

FAMILY LAW SECTION 2026 SUMMER MEETING

Thursday, July 9 – Saturday, July 11, 2026

Newport Marriott Hotel & Spa, Newport, RI

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MCLE Credits

FAMILY LAW SECTION 2026 SUMMER MEETING

QUICK REFERENCE

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- **Newport Fire Department** | 21 W Marlborough St, Newport | Open 24 hours | (401) 845-5900
- **Newport Police Department** | 120 Broadway, Newport, RI 02840 | (401) 847-1306
- **Newport Hospital Emergency Department** | 20 Powel Ave, Newport, RI 02840 | Open 24 hours | (401) 846-6400

• Conference Registration

- **Location:** 3rd Floor, Convention Registration Desk
- **Hours:** 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2026 and 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Friday, July 10, 2026 and Saturday, July 11, 2026
- **NYSBA Staff On-site:** Carra Forgea (cforgea@nysba.org), Mercedes Penno (mpeno@nysba.org), Tara Lana (tlana@nysba.org), Jessica Kirker (jkirker@nysba.org)

• Accessing the Online Electronic Course Materials

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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026	FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2026	SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026
Registration (1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)	Breakfast & Committee Meetings (7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.)	Breakfast & Committee Meetings (7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.)
Executive Committee Meeting (1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.)	CLE Program (8:30 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.)	CLE Program (9 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.)
New Attendees Reception Newport Vineyards (5:30 p.m.)	Meet & Greet with Judge Sunshine (12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)	Activities (1:30 p.m. onwards)
Welcome Reception and Dinner Newport Vineyards (6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)	Golf Tournament Newport National Golf Club (11:30 a.m onwards)	Closing Reception and Light Dinner Forty 1 North (6 p.m. – 8 p.m.)
	Activities (1:30pm onwards)	
	Cocktail Reception and Dinner The Marble House (6 p.m. – 10 p.m.)	
	Afterparty Stoneacre Gardens (10 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.)	

WELCOME TO NEWPORT, RI



A visit to The Classic Coast—nine vibrant and historic towns all sharing some seriously prime New England coastline—is both everything you expect and enjoyably unpredictable. This is a place and a people made of surf and soul; raised by the ocean and built by eccentric and outspoken rebels some 300-plus years ago. If you’re looking for classic Colonial architecture and breathtaking New England landscapes, we’ve got ‘em. Trust us. But it’s a feeling you get here of being switched off yet inspired; engaged yet refreshed. There’s no word for it, but it happens everyday on The Classic Coast.

THE NYSBA FAMILY LAW SECTION OFFICERS WELCOME YOU TO THE 2026 SUMMER MEETING



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NEWPORT MARRIOTT HOTEL & SPA

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25 Americas Cup Ave, Newport, RI 02840



Step into the charm of Newport’s historic waterfront, where cobblestone streets lead to quaint shops and sailboats dot the picturesque harbor. Our newly renovated harbor view hotel in Newport, RI places guests’ moments from top attractions including the Newport Mansions, Cliff Walk, downtown shopping, and nearby beaches. Find reprieve in refreshed accommodations with modern, nautical-inspired design or bask in the harborside sunshine from the privacy of brand-new guestrooms and suites with outdoor waterfront balconies. Immerse in the renovated indoor pool with access to the new seasonal outdoor terrace, Hideaway Terrace, featuring cabanas, sun chairs, and an expansive bar. Additional amenities include the Spa at Newport Marriott, Studio Fit 24-hour fitness center, and M Club. Savor flavorful on-site waterfront dining at MainSail and Skiff Bar or grab light bites at Plank Bar.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Check-in: 4:00 p.m.
Check-out: 11:00 a.m.
Minimum Age to Check In: 18

Pet Policy
Pets Not Allowed

Off-Site Parking
Newport Gateway Visitors Center 0.1 Miles

Parking Valet
Daily: \$48.00

Electric Car Charging Station

Additional Parking Information
We have 6 electric charging stations for a \$63 overnight fee.

Smoke Free Property

PROPERTY AMENITIES ON-SITE

- Restaurants On-Site
- MainSail (American)
- Skiff Bar (American)
- Hideaway Terrace (American)
- Plank Bar (Coffee House)
- Gift Shop
- Convenience Store
- Club Lounge (Complimentary for Platinum+ Members)
- Indoor Pool
- Fresh Linen Provided (All Rooms/Suites)
- Business Center
- Meeting Space
- Hair salon
- Spa
- Fitness Center (Complimentary)
- On-Site Laundry
- Fire Pit + Grill Grate (Some Rooms/Suites)
- No Chairs + Picnic Table

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Hotel Layout, 3rd Floor

THIRD FLOOR LEVEL



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6.0 MCLE Credits

This program is transitional and approved for MCLE credit in New York for all attorneys, including those newly admitted.

6.0 Total Credits: 1.0 Cybersecurity, Privacy and Data Protection-General, 1.0 Ethics and Professionalism, 1.0 Areas of Professional Practice, 1.5 Skills, 1.5 Law Practice Management

The New York State Bar Association has been certified by the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board as an accredited provider of continuing legal education in the State of New York. For information about the CLE Rules, visit NYCOURTS.GOV/ATTORNEYS/CLE

PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS:

- Rosalia Baiamonte, Esq., Gassman Baiamonte Gruner, P.C., Garden City, NY
- Brett S. Ward, Esq., Blank Rome LLP, New York, NY

PROGRAM MATERIALS

- All course materials are online only via the **NYSBA Learning Dashboard**.
- *Tip: We strongly recommend downloading materials **before the program** if you plan to use a laptop or tablet. Wi-Fi is available onsite, but connection speeds are not guaranteed.*

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- Click the blue “**Materials**” button.

Need help accessing your Dashboard and the Materials?

Contact the Member Resource Center at mrc@nysba.org | 800-582-2452 or 518-463-3724

MCLE ATTENDANCE & CERTIFICATE

- Check in onsite with registration staff upon arrival.
- Sign, date, and return the MCLE Verification of Attendance form (white paper) at the end of the program each day.
- If you need out-of-state credit, please notify staff to sign the appropriate form.
- Your MCLE Certificate will be emailed after the program and available in your My Learning Dashboard.

Important MCLE Policies

- You must be present for the **entire program segment** to receive credit. Partial credit is not permitted.
- If you leave early, please **check out with onsite staff** so your attendance time can be noted.
- For more information about the CLE Rules, visit www.nycourts.gov/attorneys/CLE

PROGRAM EVALUATION

Your feedback matters. Please complete the **evaluation form** (yellow paper) at the conclusion of the program to help us improve future CLE offerings.

DETAILED AGENDA

This year's NYSBA Family Law Section Summer Meeting explores the rapidly evolving intersection of technology, science, and matrimonial practice through a dynamic two-day CLE program designed for judges, attorneys, and family law professionals. Attendees will gain practical guidance on some of the most pressing issues confronting practitioners today, from the challenges posed by artificial intelligence and digital evidence to the growing role of addiction science in custody and financial disputes.

Participants will explore the emerging world of deepfakes, fabricated texts, altered screenshots, manipulated metadata, and AI-generated financial evidence, learning how to identify unreliable information, satisfy evolving authentication requirements, and effectively leverage AI tools in matrimonial litigation. Interactive breakout sessions featuring leading forensic accountants and business valuation experts will provide practical strategies and real-world insights into the challenges and opportunities presented by AI.

Featuring distinguished members of the judiciary, a nationally recognized expert, and leading forensic professionals, this program examines how courts and practitioners are adapting to rapidly changing technologies and emerging scientific developments. Discussions will address not only current best practices, but also the evolving legal and evidentiary issues that are likely to shape matrimonial litigation in the years ahead.

