the Preservation Society in 1971.

Scenes from several films have been shot on location at Rosecliff, including *The Great Gatsby*, *True Lies*, *Amistad* and *27 Dresses*.

We are happy to announce that The Rosecliff will be hosting a beautifully curated exhibition featuring the Gilded Age from 6pm – 7pm during our event.

Thank you to KLG Business Valuators & Forensic Accounts for sponsoring this event!

8:00 p.m.

Dinner on your own at one of the fabulous Newport area restaurants.
(Reservations strongly encouraged)

9:15 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Join us back at the Marriott for an after dinner gathering & hospitality!
Lobby Bar

Thank you to Alliance Bernstein for hosting this event!

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Saturday, July 9

7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Kids Camp and Activities – Newport Room
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7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Committee Breakfast Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CLE Committee – Columbia• Membership & Long Range Planning Committees – Courageous
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Meet and Greet with the Honorable Jeffrey S. Sunshine, Statewide Coordinating Judge for Matrimonial Cases – Bristol Open forum discussion with Judge Sunshine.
9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.	GENERAL SESSION – Salons II, III, IV
9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.	Welcoming Remarks Joan Casilio Adams, Esq. , Section Chair, J. Adams & Associates PLLC, Williamsville, New York
9:05 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.	Program Introduction Peter R. Stambleck, Esq. , Mosberg Sharma Stambleck Gross, LLP, New York, New York
9:10 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Matrimonial and Family Law Update Speaker Hon. Bruce J. Wagner , Support Magistrate, Schenectady and Monctgomery County Family Court, Schenectady, New York This segment will cover selected important developments in matrimonial and family law since May 2021. The comprehensive written materials, over 150 pages with a detailed table of contents, address the significant recent trends in Adoption, Agreements, Attorney & Client, Child Support, Counsel & Expert Fees, Custody & Visitation, Disclosure, Divorce & Annulment, Enforcement, Equitable Distribution, Evidence, Family Offense, Maintenance, Paternity, Pendente Lite, Procedure, and Legislative & Court Rule Items. 1.0 MCLE Credit Areas of Professional Practice
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Refreshment Break
10:15 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.	Cryptocurrency and Digital Assets: Blockchain in Action Identifying, Valuing, and Distributing the New Age Income and Assets Speakers: Louis J. Cercone, Jr., CPA/ABV/CFF, ASA , Brisbane Consulting Group LLC Buffalo, New York Glenn S. Liebman, CPA/ABV , KLG Business Valuers & Forensic Accountants, LLC Melville, New York Michael J. Raymond, CPA, ABV, CFF, BST & Co CPA's, LLP Albany, New York Moderator: Lisa R. Schoenfeld, Esq. , Schlissel Ostrow Karabatos PLLC Garden City, New York

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The semi anonymous nature of cryptocurrency makes it a useful tool for individuals attempting to hide assets. Unscrupulous spouses can purchase cryptocurrency for cash, hold or transfer it without the need for a financial institution, and do it all without a paper trail. Attorneys attending this session will learn about cryptocurrency, how it works, and the investigative techniques that can benefit their clients. This program will address cutting edge issues including the challenges and methods of tracking and valuing cryptocurrency, a digital asset traded on a decentralized network; the latest IRS move to capture bitcoin information and owners, and the instance of major investment houses publicly moving into the bitcoin industry. Wells Fargo started offering crypto investments to clients in August, 2022 and the firm has also filed for a bitcoin fund with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

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11:05 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.

A Bench and Bar Perspective on Nuanced Custody Scenarios

Speakers:

Alyssa Eisner, Esq., Sager Gellerman Eisner, LLP
Queens, New York

Elena Karabatos, Esq., Schlissel Ostrow Karabatos, PLLC
Garden City, New York

Moderator:

Hon. Jeffrey S. Sunshine, Statewide Coordinating Judge for Matrimonial Cases
Brooklyn, New York

12:00 p.m.

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5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Kid's Dinner & Activities

6:00 p.m.

Cocktail Reception, Beer Tasting and Lobster Bake at the Bohlin @ The Newport Yacht Club

20 Commercial Wharf, Newport, RI 02840

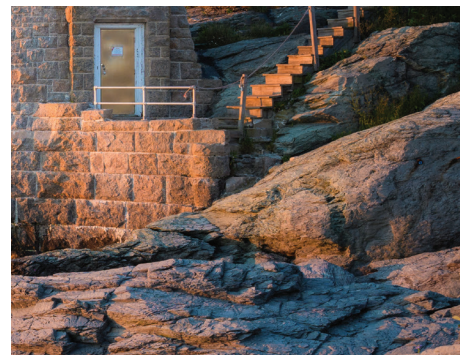
Venue is walking distance from the Marriott, but a shuttle will be available if needed.

