

**Law a la Carte: Limited Scope Practicing for Low and Moderate Income Clients  
October 14, 2015**

**Timed Agenda**

10:00 AM -10:10 AM: Claire Gutekunst – Welcome (10minutes)  
William Russell - Introduction

10:10 AM - 10:35 AM: Hon. Fern Fisher- Overview of Limited Scope Practice (25 minutes)

10:35 AM - 11:00 AM: Katie Lachter (25 minutes)  
- Ethics of Limited Scope Practice

11:00 AM - 12:15 PM: James Sandman, William Hornsby, Hon. Dina Fein, Laura Unflat, (75 minutes)  
Hon. Fern Fisher, moderator

- Why is Limited Scope a Viable Model of Practice?  
- Experiences with Limited Scope Practice

12:15 - 1:30 PM Interactive Working Lunch (Lunch to be provided at both NYC and Albany locations.)

1:30 PM - 2:20 PM: Hon. Jean Schneider, Hon. Peter Moulton, Hon. Paul Alpert, Mike Williams  
(50 minutes)  
Hon. Fern Fisher, moderator  
-View of Limited Scope Practice from the Bench

2:20 PM - 3:25 PM: Dora Galacatos, Kwaku Agyeman, Tracy McNeil, Angela Britton, Mark Weliky,  
(65 minutes)  
Rochelle Klempner, moderator  
- Advice, Ghostwriting and Document Preparation in Limited Scope Services

3:35 PM- 3:45 PM: Break (10 minutes)

3:45 - 4:50 PM: Sidney Cherubin, Daphne Schlick, Anthony Antonelli, Yacine Barry-Wun (65 minutes)  
Laurie Milder, moderator  
- Best Practices in Limited Scope Representation

4:50 PM – 5:00 PM: Hon. Fern Fisher (10 minutes)  
- Wrap-up

300 CLE minutes + 30 non-CLE minutes = 6 CLE credits

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\*\*\*All New York City attendees are invited to stay for the reception immediately following the conference honoring the Volunteer Lawyer for the Day partners and volunteers celebrating over 20,000 Consumer Debt defendants served.



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## CLAIRE GUTEKUNST, PRESIDENT-ELECT

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**CLAIRE P. GUTEKUNST**

### PRESIDENT-ELECT

Claire P. Gutekunst took office June 1 as president-elect of the 74,000-member New York State Bar Association.

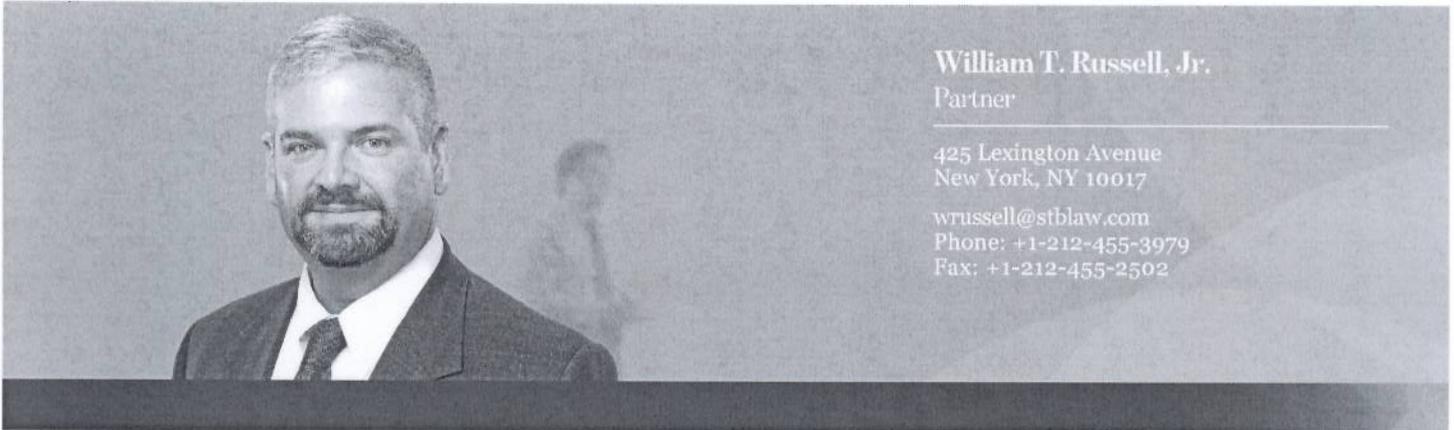
Gutekunst is an independent arbitrator and mediator. She established her practice in April 2012, and assists companies, organizations and individuals to efficiently resolve disputes in a confidential, cost-effective manner.

In 2012, Gutekunst was appointed as special master for the New York City Asbestos Litigation, where she served a 15-month term. Prior to that, she was a partner in the Litigation Department at Proskauer Rose LLP in New York City. During her nearly 30 years at Proskauer, she handled complex commercial disputes. She also served as an advocate or mediator in mediations and arbitrations.