A leading expert in the neuroscience of addiction will provide a fascinating examination of addiction as a brain-based disease. Members of the judiciary will examine addiction and its implications for custody determinations, parenting issues, equitable distribution, and claims of marital waste. The program includes the always-popular Matrimonial Law Update.

Attendees will leave with cutting-edge knowledge, practical tools, and valuable perspectives that can be immediately applied in practice.

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Registration and Exhibits | Foyer, 3rd Fl

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Executive Committee Meeting | Grand Ballroom, 3rd Fl
For Executive Committee members only.

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

New Attendees Reception | The Newport Vineyards

Exclusively for first-time lawyer attendees of the NYSBA Family Law Section Summer Meeting, this welcome reception offers an opportunity to meet Section leaders, connect with fellow new attendees, and become familiar with the Section before the meeting begins. Following the reception, attendees are invited to join all Summer Meeting participants at the Welcome Reception & Dinner from 6:00–9:00 p.m. at Newport Vineyards.

Venue: The Newport Vineyards (Winery)

Location: Meadow Room and Tank Room

Address: 909 E Main Rd, Middletown, RI 02842

Note: 15-min. drive | Transportation: One vehicle departs the Newport Marriott at 5:15 p.m.

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception and Dinner | The Newport Vineyards

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Venue: The Newport Vineyards (Winery)

Location: Meadow Room and Tank Room

Address: 909 E Main Rd, Middletown, RI 02842

Note: 15-min. drive

Transportation | Sponsored by The NGH Group, Inc.

- Pick-up at the Newport Marriott and drop-off at the Newport Vineyards
 - 4 vehicles doing rounds between 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Pick-up at the Newport Vineyards and drop-off at the Newport Marriott
 - 4 vehicles doing rounds between 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

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FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2026

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast Foyer, 3 rd Fl Sponsored by Soberlink <i>Note: Registrants, including spouses and guests, are cordially invited to breakfast.</i>
7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Registration and Exhibits Foyer, 3 rd Fl
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Committee Meetings • OCA Matters/Bench & Bar Relations Committee Courageous Room, 3rd Fl • Custody Committee Enterprise Room, 3rd Fl • Introduction to the New York Chapter of the AAML Columbia Room, 3rd FL
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Yoga/Pilates (Pre-registration required) Venue: Newport Marriott Hotel Room: Fitness Center

GENERAL SESSION (Grand Ballroom, 3rd Fl)

8:30 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.	Welcoming Remarks: Overview of Events Michelle L. Haskin, Esq. Chair, NYSBA Family Law Section Whiteman Osterman & Hanna, LLP, Albany, NY
8:35 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.	NYSBA Welcome Taa R. Grays, Esq. President, New York State Bar Association Former Vice President and Associate General Counsel of Information Governance at MetLife Legal Affairs, New York, NY
8:40 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.	Opening Remarks by Hon. Jeffrey S. Sunshine The Statewide Coordinating Judge for Matrimonial Matters will provide an update on significant developments affecting New York matrimonial practice and procedure, including the growing impact of artificial intelligence on the legal profession, and the emerging judicial concerns regarding the authenticity of digital evidence and fabricated case citations as highlighted by recent appellate decisions (Landberg v. City of New York, argued May 20, 2026) <i>No CLE Credit</i>

DETAILED AGENDA

8:55 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Fakes, Forgeries, and the Fight for Truth: Authenticating Digital Evidence in the AI Age

Deepfakes, fake texts, altered screenshots, and manipulated metadata are reshaping litigation. Learn how to spot fabricated digital evidence, navigate evolving authentication requirements, and understand the New York Court of Appeals' latest guidance on admissibility in the AI era.

Faculty:

Nicholas G. Himonidis, JD, CFE, CCFS, CCFI, CRC
President, The NGH Group, Melville, NY

9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

1.0 Credit in Cybersecurity, Privacy and Data Protection-General

Artificial Intelligence, Ethics and Financial Evidence in Matrimonial Litigation: Emerging Challenges and Best Practices

Artificial intelligence is reshaping financial evidence in divorce litigation, creating both new risks and new opportunities for practitioners. As AI-generated content, automated analyses, and emerging technologies increasingly influence financial disclosures and expert opinions, attorneys and valuation professionals must navigate important ethical considerations relating to accuracy, transparency, confidentiality, bias, professional responsibility, and evidentiary reliability.

In this interactive breakout program, business valuation experts from eight leading firms will share practical insights on identifying unreliable, manipulated, or AI-generated financial evidence; understanding emerging AI-driven challenges; evaluating the ethical implications of AI use in matrimonial matters; and strategically leveraging AI tools while maintaining professional and legal obligations. Participants will gain best practices for ensuring the integrity, admissibility, and responsible use of financial evidence in divorce litigation.

A. How AI Has Changed the Litigant's Ability to Falsify Financial Evidence

B. Detection and Authentication: Red Flags and Procedures in the AI Era – The Death of the Site Visit and the Limits of the Sniff Test

C. How AI is Helping Our Forensic Investigations and Business Valuations

D. Recent Case Decisions

E. Strategic Guidance for the Matrimonial Attorney/Cautions for Client Data: Privilege, Confidentiality, and Vendor Due Diligence

BREAKOUT SESSION #1 | Freedom Room, 3rd Fl

Faculty Panel:

Harold L. Deiters III, CPA, ABV, CFF, CGMA, CFE, MAFF
Legacy Valuation & Forensics, LLC, Hauppauge, NY

Michael J. Raymond, CPA, ABV, CFF
BST & Co., Albany, NY

BREAKOUT SESSION #2 | Courageous Room, 3rd Fl

Faculty Panel:

David L. Gresen, CPA, ABV, CFF, CFE
KLG Business Valuers & Forensic Accountants, LLC, Melville, NY

David Consigli, Jr., CPA, ABV, CDFA
SAX Advisors LLC, Boston, MA

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BREAKOUT SESSION #3 | Enterprise Room, 3rd Fl

Faculty Panel:

Reuben Gottlieb, JD, CPA

MSG Accountants, Consultants & Business Valuers, New York, NY

Vladimir Korobov, CPA, ABV, ASA

CBIZ Forensic Consulting Group, LLC, New Haven, CT

BREAKOUT SESSION #4 | Columbia Room, 3rd Fl

Faculty Panel:

Douglas Sosnowski, CPA, ABV, ASA, CFF

Brisbane Consulting Group, LLC, Buffalo, NY

Stacy Preston Collins, CPA, ABV, CFF

Stout Risius Ross, LLC, New York, NY

10:35 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Refreshment Break Sponsored by Brisbane Consulting Group, LLC

10:50 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.

F. Faculty Panel Discussion and Questions and Answers

Moderators:

Hon. Jeffrey S. Sunshine, J.S.C.

Statewide Coordinating Judge for Matrimonial Matters

Kings County Supreme Court

Rosalia Baiamonte, Esq.

Gassman Baiamonte Gruner, P.C.

Garden City, NY

Brett S. Ward, Esq.

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New York, NY

1.0 Credit in Ethics and Professionalism

11:05 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.

Ultimate Updates in Matrimonial Law

Not to be missed – the annual family law case update – a fast-paced review of the most significant recent decisions and emerging legal trends every matrimonial practitioner should know.

Speaker:

Hon. Bruce J. Wagner

Support Magistrate in Schenectady County Family Court

1.0 MCLE Credit in Areas of Professional Practice

11:55 a.m.

End of CLE Program. Lunch on your own.