The Bohlin is a classic New England architecture style venue that nods to the nautical heritage of Newport. Centered in a world-class marina, the Bohlin is surrounded by sailboats and classic luxury yachts.

Hospitality Event To Be Announced

Sunday, July 10

Departure



BIOGRAPHIES



Joan Casilio Adams, Esq.

Joan Casilio Adams, Esq. is the owner of J. Adams & Associates PLLC, a law firm dedicated exclusively to matrimonial and family law. She became Chair of the Family Law Section in late January 2022. She has limited her practice to matrimonial and family law and related appeals since being admitted to practice in New York in 1988. Ms. Adams is also admitted to practice in the United States District Court, Bankruptcy Court and the Seneca Nations Peacemaker's Court. She began practicing and became a partner at a boutique matrimonial firm, Ange, Gordon and Adams. Thereafter, she became a partner at Offermann, Cassano, Greco, Slisz and Adams PLLC where she practiced from 1999 to 2009. She is a 1984 journalism graduate of the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University and a 1987 graduate, cum laude, of the SUNY at Buffalo Law School. She is the past Chair of the Matrimonial and Family Law Committee of the Bar Association of Erie County and has been a Chair or Member of multiple Committees including the Judiciary Committee, Practice and Procedure in Family Court Committee, Law Office Management and the Appellate Practice Committee.

Ms. Adams is an Adjunct Professor of New York Matrimonial and Family Law at SUNY Buffalo Law School. She is also a frequent lecturer and author for continuing legal and judicial education programs throughout the state



Louis J. Cercone Jr., CPA

Louis J. Cercone is the Managing Director of Brisbane Consulting Group, LLC a firm that specializes in Business Valuations and Forensic Accounting with offices in Buffalo and Garden City, New York. He has been court appointed throughout New York State and has testified as an expert witness on numerous occasions in State Supreme Court and Federal Court.

Lou is licensed in New York State as a Certified Public Accountant and has earned various business valuation and forensic accounting designations such as the prestigious Accredited Senior Appraiser designation and the Certified Fraud Examiner designation.

Lou is a frequent lecturer for the New York State Bar Association and the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers as well as the Nassau and Suffolk County Bar Associations, the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association and the Erie County Bar Association. Mr. Cercone was appointed by the Fourth Judicial Department and sits on the Attorney Grievance Committee for the Eighth Judicial District. He also is a member of the Non-Lawyer Professional Sub-Committee of the New York State Bar Association's Family Law Section Executive Committee. Lou graduated from Daemen College, Summa Cum Laude, Bachelor of Science.



Robert Z. Dobrish, Esq.

Robert Z. Dobrish, the senior partner in the firm, is known as one of the premier matrimonial attorneys in New York. He is a graduate of Columbia College and New York University School of Law, where he was a John Norton Pomeroy Scholar. Following law school he worked in corporate law, became a staff attorney for the Vera Institute of Justice, and then worked as a criminal defense attorney before concentrating on family law-related matters in 1977. Since that time, he has become one of the foremost family lawyers in the State.

Mr. Dobrish has taught at Cardozo Law School, lectured extensively before diverse groups (lawyers, judges, accountants, mental-health professionals and the general public) and has written numerous articles and book reviews for professional journals, some of which are referenced on this website. He has been active in bar associations having served as chair of the Committee on Matrimonial Law of the New York County Lawyers Association and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Family Law Section of the New York State Bar Association for over three decades.

Mr. Dobrish has been rated "AV" – the highest rating attainable by Martindale Hubbell – for over 40 years. U.S. News and World Report has rated his firm in the topmost tier. Since its first listing in 1995, when only seven lawyers were included, he was named by New York Magazine as one of the Best Family Lawyers in New York and he has been consistently listed there since then.

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Alyssa Eisner, Esq.