Active in the State Bar for 27 years, Gutekunst served as treasurer from 2011–2013. She previously served on the Executive Committee as vice president for the First Judicial District and as a member-at-large. Gutekunst chaired the Membership Committee, Committee on Women in the Law and Strategic Planning Advisory Committee and was vice chair of the Dispute Resolution Section. She is a member of the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section's Executive Committee, the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion and the Membership Committee.

Gutekunst is a member of the Advisory Council, the National Task Force on Diversity in ADR and the Arbitration Committee of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution. From 2004 to 2015, she chaired the Advisory Council of the YWCA-NYC's Academy of Women Leaders. Between 1997 and 2005, Gutekunst served on the Governor's Temporary Judicial Screening Committee, the New York State Judicial Screening Committee and the First Department Judicial Screening Committee.

Gutekunst, of Yonkers, received her undergraduate and master's degrees from Brown University and her law degree from the Yale Law School.



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Partner

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Bill Russell is a Partner at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP in the Firm's Litigation Department. He represents clients in a wide variety of commercial disputes including banking litigation, bankruptcy and reorganization matters, securities litigation, and contractual and transactional disputes, and has tried cases in state and federal courts, as well as in arbitral proceedings. His clients include leading financial institutions, private equity sponsors, corporations and other businesses.

He has handled cases involving derivative transactions, residential mortgage-backed securities, secured lending syndicates, M&A transactions, false advertising claims, Ponzi schemes, apparel licensing agreements and auction rate securities, among other issues. He was one of the leaders of the defense group in *Adelphia Recovery Trust v. Bank of America, et al.* and led the negotiations that resulted in a settlement of that litigation for a small fraction of the claimed damages. He also recently represented one of the lead creditors in the *In re Jefferson County* Chapter 9 proceedings that, at the time, were the largest municipal bankruptcy proceedings in U.S. history. He also recently obtained a \$168 million judgment for a large financial institution in a case involving an interest rate derivative transaction with a Brazilian manufacturing concern and is currently representing a number of financial institutions in connection with claims arising out of their issuance of residential mortgage-backed securities.

He maintains an active *pro bono* practice and served as Co-Chair of the Firm's *Pro Bono* Committee for almost 10 years. He has

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- ERISA Litigation
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- International Arbitration
- Litigation
- Latin America

represented *pro bono* clients in a number of areas including housing, education and discrimination matters. He represented the Campaign for Fiscal Equity in its successful constitutional challenge to the public education funding system in New York State. He has been awarded the Legal Aid Society's Award for Outstanding *Pro Bono* Service and Manhattan Legal Service's Visionary Leadership Award in connection with his *pro bono* and public service efforts.

Bill is a member of the American Law Institute; Co-Chair of the New York State Bar Association's President's Committee on Access to Justice; former Chair of the New York City Bar Association's Committee on *Pro Bono* and Legal Services and member of its delegation to the New York State Bar Association's House of Delegates and current Chair of its Special Committee on Legal Services Awards; former Chairman of the Board of Manhattan Legal Services; a member of the Advisory Board of Legal Outreach, Inc.; a member of the Board of the National Center for Access to Justice and Board Secretary for Legal Services NYC; and a former member of the Board of Directors of the Lawyers Alliance for New York. He was selected as a David Rockefeller Fellow for 2000–2001. He currently serves as a Panel Chair on the Disciplinary Committee for the First Judicial Department and was appointed by New York State Court of Appeals Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman to the Chief Judge's Attorney Emeritus Council.

Bill was a featured speaker at the 2012 and 2014 Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institutes. He is co-author of the monthly column "New York Court of Appeals Roundup" appearing in the *New York Law Journal*, which discusses significant decisions by New York's highest court. He has been recognized as a "litigation star" in Euromoney's *Benchmark Litigation*, recognized by *The Legal 500*, and named in *New York Super Lawyers*.

Bill joined Simpson Thacher in 1990 and became a Partner in 1999. He received his A.B., *magna cum laude*, from Princeton University in 1987 and his J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1990. He is admitted to practice before the Southern, Eastern and Northern District Courts of New York, the United States District of Arizona, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second and Fourth Circuits, the United States Supreme Court and all Courts of

the State of New York.

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## COURT ADMINISTRATION

### *Administrative Directory - Executive Officers*

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#### **Deputy Chief Administrative Judge (Within NYC) Fern Fisher**

Justice Fern Fisher serves as Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for New York City Courts and is also charged with state-wide responsibility for access to justice issues. Justice Fisher's career started in the Civil Court as a Legal Services attorney practicing in Manhattan Housing Court. Justice Fisher served as Deputy Director of Harlem Legal Services, Inc. and as an Assistant Attorney General of the New York State Department of Law. For four years, she provided pro bono legal services to Harlem-based community organizations as a project director of the National Conference of Black Lawyers. In 1989, she was appointed Judge of the Housing Part of the Civil Court, and later, in 1990, was elected to the Civil Court where she served as Deputy Supervising Judge. Justice Fisher was elected in 1993 to the Supreme Court of the State of New York where she was assigned to the City and Matrimonial Parts. In December 1996, she was appointed Administrative Judge of the Civil Court of the City of New York where she served until March 2009 when she was appointed to her current position.