11:30 a.m. onwards

Golf Tournament (*Pre-registration required*)

Sponsored by MSG Accountants, Consultants & Business Valuers

Newport National Golf Club, 425 Mitchells Ln, Middletown, RI 02842

Note: 13-min. drive | Boxed lunch provided at 11:45 a.m. | Tee times start at 12 p.m

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Meet and Greet with Honorable Jeffrey S. Sunshine | Freedom Room, 3rd Fl

DETAILED AGENDA

1:30 p.m. onwards

Afternoon activities (Pre-registration required)

- 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Cliff Walk
 - Meet-up at the Intersection of Ochre Point Ave. and Webster Street. To get there:
 - From the Marriott, take a R onto America's Cup Ave.
 - L onto Memorial Blvd.
 - R onto Bellevue Ave.
 - L onto Narragansett Ave.
 - R onto Ochre Point Ave.
 - L onto Webster St., which has free, angled parking.
 - Tour guide Betty Czech (401-339-6779) will be at the entrance to the parking lot and holding a wand with orange ribbon at the top.
- 2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Sailing on the Sloop Eleanor by Newport Classic Cruises
 - Pick up and drop off at Bowen's Wharf in Newport

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Cocktail Reception and Dinner | Sponsored by BST & Co. CPAs and MPI

Venue: Marble House | Address: 596 Bellevue Ave., Newport, RI
Note: 22-min. drive

Transportation (Sponsored by The NGH Group, Inc.):

- 4 trolleys doing rounds from 5:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

10:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Afterparty | Sponsored by Stout

Venue: Stoneacre Gardens
Address: 151 Swinburne Row, Newport, RI
Areas: Sculpture Bar + Courtyard Half Terrace + Secret Garden Rooftop
Note: No transportation will be provided. Only a 6-min. walk from the Newport Marriott.

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast | Foyer, 3rd Fl

Sponsored by D'Agostino Jones LLC

Note: Registrants, including spouses and guests, are cordially invited to breakfast.

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Room: Fitness Center

GENERAL SESSION

(Grand Ballroom, 3rd Fl)

9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.

Welcome Remarks

Michelle Haskin, Esq.
Chair, NYSBA Family Law Section
Whiteman Osterman & Hanna, LLP, Albany, NY

FAMILY LAW SECTION 2026 SUMMER MEETING

9:05 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

FanDuel, Fortnite, Fentanyl & Frappuccino (Part I): The Science of Addiction – Skills in Client Counseling – What Lawyers Need to Know

A nationally recognized expert on the neuroscience of addiction will examine addiction as a brain-based disease.

This presentation will focus on the impact of many addictive drugs, including but not limited to, caffeine, nicotine/vaping, alcohol, cocaine, marijuana, and opiates, on the adolescent brain and its function. In addition, data will be presented that demonstrates the effects of process addictions including internet gaming and cell phones on the reward system in the human brain.

Faculty:

Stephen L. Dewey, MD, PhD
New York, NY

Hon. Amy C. Martoche, J.S.C.
District Administrative Judge of Eighth Judicial District

Hon. Jeffrey A. Goodstein, J.S.C.
Supervising Judge for Matrimonial Parts
Nassau County Supreme Court

Hon. Cheryl A. Joseph, A.J.S.C.
Supervising Judge for Matrimonial Matters
NYS Court of Claims
Suffolk County Supreme Court

1.5 MCLE Credits in Skills

10:20 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.

Refreshment Break | Foyer

10:35 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.

FanDuel, Fortnite, Fentanyl & Frappuccino (Part II): The Science of Addiction – What Lawyers Need to Know

This portion of the program explores substance use disorders to better equip lawyers and judges in assessing its impact on custody and parenting determinations, equitable distribution of assets, and claims of marital waste or dissipation. Participants will gain a scientifically grounded framework for evaluating addiction-related evidence, understanding treatment and recovery, and applying these insights to matrimonial and family law matters.

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11:55 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

Beyond BAC – Technical Aspects of Alcohol Monitoring and Tamper Detection

When alcohol monitoring is needed in family law cases, reliability is everything.

Faculty:

Mike Fonseca
SOBERLINK Healthcare

No CLE Credit

12:10 p.m. onwards

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1:30 p.m. onwards

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- 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. - Newport Scenic Trolley Tours by Viking Tours
 - Meet-up at the Newport Marriott Hotel
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Cheesemaking class by Mozz Newport
 - Location: Mozz Newport, 181 Bellevue Ave., Newport, RI

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Closing Reception and Light Dinner | Sponsored by CBIZ

Venue: Forty 1 North
Address: 351 Thames St., Newport, RI
Location: Hotel Deck + Gallery
Note: 13-min. walk from the Newport Marriott

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SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026

Departure





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COCKTAIL RECEPTION & DINNER

Friday, July 10, 2026
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
The Marble House



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CLOSING RECEPTION & LIGHT DINNER

Saturday, July 11, 2026
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Forty 1° North



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Your support drives meaningful discussions, strengthens our community, and creates lasting impact.

NYSBA FAMILY LAW SECTION

GOLF Tournament

A Day of Golf, Connection & Camaraderie



NEWPORT NATIONAL GOLF CLUB
425 Mitchells Lane | Middletown, RI

SCHEDULE

11:30 a.m.

Meet Outside the Clubhouse

11:45 a.m.

Boxed Lunch Provided

12:00 p.m.

Tee Times Begin

FORMAT

Step Aside Scramble

- One team score; no handicaps
- Everyone putts and drives and four drives from each golfer must be used. If only three golfers you must use five drives from every golfer. Other than driving and putting, if your drive or shot is used you step aside and cannot hit a ball.
- Each player receives:
 - ✓ Two mulligans
 - ✓ One tee shot on fairway
- **Men:** White Tees | **Women:** Red Tees

PRIZES

1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Teams

Closest to the pin — Men

Closest to the pin — Women

Longest Drive — Men

Longest Drive — Women

Please arrive before your assigned tee time. We are on a strict schedule.

Box lunch and one drink provided for each golfer

One member of the team should email your score to Frederic Siegal at fred@scklawct.com

One stroke penalty if you do not have fun!

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BIOGRAPHIES

NYSBA PRESIDENT



Taa Grays, Esq.

President
New York State Bar Association

Taa Grays currently serves as President of the New York State Bar Association, marking both the tenth woman and the first Black woman to hold this office in the association's 150-year history.

During her tenure, Grays will focus on implementing the association's strategic plan. In addition, Grays will focus on simplifying consumer terms and conditions, improving access to justice in Family Court, providing guidance concerning renewable and sustainable energy use, building more member resources on the use of generative artificial intelligence, and developing an archive showcasing the accomplishment of the association and its members in advancing the rule of law. She also remains committed to mitigating the impact of legal deserts across the state through the Rural Ready initiative.

Grays has dedicated over two decades of service to the New York State Bar Association, contributing to areas including police reform, strategic planning, and corporate governance. Her extensive leadership experience provides a strong foundation for her current role.

She has co-chaired several committees and task forces, including the Strategic Planning Committee, the Task Force on Racism, Social Equity and the Law, and the Task Force on Racial Injustice and Police Reform. Grays is an active member of the Business Law, Corporate Counsel, and Women in Law sections. Additionally, she has served as vice president of the First Judicial District on the Executive Committee and chaired both the New York State Conference of Bar Leaders and the Committee on Women in the Law (now the Women in Law Section).

Previously, Grays was vice president and associate general counsel of information governance at MetLife, leading its global Information Governance Program and overseeing a team tasked with developing and executing strategic plans in this area.

Her career began with MetLife in 2003, initially in the litigation section, followed by a role as chief of staff to the general counsel from 2010 to 2015. Before joining MetLife, she served as assistant district attorney in the Bronx District Attorney's Office within the rackets bureau for five and a half years.