Alyssa Eisner, leading partner of Sager Gellerman Eisner LLP, is often relied upon due to her vast knowledge of and experience in matrimonial and family law, her client-centered approach and her tenacious advocacy. Her practice is devoted entirely to New York family and matrimonial law, including matters involving divorce, equitable distribution, custody, visitation, relocation, sexual abuse allegations, support, domestic offenses and matrimonial and family law appellate practice. Alyssa is often hired as trial counsel for highly complex and contested matrimonial and family law matters. Alyssa is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and sits on the board of managers. She is also a member of the Executive Committee of the New York State Bar Association, Family Law Section and the Legislative Committee of the Family Law Section of the NYSBA. Alyssa is also a member of several local bar associations including the Queens County Bar Association, Family Law Section, Nassau County Bar Association, Matrimonial Committee, Queens County Women's Bar Association and the Matrimonial Committee of the New York City Bar Association. Alyssa graduated from St. John's School of Law in 2000. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree, magna cum laude, from Queens College. She also holds certification in Divorce Mediation and Collaborative Law, Center for Mediation.



Charles P. Inclima, Esq.

Mr. Inclima, of the Inclima Law Firm, PLLC located in Rochester, concentrates his practice in the areas of matrimonial and family law. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the New York State Bar Association's Family Law Section and a Past President of the Monroe County Bar Association. Mr. Inclima was also Chair of its Family Law Section and Dean of the Monroe County Bar Association's Academy of Law. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. He has recently completed his term as Chairperson of the Seventh Judicial District's Grievance Committee. He is the immediate past-Chair of the MCBA Communications Committee. Mr. Inclima is listed in The Best Lawyers In America, 13th and 14th editions, 2007 and 2008 and has been named to the 2007 and 2008 editions of New York Super Lawyers.



Elena Karabatos, Esq.

Elena is a partner in the matrimonial firm of Schlissel Ostrow Karabatos, PLLC. Elena is a Past President of the Nassau County Bar Association (NCBA). She is a Past President of the New York Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. She is a diplomat of the American College of Family Trial Lawyers. She is a member of the Attorney for the Children Advisory Committee for the Tenth Judicial District. Elena is a member of the Matrimonial Practice Advisory and Rules Committee for the New York State Office of Court Administration. Elena is a member of the ADR Advisory Committee for the Office of Court Administration and she also serves on the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board. Elena is a member of the Executive Committee of the Family Law Section of the New York State Bar Association and was a member of the Nassau County Bar Association Delegation for the New York State Bar Association House of Delegates (2009-2012). Elena is a member of the New York Family Law American Inn of Court.

Elena Karabatos was Chair of the Matrimonial Law Committee of the NCBA (2009-2011) for which she received the NCBA Directors' Award 2010-2011 for outstanding service as Chair. She served as the chairperson of the Child Custody Sub-Committee and the co-chairperson of the Appellate Practice Sub-Committee of the NCBA. Elena has also served as a member of the Judiciary Committee of the NCBA, and on various Task Forces for the NCBA. She was appointed by the presiding Justice of the Appellate Division to a special committee of the Nassau County Courts to make recommendations to the court system for the establishment of model custody litigation practices.

She frequently lectures on a wide range of family law topics, regarding custody and parenting issues as well as financial issues, for various organizations such as the New York State, New York County and Nassau County Bar Associations, New York County Lawyer's Association, Nassau Academy of Law, the Practising Law Institute, The National Business Institute, Office of Court Administration-Judicial Seminars, Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Second Judicial Department, as well as various other organizations.

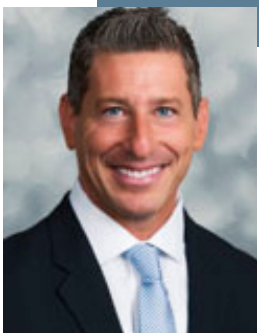
BIOGRAPHIES



Richard C. Lewis, Esq.

Richard C. Lewis maintains a general legal practice at Hinman, Howard & Kattell where he focuses on litigation and business law. Dick devotes significant time to the formation of business entities and advising clients regarding all aspects of business activities. He is also involved in estate planning, preparation of wills, real estate, construction matters, and other personal matters for individual clients and families. Dick is also a veteran of New York's courts. His experience includes litigating commercial disputes in Supreme Court and handling matrimonial and family court matters. He is also involved in Municipal Law representing municipalities and claimants.

Dick is very active in the community. Currently, Mr. Lewis serves on the Editorial Board of The Reporter (newspaper), past Chair, sits on the Executive Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, serves on the Endowment Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton, is a Member of the Broome County Bar Association (past President and recipient of the Ted Gallando Award) and has served as Delegate to the New York State Bar Association House of Delegates Representing the 6th Judicial District and presently serves as Vice President of the New York State Bar Association representing the 6th Judicial District. In addition, Dick has served as a Director and Vice President of the Broome Sports Foundation, and served as a Chair of both the Grievance Committee and Ethics Committee of the Broome County Bar Association as well as Chair of the Broome County Bar Association Endowment Committee.