Justice Fisher contributes the views from the bench in Residential Landlord-Tenant Law in New York, a practice guide by Lawyers Cooperative Publishing. She served as the host of a series of television shows on housing issues for Crosswalk's, a public service cable show. Justice Fisher is a founding member of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association and is a member of Judicial Friends (an affiliate of the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association), the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the New York County Lawyers Association. Justice Fisher also served as the Chair of the Housing Court (Judges) Disciplinary Committee and Chair of the Anti-Bias Committee of the New York County Supreme Court. In 2006 she was the recipient of the Harvard Law School Gary Bellow Public Interest Award. She received her B.A. summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa in 1975 from Howard University and a J.D. in 1978 from Harvard Law School.



Information about Justice Fern Fisher is also available on the [Executive Officers'](#) page.

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## Katie M. Lachter

### Partner

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Katie Lachter focuses her practice on attorney professional responsibility and risk management. She represents lawyers and law firms with respect to all aspects of legal ethics and the law governing lawyers. Having previously practiced for eight years as a litigator in both civil and criminal cases, Ms. Lachter is skilled in identifying potential problems before they arise and advocating on her clients' behalf. She is also a national award-winning writer and a frequent speaker on professional responsibility issues.

Ms. Lachter's practice includes:

- Disciplinary defense
- Bar admissions and reinstatements
- Sanctions and contempt proceedings
- Fee disputes
- Disqualification and withdrawal motions
- Attorney-client privilege and confidentiality issues
- Conflicts of interest
- Attorney advertising
- Law firm risk management
- Legal malpractice actions

## Professional Background

Prior to joining Hinshaw & Culbertson in February 2011, Ms. Lachter was an associate in several leading New York law firms, including the renowned litigation department at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, where she worked on matters for the firm's largest client. From 2003–2004, she was a law clerk to the Honorable Bruce W. Kauffman, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania

## Professional Affiliations

- New York City Bar Association, Committee on Professional Ethics, Member
  - 2009–2011, Secretary
  - 2011–Present

## Service Areas

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## Education

J.D., *cum laude*, Harvard Law School, 2003

- Editor, *Journal on Legislation*

B.A., *summa cum laude*, Government, Dartmouth College, 2000

## Admissions

New York

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York



- Practising Law Institute, Faculty Member (2010–Present)
- Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers (APRL) Member (2011–Present)
- New York Women's Bar Association, Ethics Committee, Member (2013–Present)

## Honors & Awards

- 2012 recipient of the Burton Award for Distinguished Legal Writing
- Legal Aid Society's 2009 *Pro Bono Publico* Award, 2009

## Presentations

- "The Perils of Multijurisdictional and Cross-Border Practice," Legal Malpractice & Risk Management Conference, Chicago, Illinois, February 2015.
- "(Don't) Just Bust a Move: What Lawyers and Law Firms Need to Know About Lateral Movement," West LegalEdcenter live webcast, September 2014.
- "Stump the Panel," Legal Malpractice & Risk Management Conference, Chicago, Illinois, March 2014.
- "Ethical Considerations in False Claims Act Cases," New York State Bar Association, New York, New York, December 2013.
- "Other People's Money: Handling Client Funds and Escrow Accounts," CLE presentation, New York Women's Bar Association, September 2013.
- "Litigation Funding," Legal Malpractice & Risk Management Conference, Chicago, Illinois, March 2013.
- "Ethics in the Electronic Age: Be Careful When Using That Smart Phone, Blackberry, Tablet, Blog, Social Network . . . ." New York City Bar Internet & Consumer Law series, New York, New York, June 2012.
- "IP Lawyer Ethical Issues," Intellectual Property Law Institute 2011, New York, New York, September 2011.
- "Playing Smart: Civility and Professionalism," Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers (APRL) Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, August 2011.
- "Ethics for Business/Transactional Lawyers," New York State Bar Association seminar, Uniondale, New York, June 2011.
- "What Every Attorney Must Know About Ethics, Parts I and II," at the Practising Law Institute, New York, New York, August and December 2010.

## Publications

- Co-author of "E-data and the 'All Records' Exception," published by *Law360*, March 2011.
- Editor-in-Chief of the Ethics FAQ page on the Bar of the City of New York's Ethics Committee webpage.

## Personal

Central Park Conservancy, member

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## James J. Sandman



James J. Sandman

James J. Sandman has been president of the Legal Services Corporation since 2011. He practiced law with Arnold & Porter LLP from 1977 to 2007 and served as the firm's managing partner from 1995 to 2005. From 2007 to 2011, he was general counsel for the District of Columbia Public Schools.