Grays has received numerous accolades, including the New York State Bar Association's Diversity Trailblazer Award in 2008. She was named one of Crain's New York Business's 100 Leading Women Lawyers in New York in 2017, recognized as a Visionary Leader in Litigation by Inside Counsel in 2016, included among the Most Influential Black Lawyers in 2015, and listed as Ready to Rise for general counsel roles in 2013 and 2015.

In the broader legal community, the New York City Bar Association honored Grays as a Diversity Champion in 2015, while the Metropolitan Black Bar Association presented her with its inaugural Bar Leaders of the Year Award in 2010 for her dedication and leadership.

Grays holds a Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center and a Bachelor of Arts from Harvard University.

FAMILY LAW SECTION 2026 SUMMER MEETING

SECTION CHAIR



Michelle L. Haskin, Esq.

**Partner, Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP
Albany, NY**

Michelle Haskin is Co-Chair of the Matrimonial and Family Law practice group and practices exclusively in the field of matrimonial and family law, concentrating on divorce, custody, support; domestic violence, prenuptial and postnuptial agreements; and interstate issues. Ms. Haskin has over 25 years of extensive experience in representing clients in both Supreme and Family Court, as well as litigation and negotiations of resolutions of these matters.

Professional/Community

Ms. Haskin currently serves as the Chair of the New York State Bar Association Family Law Section. She also serves as the only practicing attorney representative from the 3rd Judicial District on the statewide Matrimonial Practice Advisory and Rules Committee. This committee is chaired by Hon. Jeffrey Sunshine, Statewide Coordinating Judge for Matrimonial matters and makes recommendations on legislative proposals; court rules and court forms; and develops best practices to assist Judges, litigants and attorneys. Previously, Ms. Haskin served as co-chair of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York's Matrimonial Committee for over 10 years. She also served as a Past President of the Capital District Women's Bar Association. Ms. Haskin is an Honorary Board and Steering Committee Member of The Legal Project, Inc. and is a member of the Domestic Violence Legal Connection. Ms. Haskin was a member of a small working group of bar leaders tasked to draft the proposed Maintenance Guidelines statute, which then became a formal proposal and was enacted by the legislature and signed into law in the form presented.

Background/Education

Ms. Haskin received her J.D., *cum laude*, from Albany Law School and received her Bachelor of Arts from Syracuse University, graduating *magna cum laude*.

Presentations/Publications

Ms. Haskin is an author and lecturer for Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Programs sponsored by Albany Law School, and the New York State Bar Association. Additionally, Ms. Haskin is the author of Pitfalls of Practice, Matrimonial Law Chapter, and New York State Bar Association.

PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS



Rosalía Baiamonte, Esq.

**Gassman Baiamonte Gruner, P.C.
Garden City, NY**

Ms. Baiamonte was admitted to the Bar in January 1994. Since admission to the Bar, Ms. Baiamonte has been Rosalia Baiamonte has been engaged exclusively in the practice of matrimonial and family law since her admission to the Bar in January 1994. She is a graduate of Brandeis University and Syracuse University College of Law. She is a Partner the Garden-City based boutique-style matrimonial firm of Gassman Baiamonte Gruner, P.C.

Rosalía is a Past President of the Nassau County Bar Association (only the 10th woman to hold this position since the founding of the association in 1899; and the first immigrant), a Past Chair of the New York State Bar Association's Family Law Section, and Co-Chair of the Section's Continuing Legal Education Committee. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, New York Chapter, and a Fellow of the New York Bar Foundation.

Rosalía is a certified Collaborative Interdisciplinary attorney, and has received appointments as an Arbitrator, Discovery Referee, and Part 137 Fee Arbitrator for Nassau and Suffolk County Courts. Since 2016, she has served as a court-appointed Receiver in a highly complex Surrogate Court matter involving the estate of the late fashion designer, Oleg Cassini. She is Co-Editor of Library of New York Matrimonial Law Forms, a 1,350+ page compendium of matrimonial law forms available through the New York Law Journal (©2012).

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BIOGRAPHIES

Rosalia has extensive experience dealing with a full range of complex matrimonial issues, among them: agreements (pre-nuptial, post-nuptial, and separation), custody and visitation, equitable distribution, spousal and child support issues, license and professional practice valuations, enforcement and modification proceedings, awards of counsel fees and experts' fees.

She has extensive appellate advocacy experience, having prosecuted and defended dozens of appeals involving complex matrimonial and family law issues, most notably: *Palmer v. Spadone- Palmer*, 190 A.D.3d 495, 139 N.Y.S.3d 205 (1st Dept., 2021); *Brin v. Shady*, 179 A.D.3d 760, 116 N.Y.S.3d 688 (2nd Dept., 2020); *Nerayoff v. Rokhsar*, 168 A.D.3d 1071, 93 N.Y.S.3d 96 (2nd Dept., 2019); *Gassman Baiamonte Gruner, P.C. v. Katz*, 164 A.D.3d 790, 82 N.Y.S.2d 136 (2nd Dept., 2018); *DeFilippis v. DeFilippis*, 146 A.D.3d 750, 45 N.Y.S.3d 175 (2nd Dept., 2017); *Barnes- Levitin v. Levitin*, 131 A.D.3d 98716 N.Y.S.3d 460 (Mem) (2nd Dept., 2015); *Beroza v. Hendler*, 109 A.D.3d 498, 970 N.Y.S.2d 313 (2nd Dept., 2013); *Goncalves v. Goncalves*, 105 A.D.3d 901, 963 N.Y.S.2d 686 (2nd Dept., 2013); *Chesner v. Chesner*, 95 A.D.3d 1252, 945 N.Y.S.2d 409 (2nd Dept., 2012); *Beroza v. Hendler*, 71 A.D.3d 615, 896 N.Y.S.2d 144 (2nd Dept., 2010); *Kriftcher v. Kriftcher*, 59 A.D.3d 392, 874 N.Y.S.2d 153 (2nd Dept., 2009); *DeMille v. DeMille*, 5 A.D.3d 428, 774 N.Y.S.2d 156 (2nd Dept., 2004); *DeMille v. DeMille*, 32 A.D.3d 411, 820 N.Y.S.2d 111 (2nd Dept., 2006); *Matter of Brim v. Combs*, 25 A.D.3d 691, 808 N.Y.S.2d 735 (2nd Dept., 2006); *Matter of Brim v. Combs*, 17 A.D.3d 361, 792 N.Y.S.2d 568 (2nd Dept., 2005); *Klein v. Klein*, 296 A.D.2d 533, 745 N.Y.S.2d 569 (2nd Dept., 2002); *Rindos v. Rindos*, 264 A.D.2d 722, 694 N.Y.S.2d 735 (2nd Dept., 1999); and *Vigliotti v. Vigliotti*, 260 A.D.2d 470, 688 N.Y.S.2d 198 (2nd Dept., 1999).

Rosalia lectures extensively on a variety of family law topics for various County and Statewide Bar and Judicial groups, and she has appeared as a guest lecturer at various law schools (C.W. Post, St. John's, Hofstra).



Brett S. Ward, Esq.

Blank Rome, LLP
New York, NY

CO-CHAIR, LITIGATION DEPARTMENT

Brett Ward concentrates his practice in all areas of matrimonial and family law, including divorce, paternity, custody and child protective matters. Brett has extensive experience in negotiating prenuptial, separation and settlement agreements. He has significant litigation and trial experience in New York's Family and Supreme Courts. Brett also has experience with international custody and child support matters. Brett has also successfully appeared before the appellate courts. Brett has served as a mediator and as an expert witness on New York family law issues.