Glenn S. Liebman, CPA/ABV

Glenn Liebman, CPA/ABV is a Partner in the business valuation, forensic accounting and litigation consulting support firm of Klein Liebman & Gresen, LLC. Mr. Liebman has assisted hundreds of closely-held companies, attorneys, accountants and financial professionals with valuation and forensic accounting issues relating to equitable distribution, estate and gift tax planning, business planning, the acquisition and sale of businesses, and shareholder disputes. He has been Court appointed as a neutral financial expert and has provided expert witness testimony on 44 occasions in Supreme Court in Nassau, Suffolk, New York, Queens, Westchester, Kings Counties and Fairfield County, CT on issues concerning business valuation and the valuation of licenses and enhanced earning capacity and forensic accounting. Mr. Liebman is a frequent speaker on the topic of business valuation, forensic accounting and litigation support.

Mr. Liebman holds a B.A. degree in Economics from the State University of New York at Binghamton, an M.S. degree in Accounting from the State University of New York at Albany. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and has also earned the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' ABV designation (Accredited in Business Valuation). Mr. Liebman is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants.



Lydia A. Milone, Esq.

Ms. Milone is a member of BodnarMilone LLP and an experienced matrimonial litigator, having so limited her practice over the course of the past 30 years. She has represented matrimonial litigants in the Counties of Westchester, New York, Kings, Nassau, Suffolk and Putnam in both Supreme and Family Court, and in the Appellate Divisions of the First and Second Departments. She is a member of the Family Law Sections of the New York State Bar Association, the Westchester County Bar Association and the Westchester Women's Bar Association. She is also a member of the Executive Committees of the Family Law Sections of the New York State Bar Association ("NYSBA") and the Westchester County Bar Association ("WCBA"), served as Vice-Chair and Chair of the WCBA Family Law Section and is currently a Co-Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee of the Family Law Section of the NYSBA.

She is a founding member, past-Vice President (2003-2005) and past-President (2005-2007) of the Association of Collaborative Lawyers of Rockland-Westchester, a member of the New York Association of Collaborative Professionals, a member of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, and a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, is a member of the Board of Managers of the New York Chapter and previously served as a Vice President of said Chapter.

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Michael J. Raymond, CPA, ABV, CFF

Mike is a partner whose practice is dedicated solely to the valuation and litigation support niche. He has more than 21 years of experience in public accounting, both as a financial expert and as an auditor.

Offering significant experience across a broad range of business valuation and litigation support services, he specializes in the areas of business valuation, personal and commercial economic damage calculation, and stock option valuation in litigation matters, including divorce, shareholder/partner disputes, personal injury, and contract litigation. Mike also performs business valuations in the context of mergers, acquisitions, and estate and gift tax matters. He has personally been involved in more than 750 independent businesses, professional practice, stock options, license and advanced degree valuations, and lost earnings analyses.

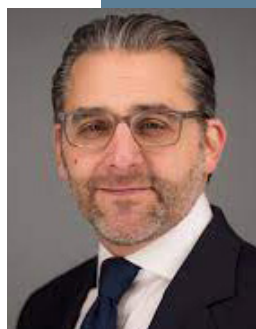
In addition, Mike has been court-appointed as a neutral expert for the New York State Supreme Court, in New York, Albany and Schenectady counties, as well as for Courts in the United Kingdom. He has testified and been qualified as an expert in New York State Supreme Court in Westchester, Rockland, Richmond, Orange, Franklin, and Onondaga counties. He is Accredited in Business Valuation and Certified in Financial Forensics by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He is a frequent lecturer on the topic of business valuation for attorneys and has authored numerous articles on the subject.



Lisa R. Schoenfeld, Esq.

Lisa R. Schoenfeld is a partner in the matrimonial practice of Schlissel Ostrow Karabatos, PLLC. Lisa has practiced exclusively in matrimonial and family law at Schlissel Ostrow Karabatos, PLLC, and assisted the firm in the matter of *Frankel v. Frankel*, 2 N.Y.3d 601, 814 N.E.2d 37, 781 N.Y.S.2d 59 (2004), a significant decision that solidified the rights of non-monied spouses to receive counsel fee awards.