Sandman was president of the District of Columbia Bar from 2006-2007 and served on the Bar's Board of Governors from 2003-2008. He is currently the chair of the DC Bar's Pro Bono Committee and chair of the District of Columbia Circuit Judicial Conference

Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services. He is a member of the District of Columbia Access to Justice Commission (by appointment of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals) and of the Pro Bono Institute's Law Firm Pro Bono Project Advisory Committee. From 2007-2008, he served on the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service. He is chairman of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission's District of Columbia State Advisory Committee, chairman of the board of the DC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, vice chairman of the board of the Washington Performing Arts Society, and a member of the boards of the Meyer Foundation, the College of Saint Rose, and Tahirih Justice Center.

Sandman previously served as chairman of the board of Whitman-Walker Health

and as a member of the boards of the Neighborhood Legal Services Program of the District of Columbia, the International Senior Lawyers Project, the NALP Foundation for Law Career Research and Education, Wilkes University, and the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He also has served on the scholarship selection committee of the Minority Corporate Counsel Association.

Sandman was named one of the “90 Greatest Washington Lawyers of the Last 30 Years” by the Legal Times in 2008. The University of Pennsylvania Law School has honored him with its Alumni Award of Merit and its Howard Lesnick Pro Bono Award. He has also received the Wiley A. Branton Award from the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Legal Rights and Urban Affairs, the Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia's “Star of the Bar” Award, D.C. Law Students in Court's Celebration of Service Award, the Washington Council of Lawyers Presidents' Award, the Council for Court Excellence's Justice Potter Stewart Award, and Tahirih Justice Center's Wings of Justice Award. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree by the College of Saint Rose, where he was the 2013 commencement speaker. In 2014, he received Villanova University's Medallion Award and was the commencement speaker at Villanova Law School.

Sandman is a summa cum laude graduate of Boston College, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and received his law degree cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania, where he served as executive editor of the law review and was elected to the Order of the Coif. He began his legal career as a law clerk to Judge Max Rosenn of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

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Will Hornsby is counsel in the American Bar Association's Division for Legal Services, where he provides staff support for the Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services and the Commission on the Future of Legal Services. Since joining the ABA staff in 1988, he has provided support to the Legal Access Job Corps Task Force, Standing Committee on Professionalism, the Commission on Responsibility in Client Development, the Committee on Research on the Future of the Law and the ABA Presidential Commission on Access to Lawyers.

Will is currently a chair of the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission Hearing Panel, a Cook County arbitrator and an adjunct faculty member at Chicago-Kent College of Law. In 2007, Will was inducted as a fellow into the College of Law Practice Management.

### **Hon. Dina E. Fein**

Judge Dina Fein serves as First Justice of the Western Division of the Massachusetts Housing Court, which she joined in 1999. In 2009, she was appointed as Special Advisor for Access to Justice Initiatives across Massachusetts' seven Trial Court departments. She has served as a member of the Supreme Judicial Court's Access to Justice Commission since 2005.

Judge Fein was selected to participate in the Judicial Resource Project of the SJC Working Group on Professional Development, serves on the Trial Court's Strategic Leadership Team, chairs the Trial Court Grants Committee and Court Service Center Committee, serves as a member of the Trial Court Language Access Advisory Committee, and serves as a trustee of the Flaschner Judicial Institute. She chairs the statewide Steering Committee of the Tenancy Preservation Program and has served on the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Judges Conference. She also serves as a fellow of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation and previously served on the MBA's Judicial Administration Section Council and the Judicial Evaluation Standing Committee.

Judge Fein developed and taught a course on Access to Justice at Western New England University, School of Law, and has appeared as a guest lecturer at Harvard Law School and Suffolk University School of Law. She has served as a panelist on numerous occasions at national conferences focused on access to justice issues.

Before joining the bench Judge Fein spent 15 years doing civil litigation in private practice in Springfield, Massachusetts, and began her legal career as a staff attorney at the Atlanta Legal Aid Society. She received her juris doctor and bachelor's degrees from Emory University in Atlanta. She is married and has two grown children.

Laura Unflat conducts a domestic relations practice in Boston and surrounding communities from her office in Wellesley, Massachusetts. Her entire practice is concentrated in family law issues including divorce and post-divorce matters, custody, representation of minors and, for a portion of her practice, representation of clients with modest financial means. Laura was an early adopter of Limited Assistance Representation. She is an elected member of the Boston Bar Association's Council, a member of its Finance Committee, past co-chair of the BBA's New Lawyers Section and of its Solo and Small Firm Section, and is active in the Women's Bar Association as a committee co-chair. A mentor of new lawyers and law students under auspices of the Boston Bar Association, Women's Bar Foundation, Senior Partners for Justice and the Suffolk University Law School, Laura holds a JD from Suffolk and a BA from Harvard.