RECOGNITIONS

- 2026, "Leading New York Family, Matrimonial & Divorce Lawyers," listed in Doyle's Guide
- 2025, "Notable Litigators & Trial Attorneys," listed in Crain's New York Business
- 2023-2025, listed in Variety's Legal Impact Report
- 2024-2026, Family Law in New York, listed in Best Lawyers in America®
- 2023-2024, "Hollywood's Troubleshooters," listed in The Hollywood Reporter
- 2022, Distinguished Leader, listed in the New York Law Journal
- 2022, Family Law Trailblazer, listed in The National Law Journal
- 2020, 2024-2026, "Top 500 Leading Family Lawyers," listed in Lawdragon
- 2018-2025, New York, Family/Matrimonial, listed in Chambers High Net Worth
- 2013-2025, New York "Super Lawyer" in Family Law, listed in Super Lawyers
- 2011-2012, New York "Rising Star" in Family Law, listed in Super Lawyers

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Brett is a member of the Executive Committee of the Family Law Section of the New York State Bar Association and the co-chair of the Continuing Legal Education Committee. He was formerly the co-chair of the New York County Lawyers' Association Committee on Committees, served on the Association's Matrimonial Law and Family Court Committees, and is a former member of the Association's Board of Directors. Brett was the President of Brandeis University's New York Alumni Chapter for seven years and sat on the University's Alumni Board of Directors.

Brett is also a neutral evaluator for the New York Supreme Court, donating hours to assist matrimonial litigants in resolving their cases without the need for trial.

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PROGRAM FACULTY



Stacy Preston Collins

**Managing Director
Stout**

Stacy Preston Collins, CPA/ABV, CFF is a Managing Director with Stout and has focused on forensic accounting and valuation issues since 1993. Her work involves complex financial issues in matrimonial cases, shareholder disputes, estate planning engagements, and other matters.

Ms. Collins has testified as a financial expert on business valuation and forensic accounting issues in several states. She graduated from Drexel University with concentrations in Accounting and Finance. She holds the Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV) and Certified in Financial Forensics (CFF) designations from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

Ms. Collins has been on faculty for many years with the Family Law Trial Advocacy Institute (affiliated with the American Bar Association, formerly with the National Institute for Trial Advocacy). She lectures frequently on forensic accounting and valuation issues to lawyers, judges, and financial professionals. She is a Charter Member of the Forensic & Business Valuation Division of the AAML Foundation, and was a contributing author to Financial Valuation Applications and Models (Third and Fourth Editions) and Family Law Services Handbook.



David Consigili

**Partner
SAX Advisors LLC**

David is a Partner at SAX with more than 35 years of experience in business valuation, transaction advisory, succession planning, and tax planning. As part of the firm's Valuation, Forensics & Litigation (VFL) practice, he specializes in the valuation of closely held businesses, ownership interests, and intangible assets.

David advises attorneys, business owners, buyers, and lenders on a wide range of matters, including mergers and acquisitions, shareholder disputes, marital dissolutions, buy/sell agreements, and succession planning. His work focuses on delivering clear, well-supported valuation analyses that help clients make informed decisions and address complex financial matters with confidence.

In addition to his client work, David has been admitted as an expert in U.S. Federal Court as well as state courts in Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, and New Hampshire. He is known for his disciplined approach, timely execution, and commitment to delivering a high-quality client experience, even in complex or sensitive situations.

BIOGRAPHIES



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Harold Deiters is a Partner of Legacy Valuation and Forensics. Mr. Deiters is a trained professional in preparing damage calculations, business valuations and performing forensic accounting. His experience covers economic damages, valuations for matrimonial and estate tax purposes, gift planning, shareholder disputes and buy/sell agreements. He has extensive experience in tax return preparation, accounting and auditing both public and privately held companies, including manufacturing, wholesale and retail distribution, professional service organizations and not-for-profit organizations. In addition, Mr. Deiters has over 8 years of accounting experience in the private sector.

Education

Bachelor of Science in Accounting
St. John's University (Jamaica, New York)

Specific Experience

- Professional in business appraisal and forensic accounting
- Experience covers valuations for matrimonial settlements, estate tax purposes, gift planning, shareholder disputes, buy/sell agreements, and complex forensic accounting projects
- Combined audit and investigatory skills result in meaningful solutions to economic damage and lost profit problems
- Extensive experience in accounting and auditing both public and privately held companies, including manufacturing, wholesale and retail distribution, professional service organizations, and not-for-profit organizations
- Previously in accounting in the private sector
- Trial experience in the New York State Supreme Court
- Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV) and Certification in Financial Forensics (CFF) and Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA) from the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA)
- Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) credential from the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
- Master Analyst in Financial Forensics (MAFF) and Certified Valuation Analyst (CVA) credentials
- Qualified to serve as Accountant to Receiver, pursuant to NYS Part 36

Industry Involvement

- National lecturer on business valuation, forensic accounting and economic damages for the National Association of Certified Valuators and Analysts
- Member of Master Analyst of Financial Forensics® (MAFF®) Subject Matter Expert Group
- Member AICPA Certified in Financial Forensics (CFF) Credential Committee
- Member of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Interdisciplinary Committee
- Fundraising Chair of the Nassau County Bar Association WE CARE Advisory Board
- Member of the WE CARE Golf and Tennis Classic Committee
- Community Liaison Member – We Care Advisory Board
- Member of the WE CARE Advisory Grant Committee
- Council Member, American Institute of Certified Public Accountant (AICPA)
- Past chairperson of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants (NYSSCPA)
- Current member, NYSSCPA Statewide Board of Directors
- Past president, Suffolk Chapter NYSSCPA
- Past chairperson, NYSSCPA Suffolk Cooperation with Attorneys Committee
- Past member, NYSSCPA Suffolk Accounting and Auditing Committee
- Cofounder and past president, Accountants-Attorney Networking Group

Community Involvement

- Past adjunct professor, St. Joseph's College, teaching auditing principle

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Stephen L. Dewey, MD, PhD

New York, NY

Dr. Dewey's research has been featured on 20/20, Dateline, Good Morning America, ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX, CNN, FOX News, News 12 Long Island, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, and Newsday. Dr. Stephen L. Dewey received his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. He completed his postdoctoral fellowship in the Neurology Department at Stony Brook University. During his tenure at Brookhaven National Laboratory, Dr. Dewey conducted research on the effects of addictive drugs on the human brain. These studies led to the development of an effective treatment for addiction – currently in clinical trials. In 2009, Dr. Dewey moved his research efforts to the Feinstein Institute for Medical Research at Northwell Health. In 2017, Dr. Dewey left the Feinstein Institute and moved to the Department of Psychiatry at the New York University, School of Medicine. Dr. Dewey started an outreach program in 1994 bringing his research findings to school districts throughout Long Island and the tri-state area. Recently, Dr. Dewey accepted an appointment to the Suffolk County Board of Health where he hopes to continue his education efforts in the fight against drug abuse. Additionally, in 2015 he was appointed Director of Research Education at Seaford Center.



Mike Fonseca

National Sales Manager
Soberlink Healthcare

Mike Fonseca has been the National Sales Manager for Soberlink Healthcare since 2011. He manages National Matrimonial Organizations like AAML, AFCC, and ABA Family Law Section.

He dedicates his efforts educating matrimonial professionals on Soberlink's alcohol monitoring technology for Child Custody Cases.

Mike most recently presented May 2026 at Austin Bar Family Law Section, NCBA Family Law Section, and QCBA Family Law Section. Last December 2025, Mike presented at Hudson County New Jersey Family Courts focusing on the NCJFCJ Alcohol Use Disorder Bench Card.

Over the past decade, Mike has presented to several thousand Family Law Professionals on Alcohol Monitoring Best Practices.

Mike and his wife Amber are proud parents to son's Roman and Lincoln residing in North Texas.

Mike holds his degree from Santa Ana College with emphasis in science and technology.