Lisa is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and The New York Bar Foundation. Lisa has been selected as a Super Lawyer since 2016, including being selected to the list of Top 50 Women in Metro New York in 2019 and 2020, and was previously selected as a "Rising Star" in New York Family Law each year from 2013 through 2015. She is AV Preeminent rated by Martindale Hubbell and was named one of the Top Ten Leaders in Divorce Law – Under 45, Long Island, New York. She has been selected for inclusion in "Best Lawyers in America" since 2018. Lisa has lectured to the New York Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, the Matrimonial Committee and Surrogate's Courts Estates & Trusts Committee of the Nassau County Bar Association, the Nassau Academy of Law, the Nassau County Women's Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, the New York State Family Law American Inn of Court, and the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.



Peter R. Stambleck, Esq.

A founder and partner of MSSG, Peter uses his unique background as a former CPA at a Big Four accounting firm and his deep experience in substantial family law cases to help clients navigate all aspects of complex divorce and family law matters. Peter works closely with clients to counsel them through both financial and custody aspects of divorce. He is a tireless advocate for his clients, a creative problem solver, and, when necessary, an experienced litigator. Peter's cases regularly involve the valuation of privately held businesses and alternative investments, where he is able to apply his financial and accounting background, and provide his clients with a skill set and perspective invaluable in family law matters. With substantial experience representing high net worth and high profile clients across a broad spectrum of industries, Peter's family law matters include divorce, child custody and access, spousal and child support, paternity, prenuptial, postnuptial and separation agreements.

Peter has established himself as a leader in the New York family law community. He serves as Vice Chair of the New York State Bar Association's Family Law Section and was appointed Co-Chair of its Legal Education Committee. On the national level, Peter is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and an active member and leader of the Family Law Section of the American Bar Association.

BIOGRAPHIES



Hon. Jeffrey S. Sunshine

Honorable Jeffrey Sunshine, J.S.C., is an elected Supreme Court Justice. On June 1, 2018 he was appointed by the Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence Marks as the Statewide Coordinating Judge for Matrimonial Cases. He continues to be the Chair of the Chief Administrative Judge's Matrimonial Practice Advisory and Rules Committee and Supervising Judge of Matrimonial Parts Kings County. He also serves as Chair Board of Advisors of the Center for Children, Families and the Law at the Maurice A. Deane School of Law - Hofstra University where he obtained his Juris Doctor degree in 1980, on the United Court System's Advisory Council on Child Fatalities and on the Commission to Reimagine the Future of New York's Courts Structural Innovations Working Group. He is a member of the Chief Judge's A.D.R. Committee. He serves on the OCA Statewide Family Violence Task Force and the New York State Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts. A former President of the Brooklyn Bar Association, he served as Chair of the Family Law Section for over ten years. He was a member of the House of Delegates of The New York State Bar Association for many years and presently is an alternate delegate. He also served as the Chair of the New York State Bar Association Special Committee on Judicial Discipline from 1996-1998. He is also a member of numerous other Bar Associations, including, a member of the Brooklyn Bar Association's Trustees Council (Council of Past Presidents); the Kings County Chapter of The Women's Bar Association of the State of New York; the Kings County Brandeis Society; and the Columbian Lawyers Association of Kings and Richmond Counties.

In March 2018, he was recognized by Hofstra Law School with a Distinguished Alumni On The Bench award. He also authored an article titled A2015-2016 Changes in Legislation and Rules for Matrimonial Matters which was published in the November 18, 2016 edition of the New York Law Journal. On March 27, 2020, his essay "COVID-19 and Future Custody Determinations" was published in the New York Law Journal and has been republished and quoted nationwide. Over 130 of his decisions have been published and he has presented over 125 lectures/panels throughout New York.