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## Judicial Directory

### *JUDGES OF THE TRIAL COURTS*

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#### **Hon. Peter H. Moulton**



Supreme Court, New York County, Civil Term  
60 Centre Street  
New York, NY 10013  
(646) 386-5713

#### **Judicial Offices**

Administrative Judge, Civil Matters, First Judicial District, Appointed by Chief Administrative Judge A. Gail Prudenti, 2015 to Present

Justice, Supreme Court, New York County, Elected, 2014 to 2027

Supervising Judge, Civil Matters, New York County, Appointed by Chief Administrative Judge Ann Pfau, 2010 to 2014

Acting Justice, Supreme Court, New York County, Appointed by Chief Administrative Judge Ann Pfau, 2010 to 2014

Judge, Civil Court of the City of New York, New York County, Elected, 2004 to 2014

#### **Other Professional Experience**

NYS Unified Court System, Justice Leland DeGrasse, Supreme Court, NY County, Law Clerk, 1995 to 2003

Affirmative Litigation Division, NYC Law Department, Staff Attorney, 1988 to 1995

Judge Charles E. Stewart, Southern District of New York, Law Clerk, 1986 to 1988

#### **Admission to the Bar**

NYS, Appellate Division, First Department, 1987

United States District Court, Southern District of New York, 1989

United States District Court, Eastern District of New York, 1989

#### **Education**

JD, Columbia University School of Law, 1986

BA, Stanford University, 1983

#### **Professional & Civic Activities**

Chair, Committee to Encourage Judicial Service, Association of The Bar of the City of New York, 2008 to 2012

Member, Committee to Encourage Judicial Service, Association of The Bar of the City of New York, 2004 to Present

Civil Rights Committee, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 1997 to 2000

Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review the Nomination of Judge Steven Breyer to the U.S. Supreme Court, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 1994 to 1994

Administrative Law Committee, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 1991 to 1994

Member, New York County Lawyers Association, 2000 to Present

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#### **Hon. Jean T. Schneider**



Housing Part, New York City Civil Court, Kings County  
141 Livingston Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
(347) 404-9083

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#### **Judicial Offices**

Supervising Judge, Housing Court, Civil Court of the City of New York, Kings County, Appointed by Chief Administrative Judge A. Gail Prudenti, 2012 to Present

Supervising Judge, Housing Court, Civil Court of the City of New York, New York County, Appointed by Chief Administrative Judge Ann Pfau, 2009 to 2011

Judge, Housing Court, Civil Court of the City of New York, New York County, Appointed by Chief Administrative Judge Jonathan Lippman, 1997 to 2007; Re-appointed, 2008 to 2012; Re-appointed by Chief Administrative Judge A. Gail Prudenti, 2012 to 2017

#### **Other Professional Experience**

The Legal Aid Society, 1987-1997, 1981-1984

Association of Legal Aid Attorneys, 1984 to 1987

Bedford-Stuyvesant Community Legal Services Corp., 1977 to 1981

#### **Admission to the Bar**

NYS, Appellate Division, First Department, 1978

#### **Education**

JD, Yale School of Law, 1977

BA, Swarthmore College, 1973

#### **Professional & Civic Activities**

Chair, Committee on Housing Court Public Service Projects, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 1999 to 2002

Member, Committee on Housing Court Public Service Projects, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 1994 to 1999

Member, Housing Court Committee, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 1990 to 1993

Board Member, Citywide Task Force on Housing Court, 1991 to 1994

Pro Bono Volunteer, Central American Refugee Center, 1985 to 1988

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#### **Hon. Paul L. Alpert**



Civil Court of the City Of New York, Bronx County  
851 Grand Concourse  
Bronx, NY 10456  
(718) 618-2500

#### **Judicial Offices**

Judge, Civil Court of the City of New York, Bronx County, Elected, 2014 to 2023

Judge, Housing Court, Civil Court of the City of New York, Bronx County, Appointed by Chief Administrative Judge Jonathan Lippman, 2000 to 2005; Re-appointed by Chief Administrative Judge Lippman, 2005 to 2010; Re-appointed by Chief Administrative Judge Ann Pfau, 2010 to 2013

#### **Other Professional Experience**

Court Attorney to Hon. Walter Tolub, 1990 to 2000

Peters, Berger & Koshel, Associate Attorney, 1989 to Present

#### **Admission to the Bar**

NYS, Appellate Division, First Department, 1989

#### **Education**

J.D., New York Law School, 1988

B.A., Syracuse University, 1984

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Mike Williams is currently Borough Chief Clerk of Bronx County Family Court. Prior to that he was a Court Clerk Specialist for the Office of the Self Represented in Kings County Family Court and Assistant Deputy Chief Clerk of Self Represented Services in Kings and Queens Counties. He commenced his career as a Court Officer in 1989. He received his Bachelor of Science from Brooklyn College. He most recent achievements were co-authoring several online DIY petitions including the Child Support Modification Petition Program, recipient of the first DIY Access to Justice Award from Her Honor, DCAJ Fern Fisher, and Merit Performance Award by Judge Lippman.