SOBERLINK, Inc.'s Mission Statement:

SOBERLINK's mission is to become the global leader in the development of leading-edge wireless diagnostic technology that monitors addiction related diseases to aid in the reduction of relapse rates.

About SOBERLINK, Inc.

SOBERLINK is a technology-based company that develops innovative products to help automate the alcohol monitoring process. SOBERLINK strives to provide exactly what is stated in the company's name: a link between a person and sobriety. To achieve this goal, SOBERLINK's FDA Cleared breathalyzer uses a built-in camera and wireless technology to send a person's blood alcohol content (BAC), facial recognition, tamper detection, and time of report to cloud storage on a secure Monitoring Web Portal.

BIOGRAPHIES



Hon. Jeffrey Goodstein

**Supervising Judge, Supreme Court
Nassau County Matrimonial Center**

Judge Jeffrey Goodstein is the Supervising Judge of the Matrimonial Courts in Nassau County. From 2023-2026, he served as the Supervising Judge of both the Supreme Court and Matrimonial Courts. He was elected to the Nassau County Court in 2025 and is an Acting Supreme Court Judge. Prior to that he was nominated to the Court of Claims by Governor Andrew Cuomo in June of 2012 and was confirmed by the State Senate that same month. He has been assigned to the Nassau County Supreme Court as an Acting Supreme Court Justice since his appointment. He is a member of the NYS OCA Matrimonial Practice and Rule Committee and the Nassau County Attorney for the Child Advisory Committee. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he was a Court Attorney-Referee, Principal Law Clerk, Court Attorney and was an associate at a mid-size litigation firm in Nassau County.

Judge Goodstein is the coordinator of the Judicial Internship Program for all the Courts in Nassau County. He was a member of the Nassau County Clergy Day Program, the Nassau County Women in the Court's Committee and the Nassau County Courts LGBTQ committee. In 2000, he was recognized with the Nassau County Courts award for heroism after a successful resuscitation of an individual in cardiac arrest. In 2006 and 2019, Judge Goodstein received the President's Award from the Nassau County Bar Association. In 2009, he was named Court Employee of the Year by the Nassau County Bar Association. In 2017, he received the Hon. Edward J. Hart Judge of the Year Award from the Fraternal Order of Court Officers. In 2019, he received Hofstra Law School's Access to Justice Champion Award. In 2022, he was awarded the Jewish Lawyers Association of Nassau County's Paul J. Widlitz Award.

Judge Goodstein was an Adjunct Professor of Law at St. John's Law School and has lectured at Touro Law School, St. John's Law School, Washington and Lee Law School and Hofstra University School of Law

He has served on the Board of Directors of the Nassau County Bar Association, past Chair of the We Care Advisory Board of the Nassau County Bar Association and served as the chair of the Nassau County Bar Association's Judicial, Catering and Legislative committees. He is a member of the New York State Bar Association's President's Committees on Access to Justice and the Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

He is an active member of the Rockville Centre Fire Department having served as Captain, Lieutenant, and Warden of the Rescue Company. From 1996 until 2002, he was the Chief Fire Inspector for the Village of Rockville Centre. He is a past president of Congregation B'nai Sholom-Beth David.

Prior to attending law school, Judge Goodstein was a talent agent representing actors in television, theater and film.

He is admitted to practice in New York and the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York. He received his Juris Doctorate in 1997 from Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law School. He served as Managing Editor of the Touro International Law Review. He received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Theater from Ithaca College in 1989.



Reuben Gottlieb, Esq., CPA, CVA, MS- Forensic Accounting

**Managing Director
MSG Accountants, Consultants & Business Valuators**

Reuben Gottlieb is a Managing Director at MSG, where he oversees forensic accounting investigations, business valuations, and economic damages analyses in complex commercial and matrimonial disputes. Reuben brings an unusual combination of credentials to this work: he is both a licensed attorney and a certified public accountant, which gives him a fluency in both the financial analysis and the litigation process that most forensic consultants simply do not have.

At MSG, he conducts and supervises business valuations of closely held companies, prepares economic damages calculations in commercial disputes, and leads forensic investigations involving allegations of fraud, asset dissipation, and financial misreporting. He has provided expert testimony and lectures regularly on financial and tax matters in divorce litigation. Before joining MSG, Reuben practiced as a litigation associate handling commercial litigation and corporate governance disputes. His forensic accounting career began before law school at Deloitte's Forensic Investigation practice.

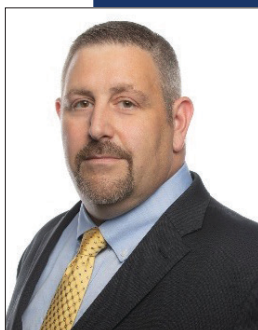
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David L. Gresen, CPA/ABV/CFF, CFE

Managing Partner
KLG Business Valuers & Forensic Accountants, LLC

David L. Gresen is a Partner in the firm's Forensic, Litigation & Valuation Services practice with 30 years of experience in business valuation, forensic accounting, and litigation support. He assists attorneys, their clients, the courts, and businesses on matters involving matrimonial litigation, shareholder disputes, estate and gift tax planning, estate litigation, and damage claims. Throughout his career, David has worked on more than 2,000 engagements and has been court-appointed as a business valuation and financial expert in hundreds of matters. He has provided expert testimony throughout the United States and works closely with legal professionals to analyze complex financial issues, develop supportable conclusions, and provide clear, defensible insights in litigation settings. A Certified Public Accountant, David holds a B.A. in Psychology and a M.S. in Public Accounting. He has also earned the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ABV designation (Accredited in Business Valuation) and CFF designation (Certified in Financial Forensics). In addition, David is a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) and has taught forensic accounting as an adjunct professor at LIU CW Post Campus on Long Island. He is a member of various accounting organizations as well as a member of the NYS Bar Association – Family Law Task Force and AAML – Attorneys and Accountants Committee. David frequently provides business valuation, forensic accounting, and other financial related learning seminars to judges, lawyers, and accountants.



Nicholas G. Himondis, JD, CFE, CCFS, CCFI, CRC

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With more than 30 years of professional experience in private investigations, computer forensics and law, Mr. Himondis has participated in, conducted, and supervised thousands of investigations, computer forensic engagements, e-discovery projects, and cryptocurrency and blockchain forensic matters.

He has litigated cases in both state and federal courts, and he has conducted and managed the investigative and e-discovery phases of hundreds of cases. His investigative experience spans financial fraud, including civil RICO claims, insurance fraud, fraudulent claims against the U.S. government, and embezzlement; digital forensics in both cybercrime and "traditional" crimes; and complex, high-profile matrimonial and custody cases.

Mr. Himondis has written and lectured extensively on e-discovery, digital evidence, cryptocurrency and blockchain forensics, financial investigation, and legal and ethical issues related to expert witnesses. He has been qualified as an expert witness in digital forensics, the authentication of digital evidence and cryptocurrency forensics in state and federal courts, and he has provided countless expert reports on these issues. In addition, Mr. Himondis has been appointed by the Supreme Court of New York State as a neutral digital forensic examiner and neutral cryptocurrency forensic expert on numerous occasions. He was appointed to the New York State Bar Association Task Force on Emerging Digital Finance and Currency in 2022 and is the former co-chair of the Nassau County Bar Association Cyber Law Committee.

He is a licensed attorney, a licensed private investigator, a Certified Fraud Examiner, a Certified Computer Forensic Specialist, a Certified Cryptocurrency Forensic Investigator, and holds the Chainalysis Reactor Certification (CRC) credential related to cryptocurrency forensic investigations.

Mr. Himondis earned a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from St. John's University, where he graduated cum laude. He graduated from the St. John's University of Law with a Juris Doctor degree, magna cum laude, finishing in the top 2% of his class.