Hon. Bruce J. Wagner

Bruce J. Wagner is a Support Magistrate in Schenectady and Montgomery County Family Courts as of September 30, 2021. Prior to that appointment, he was Chair of the Matrimonial & Family Law Practice Group at Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP, Albany, NY, from July 1, 2020 to September 29, 2021 and held the same position at McNamee Lochner P.C., Albany, NY from November 2002 through June 30, 2020, where his primary areas of practice were matrimonial law and appeals beginning in 1987. He is a 1982 graduate of Cornell University and a 1985 graduate of Albany Law School of Union University. He was an associate at Maynard O'Connor & Smith, Albany, NY from August 1985 through December 1986. In September 2002, he was appointed as a Town Justice in the Town of Schodack (pronounced sko'-dak), Rensselaer County, was thereafter elected to four 4-year terms, and chose not to run for a 5th term in November 2018, serving more than 16 years through December 31, 2018, and having also been designated on a regular basis as an Acting City Court Judge (Criminal, Civil and Traffic Parts) in the Third Judicial District. Mr. Wagner is a Past President of the Rensselaer County Magistrates' Association, having served two-year terms in 2010-2011 and 2014-2015, and is a member of the New York State Magistrates' Association. In October 2016, he was selected by his peers as a Diplomate of the American College of Family Trial Lawyers, a select group of 100 of the top family law trial lawyers from across the United States. He is listed in all editions 1999 through 2022 of The Best Lawyers in America (Woodward-White) and has a 2021 peer rating of AV® Preeminent™ in Martindale-Hubbell. Based on peer voting, Mr. Wagner has been named to all editions 2007 through 2021 of Super Lawyers – Upstate New York and was included in the 2019 "Top 50" list and 2018 "Top 10" list for Upstate New York.

He has also placed in Super Lawyers "Top 25" in the Hudson Valley for 14 of the last 15 years, including 2021. Mr. Wagner has twice been selected by peer voting as the Albany Best Lawyers in America Family Law Lawyer of the Year for years 2020 and 2012. He was the subject of a profile entitled "From Constitutional Law to the Court of Appeals" in the 2011 New York-Upstate edition of Super Lawyers. From January 2005 to January 2007, Mr. Wagner served as President of the 167-member American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, New York Chapter, which is part of a national organization of about 1,600 Certified Fellows.

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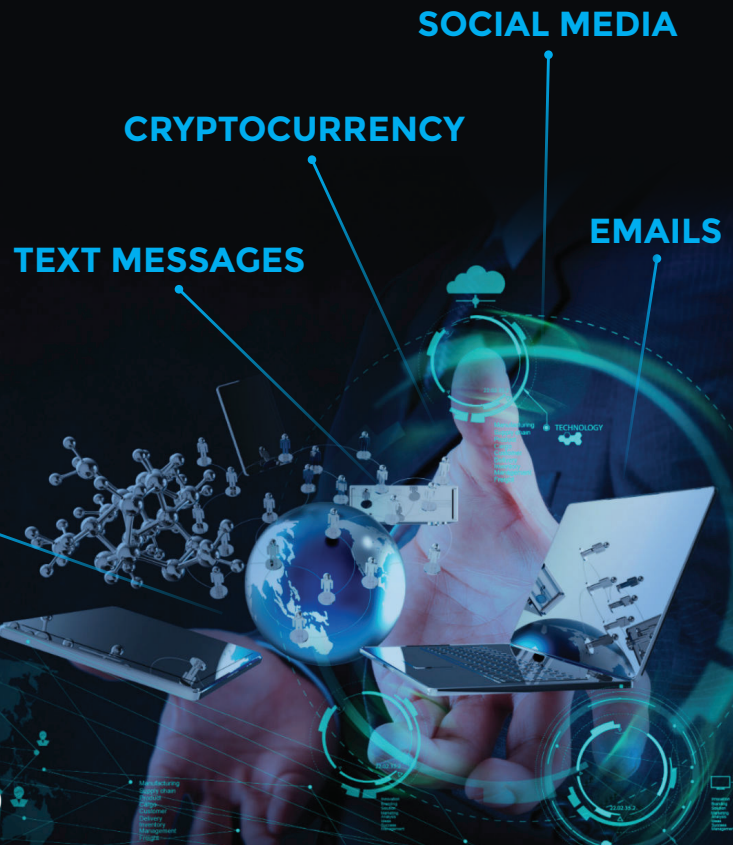


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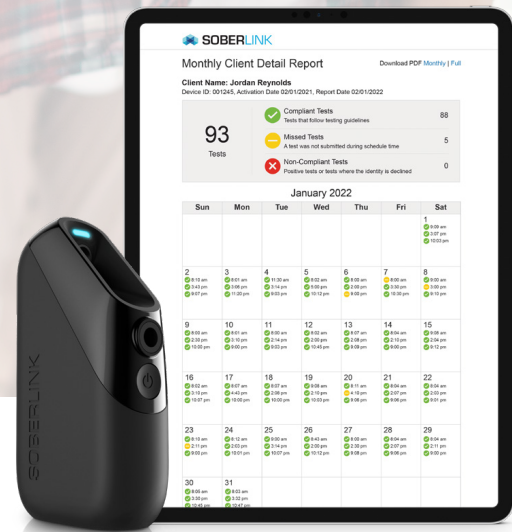
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