**Rochelle Klempner** is the Chief Counsel of the New York State Courts Access to Justice Program. She primarily works on technology-based tools, self-help resources and volunteer lawyer programs for litigants who do not have an attorney. This includes the development of plain language forms, publications and videos, the NYCourtHelp.gov website, as well as, creation, implementation and promotion of New York State DIY Form (A2J Author) document assembly programs. Ms. Klempner has published law review articles on document assembly and unbundled legal services, co-authored the Volunteer Lawyer for a Day Pilot Project Report and is the author of best practices guides for court systems on document assembly and Court Help Centers. She is a member of the Self Represented Litigation Network's Forms Working Group. Before joining the court system in 1991, she worked in a law firm specializing in tenant representation. She received her J.D. from Hofstra Law School.

**Kwaku B. Agyeman, Esq.**

Kwaku B. Agyeman coordinates the Access to Justice Volunteer Attorney Program, Uncontested Divorce Clinic, in Kings County Supreme Court. Kwaku began his career as an attorney with the Unified Court System in Queens Supreme Court as a legal fellow. During the one-year clerkship he was assigned to Justices Marguerite Grays, David Elliot and Jeffrey Lebowitz. After the clerkship he worked as an associate at a litigation firm in New York but returned to the court system as a court attorney.

He is currently an Associate Court Attorney with the Law Department in Kings County where he writes decisions for the justices, conferences cases in discovery and pre-trial at the Preliminary and Central Compliance Conference Parts. Kwaku also helps pro se litigants at the Help Center in Kings County in addition to supervising Kings County's Uncontested Divorce Clinic three days a week. The program helps prepare pleadings and subsequent documentation for pro se litigants and helps them navigate the sometimes complex Uncontested Divorce arena. The Access to Justice Program in Kings County has helped numerous litigants obtain their divorces under Kwaku's supervision and he has coached and mentored many attorneys and law students especially in the execution of limited scope representation in Uncontested Divorces.

Kwaku also facilitates CLEs in New York for hundreds of experienced and transitioning attorneys as well as recent admittees, law graduates and law student who then give back to the program in the various boroughs of New York. Mr. Agyeman graduated from the University of South Dakota School of Law, where he also received his undergraduate degree. He is the founder and president of the Association of Ghanaian Lawyers of America (AGLA).

Angela M. Britton, Esq.

Angela M. Britton, Esq. is an Associate Court Attorney with the New York City Family Court. Ms. Britton began her career with the New York Family Court in April 2000 working as a Court Attorney in Bronx County Family Court conferencing child protective matters. In September 2006, Ms. Britton began her work with the New York City Family Court Volunteer Attorney Program. The Program was launched in November 2006 operating two days a week in Kings County Family Court with 40 attorneys from 6 different firms/corporations. Ms. Britton has been responsible for the supervision and recruitment of volunteer attorneys and expansion of the Program. The Volunteer Attorney Program currently operates in all five boroughs of New York City and recently expanded, via technology, to Ontario County. Currently there are over 300 volunteer attorneys from 36 law firms and corporations who provide consultations to pro se litigants through the Volunteer Attorney Program.

In May, 2012, Ms. Britton received the New York County Lawyer's Association Unsung Heroes Award recognizing non-judicial members of the federal and state court systems who had distinguished themselves in the exemplary performance of their duties.

**Dora Galacatos**, the Executive Director of Fordham Law School's Feerick Center for Social Justice, is a Fordham Law alumna (1996), with experience working in city government, the not-for-profit sector, and legal services for low-income individuals. Prior to coming to Law School, Dora worked for the New York City Department of Juvenile Justice and the New York City for Mayor's Office of Drug Abuse Policy from 1989 to 1993. As part of a Skadden Fellowship (1997-98), Dora worked at Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation, in Washington Heights, Manhattan. Dora was the Staff Director to the New York City Family Homelessness Special Master Panel (2003-2005). Dora also served as a law clerk to the late-Honorable Milton Pollack (1996-97) and to the Honorable Paul A. Crotty (2005-2006), both District Judges in the Southern District of New York. Dora is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania (1987) and the New School for Social Research, where she was a Kaplan M. Fellow and received a Master of Science in Urban Policy (1993). Dora is a member of the New York County Lawyers' Association Justice Center Board and Pro Bono Committee and also the former chair of the New York City Bar Civil Court Committee.

## Tracy McNeil Bio

Tracy M. McNeil, a graduate of Swarthmore College (2001, Religion) has worked in the Unified Court System since graduating from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law (2009, J.D.). Prior to law school she was a marketing manager for the record label Razor and Tie Entertainment. After an informative stint as a juror on a murder trial Tracy decided to change careers and became a Housing Court Assistant at the Harlem Community Justice Center's Help Center. Tracy was then promoted to Housing Court Aide under the Honorable Ruben Andres Martino before becoming Principle Secretary to the then Administrative Judge of Civil Court, Fern A. Fisher. Tracy is currently Special Counsel for Program Initiatives, Help Centers, and Do-It-Yourself Outreach for the New York State Access to Justice Program, a statewide program committed to ensuring that all New Yorkers have equal access to the justice system through help services, pro bono programs, and technological tools.