BIOGRAPHIES



Hon. Cheryl A. Joseph

Supervising Judge, Supreme Court Suffolk County, Matrimonial Parts

Judge Joseph was appointed by Governor Andrew Cuomo to the NYS Court of Claims on May 5, 2015. She currently presides over matrimonial cases in the Supreme Court, Suffolk County. In August 2020, Judge Joseph was named Supervising Judge of the Matrimonial Parts in Suffolk County. Her professional experience includes the positions of Adjunct Professor of Law at Touro Law Center in Central Islip, New York and Hofstra University Maurice A. Deane School of Law in Hempstead, New York; Support Magistrate in Family Court (NYC and Suffolk County); Supervising Court Attorney in Queens Family Court; Domestic Violence Court Coordinator for the Center for Court Innovation, and Assistant District Attorney in Manhattan.

Judge Joseph is a frequent lecturer and presenter on family and matrimonial law for various organizations including the New York State Judicial Institute, the New York State Bar Association, the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, and the Suffolk County Bar Association. In April 2021, Judge Joseph was appointed Chairperson of the Committee on Equal Justice in the Courts in Suffolk County. Additionally, she serves as a member of the New York State Unified Court System's Access to Justice Committee, the Matrimonial Curriculum Committee for the New York State Judicial Institute, the Matrimonial Practice Advisory and Rules Committee, the Advisory Committee on Attorneys for Children for the 10th Judicial District, and the Mental Health Certification Committee for the First and Second Judicial Departments. She is a past member of the Franklin H. Williams Commission 10th Judicial Advisory Group.

Judge Joseph received her Bachelor of Arts degree magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa in Philosophy and Political Science from New York University's College of Arts and Science in 1993. She received her Juris Doctor degree from New York University School of Law in 1996 wherein she also received the Myron L. Greene Award for Oral Advocacy. She was born in Brooklyn, New York to Edward and Ruby Joseph who both immigrated to the United States from the Caribbean. She was raised in Nassau County and currently resides in Suffolk County with her two sons.

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Vladimir Korobov, CPA, ABV, ASA

**Managing Director
CBIZ**

Mr. Korobov is a managing director in the Valuation, Forensic & Litigation Support Services Group. He has more than 20 years of experience providing business valuation, litigation support, and financial analysis services. Mr. Korobov has performed valuations of business interests for a variety of purposes including, but not limited to, family law matters, estate and gift tax, fairness opinions, transactions, solvency determination, employee stock ownership plan formation and updates, financial reporting, and litigation. The subjects of his valuation assignments have included entire enterprises and partial business interests, preferred and debt securities, portfolios of assets, derivative instruments, intangible assets, and profit-sharing arrangements such as carried interests and developer promotes

Professional Affiliations

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants (CTCPA)
- American Society of Appraisers (ASA)
- Connecticut Chapter of American Society of Appraisers – Vice President, 2011-2016
- CFA Institute
- New York Society of Security Analysts (NYSSA)
- Stamford CFA Society
- National Association of Certified Valuators and Analysts (NACVA) – QuickRead Editorial Board, Former Member



Hon. Amy C. Martoche

**District Administrative Judge
Erie County**

Amy C. Martoche was elected to the New York State Supreme Court in November 2020. In April of 2025, she was named the Administrative Judge for the Eighth Judicial District. Currently, in addition to her administrative duties, Judge Martoche carries a caseload that includes matrimonial and IDV cases. From 2012 to 2020, she served as a Buffalo City Court judge where she founded and presided over the Human Trafficking Intervention HUB Court from its inception in 2013 until she began service on the Supreme Court bench. As a Buffalo City Court judge, Judge Martoche also presided over the Domestic Violence Part, adjudicating more than 8,000 DV cases. Martoche also serves as a Commissioner on the Betty Weinberg Ellerin Permanent Commission on Women in the Courts and on the Statewide Judicial Committee on Human Trafficking.

Before she became a judge, Martoche was a partner at the law firm of Connors & Vilardo, LLP where she worked from 2001 to 2011. Her practice there focused on civil trial work and litigation, defense of professionals, and white-collar criminal defense. Prior to her return to Buffalo, Judge Martoche worked at a large law firm in Washington, DC and served as a confidential law clerk to the Hon. Frederick J. Scullin, Jr. (N.D.N.Y.).

Justice Martoche received her B.S. from Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations and her J.D. from the University at Buffalo School of Law. After she completed her undergraduate degree, she spent three years in rural Louisiana as a teacher, corps member, and program director with the Teach for America program. Martoche lives in the Elmwood Village in Buffalo with her husband, Timothy Hoover, and their daughter, Juliana, and two spirited dogs, Maxima and Benny. She and her family enjoy skiing and traveling.

BIOGRAPHIES



Michael J. Raymond , CPA, ABV, CFF

Partner
BST & Co. CPAs LLP

Mike is a Partner at BST & Co. CPAs LLP, a multidisciplinary CPA firm, where he is a leader in the valuation and litigation support practice group. He has over thirty-three (33) years of experience, first as an auditor and, for the past twenty-seven (27) years, as a financial expert.

Mike specializes in the areas of business valuation and forensic accounting, primarily in connection with matrimonial litigation matters. He has been court appointed as a neutral expert in New York State Supreme Court, in New York, Kings, Richmond, Queens, Nassau, Westchester, Rockland, Orange, Suffolk, Albany, Schenectady and Saratoga Counties, as well as The High Court of Justice, London, United Kingdom. Additionally, he has testified and been qualified as an expert in New York State Supreme Court in New York, Westchester, Rockland, Richmond, Orange, Albany, Saratoga, Rensselaer, Clinton, Franklin, Onondaga and Erie Counties.

Mike is a frequent lecturer on the topic of Business Valuation, Forensic Accounting, Tax and Financial matters for attorneys and has authored numerous articles on the subjects. Previously, he has lectured and spoken for the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Albany Law School, Matlaw Systems Corporation, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Nassau County Bar Association, New York State Society of CPAs, numerous law firms and other organizations.

Mike is a licensed CPA in the State of New York and is Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV) and Certified in Financial Forensics (CFF) by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants. Michael has also been awarded the Certificate for Educational Achievement in Business Valuation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He is a graduate of Siena College where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting.



Douglas Sosnowski, CPA/ABV, ASA, CFF

Managing Director
Brisbane Consulting Group, LLC

Douglas P. Sosnowski, CPA/ABV, ASA, CFF, serves as Managing Director and a Partner of Brisbane Consulting Group, LLC, providing business valuation, forensic accounting, and litigation support services. He has more than 35 years of experience advising attorneys and clients on complex financial and valuation issues arising in commercial litigation, shareholder disputes, and matrimonial proceedings. He leads an experienced team of valuation and forensic accounting professionals that develop rigorous, well-supported analyses, clearly communicated and designed to withstand scrutiny in deposition and at trial.

Attorneys frequently engage Mr. Sosnowski as an expert witness and he has testified at trial and deposition in more than 60 matters. Counsel regularly retains him, and courts have appointed him as a financial expert in contested proceedings. His testimony has involved proceedings in New York State Supreme Court, the United States federal court system, the Delaware Court of Chancery, and the Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas. His work includes valuation disputes, economic damages, and forensic accounting issues involving closely held and publicly traded entities, complex capital structures, income tax considerations, and financial characterization issues arising in contested proceedings.

His forensic accounting practice includes asset tracing, lifestyle and cash flow analysis, and the reconstruction of incomplete or unreliable financial records. He prepares household spending and lifestyle analyses, evaluates separate property asset and liability characterization, and supports equitable distribution and economic damage claims, including lost profits and business interruption.