**Bio – Mark Weliky**

Grew up in Cambria Heights, Queens and graduated from Andrew Jackson H.S., Brooklyn College and St. John's Law School.

Held various positions for the NYNEX Corporation and at the local and national level for his labor union, the Communications Workers of America, specializing in the creation and administration of worker education and training initiatives.

Took the position as Executive Director of Queens Volunteer Lawyers Project, Inc. in 2001.

Laurie Milder is Special Counsel to the Hon. Fern A. Fisher and the New York State Courts Access to Justice Program. She is responsible for program development for the NYS Courts Access to Justice Program and the operation of many of the Court's Volunteer Lawyer Programs including training, support and supervision of volunteers, and oversight of program partners. She has devoted her entire legal career to public service law. She was the founding director of the NYC Bar Association's Community Outreach Law Program, now the City Bar Justice Center. She formulated the infrastructure to enable the Association to train, mentor and supervise hundreds of pro bono attorneys to provide public education and legal services in areas of law affecting low income and poverty populations, including: family, housing and immigration law, elder law, and public benefits law. While there she created more than 20 ongoing public service programs offering pro bono legal assistance and community legal education. She has special expertise in grant writing, and program evaluation. She has served on the proposal review panels and advisory boards of a number of local foundations. Ms. Milder is a graduate of Brooklyn College of the City University of New York and the Benjamin N. Cardozo Law School.

**Sidney Cherubin, Esq.**, is the Director of Legal Services of the Brooklyn Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project. He was an Attorney, Brooklyn Site Director and Acting Legal Director while employed at The Family Center from August 2002 until August 2007 where he gained a great deal of experience representing families affected by a terminal illness with regard to all aspects of planning for the future well-being of the children in the families. These services include drafting guardianship and standby guardianship papers and representing parents and caregivers in court; executing wills, powers of attorney, health care proxies, living wills, uncontested divorces and Article 17A Guardianships. As Supervising Attorney of the VLP, Sidney supervises the Family Law, Bankruptcy, Guardianship, Matrimonial and Consumer Debt practice. Sidney oversees and supervises the Kings County Civil Court CLARO Project. He is an active member of the Civil Law Advice and Referral Office (CLARO) Council, the Brooklyn Bar Association Pro Bono Committee, Brooklyn Bar Association Judiciary Committee and the Brooklyn Bar Association Foundation Law Committee.

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**DAPHNE SCHLICK**, Associate Director, Consumer Protection Project

Daphne is the Associate Director of Consumer Protection at NYLAG. In this role, she oversees UJA Federation's Connect to Care (C2C) Program, the Foreclosure Prevention Project, and the Access to Justice of the NY State Courts' Bronx-based Volunteer Lawyer For a Day Project (VLFJ). She is also a vocal public advocate for consumer economic justice and legislative change, both through local NYC coalition groups and a variety of community workshop presentations. Prior to joining NYLAG, Daphne practiced family law at Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation legal services, representing victims of domestic violence in their orders of protection, custody, and visitation proceedings, as well as advocating for victims' consumer rights. She also previously interned at NYLAG's Family Law Unit. Throughout her career, Daphne has worked for a variety of government and non-profit agencies including the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs, the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office, the Legal Aid Society, the Anti-Defamation League, and the Chicago Public Arts Group.

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Ms. Barry-Wun recruits volunteers by partnering with area law firms, law schools, colleges, and community organizations, and through the use of social media. Ms. Barry-Wun develops the training curriculum by choosing topics and coordinating lecturers. She plans and offers numerous continuing legal education programs throughout the year, including large Bridge-the-Gap events as well as smaller workshops, where she regularly presents an overview of the programs. Previously, she clerked for the Hon. Jeffrey K. Oing as a Legal Fellow before joining the New York County Civil Court as a Court Attorney focusing on both civil and housing matters.

Ms. Barry-Wun was the 2014-2015 President of the New York Women's Bar Association (NYWBA) and currently serves on the NYWBA Board of Directors, and on the Executive Council of The Network of Bar Leaders. She graduated with a law degree from University Robert Schuman in Strasbourg, France. She obtained an LL.M. degree in International Legal Studies from Georgetown University Law Center. Her native language is French, and in addition to English she is also proficient in German and Spanish.



## Anthony Antonelli

Associate, Litigation Department

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**Anthony Antonelli** is a senior associate in the Litigation practice of Paul Hastings and is based in the firm's New York office. He concentrates his practice on the representation of individuals and entities in regulatory enforcement and white collar criminal matters before the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), state attorneys general offices, FINRA, and other federal and state agencies. In addition, he has conducted a variety of internal investigations, including those involving the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), kickbacks and accounting irregularities.

Mr. Antonelli also has broad-based experience representing clients in a variety of complex civil litigation matters, including those involving securities, derivative products and other financial instruments. He has handled cases involving a wide array of substantive legal issues, including breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, breach of contract, as well as federal and state securities laws.

### Recent Representations

- An investment advisor and leading collateral manager in connection with regulatory inquiries involving the underwriting, structuring, marketing, and sale of collateralized debt obligations (CDOs) and collateralized loan obligations (CLOs)
- A chief compliance officer in connection with an investigation by FINRA involving Rule 105 of Regulation M
- A real estate investment firm in an investigation by the SEC and Federal Housing Finance Agency Office of the Inspector General
- A state investment office managing more than \$20 billion in assets in connection with federal "pay-to-play" investigations concerning the role of placement agents in various hedge fund, private equity, public equity, and real estate investments made by the state
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### Admissions

New Jersey Bar  
New York Bar

### Education

St. John's University - School  
of Law, J.D., 2006  
Manhattan College, B.S.,  
2003

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mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) and other securitizations

- A broker-dealer in connection with an investigation by FINRA involving equity research
- A financial institution, various corporate executives and a securities analyst in a series of unrelated insider trading investigations by the DOJ and SEC
- Various corporate executives of an investment technology and services company in connection with investigations by the DOJ and SEC involving trade execution practices
- A major financial institution in connection with a series of criminal, civil, and regulatory investigations into the underwriting, marketing, and sale of auction rate securities
- A former chief executive officer charged by the DOJ for securities fraud and conspiracy in connection with a finite reinsurance transaction
- A global pharmaceutical company in an internal investigation relating to sales and marketing practices in China
- A global biotechnology company in an internal investigation relating to revenue recognition practices
- A major telecommunications company in connection with an SEC inquiry arising from financial restatements
- An employee of a major auto parts manufacturer in connection with anti-trust investigations by the DOJ and foreign regulators
- An asset management firm and its principals in a nationwide class action alleging fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, negligence and various contract claims relating to investments in Madoff securities
- An investment bank underwriter syndicate in defense of federal securities class action relating to an IPO and two secondary public offerings
- A financial institution and its board of directors in connection with a purported class action arising from a bank merger
- A worldwide apparel company and its board of directors in connection with a purported class action arising from the \$2.9B acquisition of the company
- A financial services company and its officers and directors in purported securities class actions and derivative litigation
- A real estate investment firm in an action alleging claims for breach of contract and breaches of fiduciary duty arising from a \$1.7 billion real estate portfolio transaction

### **Accolades and Recognitions**

- Selected as "Rising Star" for Criminal Defense: White Collar Crime, New York Metro Super Lawyers (2015)
- Member of Paul Hastings' Investigations and White Collar Defense Group,

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which was named one of five "White Collar Practice Groups of the Year" by Law360 (2014)

- Recognized by the Legal Aid Society for outstanding pro bono service in connection with litigation involving the anti-discrimination provisions of certain local laws (2009)
- Recognized by the New York State Bar Association as "Empire State Counsel" (2007, 2008)

### **Speaking Engagements and Publications**

- Panelist, "Overview of Securities Litigation," CLE Presentation, New York, NY, July 21, 2015
- "New York Court of Appeals Affirms Decision on Statute of Limitations for RMBS 'Put-Back' Claims," Stay Current, June 22, 2015
- Panelist, "Understanding the Securities Laws: Liability for Securities Law Violations," Practising Law Institute, New York, NY, Dec. 12, 2014
- "The Latest Life Sciences Company To Make FCPA Headlines," Law360, November 13, 2014
- "Liability for Securities Law Violations," Practising Law Institute, 2011-2015
- "Wiretaps Meet Privileged Conversations," The New York Law Journal (White-Collar Crime), July 12, 2010
- "An Analysis of Protocols for Searches of Electronic Records Announced by the Ninth Circuit in *United States v. Comprehensive Drug Testing*," Bloomberg Law Reports—Privacy & Information, May 3, 2010

### **Professional and Community Involvement**

- Admitted to the Bar in New York and New Jersey
- Admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and the District of New Jersey
- Member of the Federal Bar Council
- Member of the American Bar Association and the Securities Fraud Subcommittee of the ABA Business Law Section's White-Collar Crime Committee
- Volunteer attorney in The Civil Court of the City of New York assisting unrepresented tenants in non-payment proceedings
- Volunteer for Fiver Children's Foundation

### **Education**

- St. John's University School of Law, J.D., 2006 (cum laude). Associate Managing Editor for the American Bankruptcy Institute Law Review. CALI

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- Manhattan College, B.S., 2003 (summa cum laude)

### **Insights**

**June 22, 2015**

New York Court of Appeals Affirms Decision on Statute of Limitations for RMBS "Put-Back" Claims

**November 12, 2014**

Here We Go Again—The U.S. Government Brings Home Another FCPA Case Against a Life Sciences Company

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