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In addition to his accounting practice, Mr. Sosnowski owns a wealth management business and holds FINRA Series 7 and 66 licenses. This experience provides practical insight into investment advisory services, securities analysis, and capital markets issues relevant to valuation and financial expert engagements.

He holds a Certified Public Accountant license in New York and the Accredited in Business Valuation (ABV), Accredited Senior Appraiser (ASA), and Certified in Financial Forensics (CFF) credentials. He is a frequent speaker on forensic accounting, valuation, and complex financial issues before attorneys, judges, and professional organizations.



Hon. Jeffrey S. Sunshine

**Statewide Coordinating Judge for Matrimonial Matters
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Hon. Jeffrey S. Sunshine is a Supreme Court Justice sitting in Kings County and he is the Statewide Coordinating Judge for Matrimonial Matters. He chairs the Chief Judge's Matrimonial Practice and Advisory Rules Committee. Judge Sunshine sits on numerous OCA committees, including the Chief Judge's ADR Advisory Committee and the Court System's Advisory Committee on AI in the Courts, and formally chaired the Board of Advisors of the Center for Children and Families and the Law at the Maurice A. Deane School of Law - Hofstra University. He recently completed and updated his training manual and primer entitled: Understanding the Process: Best Practices for the Effective Management of a Matrimonial Case. His more than 180 decisions have frequently been published in the New York Law Journal and the Unofficial and Official New York State Law Reports. He frequently meets with Judges, Court staff and Bar Associations and presents/moderates CLE and other programs throughout New York State. He is the recipient of numerous awards.



Hon. Bruce J. Wagner (Retired)

**Statewide Coordinating Judge for Matrimonial Matters
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Hon. Bruce J. Wagner (Retired) is a Support Magistrate in the Fourth Judicial District as of September 30, 2021, following his retirement from over 35 years of private practice in matrimonial and family law and appeals. Having served an initial 3-year term, he was reappointed to a 5-year term ending in September 2029. Magistrate Wagner served Schenectady and Montgomery Counties from September 2021 to January 2026 and is now assigned to Schenectady County. He graduated from Cornell University (1982) and Albany Law School of Union University (1985).

Elected to four 4-year terms as a Town Justice in Schodack, Rensselaer County (2002-2018), he was designated on a regular basis from 2004 to 2018 as an Acting City Court Judge in the Third Judicial District. He 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 Support Magistrates' Association and the New York State Magistrates' Association. During his years of judicial service, he was a faculty member at the Advanced Judicial Education Program for Town & Village Justices and at the Basic Certification Course for newly elected Town & Village Justices. He has for over 25 years taught a variety of subjects for the NYS Judicial Institute during Judicial Seminars, New Judges' School, Support Magistrates', Referee and Court Attorney conferences.

In October 2016, he was selected by his peers as a Diplomat 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 at the time of his retirement from private practice in 2021, had a peer rating of AV® Preeminent™ in Martindale-Hubbell. Based on peer voting, Mr. Wagner was named to all editions 2007 through 2021 of Super Lawyers – Upstate New York.

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BIOGRAPHIES

Mr. Wagner is a past President of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, New York Chapter (2005-2007) and a Past Chair (2010-2012) of the NYSBA Family Law Section. He has served as a co-chair of the Continuing Legal Education Committee of the NYSBA Family Law Section since June 2000, and has presented at CLE programs for NYSBA and numerous other bar associations for the last 30 years. Since 1998, Mr. Wagner has been a member of what is now known as the Chief Administrative Judge's Matrimonial Practice Advisory and Rules Committee. In April 2015, he was appointed by the Chief Administrative Judge to the 3rd Department Judicial Hearing Officer Selection Advisory Committee. Mr. Wagner and his wife, Janet, reside in Schodack, Rensselaer County, and had two children, one who was a licensed master social worker (now deceased) and one who is a registered nurse.



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R. Val Rigodon, Esq. graduated as a 2022 Pro Bono Scholar from CUNY School of Law. She clerked for the New Jersey Appellate Division and was a Litigation Fellow with Everytown Law, an organization that fights against gun violence. Her law review note: “Death by a Thousand Duck Bites in a No-Man’s Land: Navigating Section 230’s Scope and Impact in a Changing Internet and World” won a 2023 Burton Award for Distinguished Legal Writing, and has been cited in classrooms and an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court. Val now works as a Family Law associate with Mack & Mikullitz, P.C., and is a 2026 NYSBA Family Law Fellow.

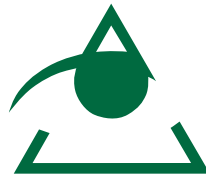


Nicholas Tammaro

Assistant County Attorney
County of Chemung
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Nicholas Tammaro is an Assistant County Attorney with the Chemung County Attorney’s Office, where his primary area of practice is child support enforcement and related family law matters. He was admitted to practice in New York in January 2025.

A graduate of the University of Maine School of Law, he concentrated his studies on commercial and transactional law, with a particular interest in business and contract-related matters. Prior to law school he also earned a Master of Business Administration, reflecting his interest in both the legal and business aspects of professional practice. Despite having taken no family law courses during law school, he quickly developed a passion for family law through his work representing the interests of children and families in New York’s child support system. As a Fellow of the New York State Bar Association Family Law Section, he looks forward to expanding his knowledge of family law, building relationships with practitioners across the state, and contributing to the continued development of the profession. He resides in Corning, New York with his wife and their two children.



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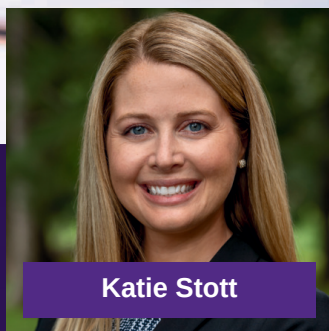
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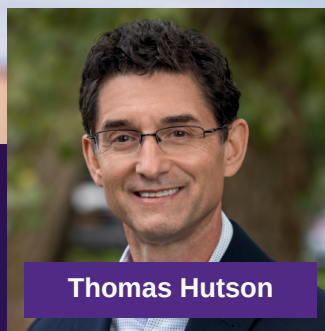
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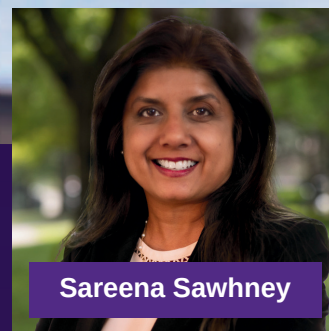
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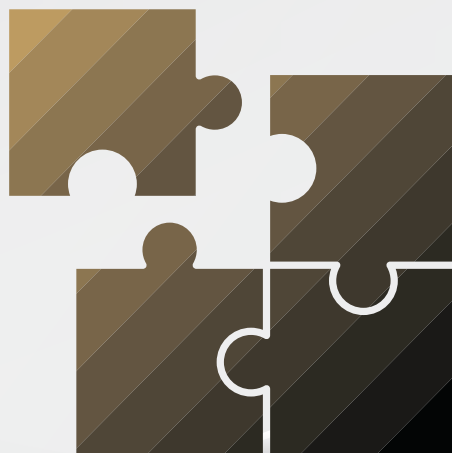
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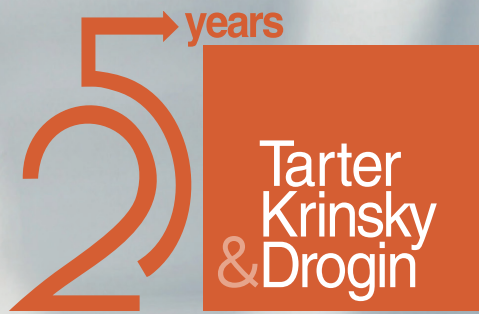
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