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Anne graduated from the State University of New York at Albany in 1978. She graduated magna cum laude with a BA in political science. She then graduated from Albany Law School of Union University with JD in 1981.

Anne was admitted to the bar in New York in 1982 and is also admitted to practice in the United States Supreme Court and the state courts in Vermont. She is a member of the American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, Capital District Women's Bar Association, Adirondack Women's Bar Association, Vermont Bar Association, and Rensselaer County Bar Association.

Anne was a partner in the law firm of Martin, Shudt, Wallace, DiLorenzo, Copps & Johnson from 1984 until 1995 when she opened her own office in Albany, New York.

Anne has been the recipient of several community and professional awards including the Distinguished Member Award and the Kimberly A. Troisi-Paton Leadership Award from the Capital District Women's Bar Association, the Attorney Professionalism Award, and the Pro Bono Award from the New York State Bar Association, the "Straight but not Narrow" Award from the Capital District Pride Center, and the Kate Stoneman Award from Albany Law School.

Anne is active in community affairs, currently serving as the Chair of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) Real Property Section's subcommittee on Not-For-Profit Entities, President of New York Attorneys for Adoption and Family Formation (NYAAFF), the Treasurer of Friends of the Rensselaer County Family Court Children's Center, the Treasurer of Adoptive Families of the Capital Region, and also serving The Legal Project and the community of Mechanicville in a monthly free legal clinic.

Anne has previously served as NYSBA's Chair of the Real Property Section, Children and the Law Committee and Legal Specialization Committee, the Vice-President of Child's Canterbury Foundation, the chair of the Committee on Professional Standards (attorney discipline committee), and on the Board of Directors of The Legal Project.



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David P. Miranda, a Partner with the firm, is an experienced trial attorney whose intellectual property law practice includes trademark, copyright, trade secret, false advertising, and patent infringement, as well as licensing, and internet related issues. He has litigated cases in federal district courts, state courts, the International Trade Commission, and the Trademark Trial and Appeals Board; and has successfully appeared before the Federal Circuit, Second Circuit, Ninth Circuit and New York Court of Appeals.

In June 2015 Mr. Miranda began his one year term as President of the New York State Bar Association, with 74,000 members, the largest voluntary state bar association in the nation.

In 2006 Mr. Miranda obtained a \$7.8 million jury verdict in a copyright infringement and trade secret misappropriation case in U.S. district court. Since 2007, Mr. Miranda has been selected by his peers as a "Super Lawyer" by Thompson Reuters, in the area of Intellectual Property Litigation. Mr. Miranda commenced some of the first domain name dispute proceedings before the World Intellectual Property Organization and was counsel in one of the first New York cases determining the enforceability of online agreements.

He previously served as President of the Albany County Bar Association, Secretary of the New York State Bar Association and in the House of Delegates for the ABA and NYSBA. He also served as General Counsel and on the Board of Directors of the Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce, and is a recipient of the Capital District Business Review's "40 Under Forty" award for community service and professional achievement. In 2009, Mr. Miranda was appointed to the Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commission for the Third Judicial District of the State of New York. In 2002, Mr. Miranda was appointed by Hon. Judith Kaye, then Chief Judge of New York's Court of Appeals, to the statewide "Commission on Public Access to Court Records."



Mr. Miranda serves as an arbitrator of intellectual property law disputes with the American Arbitration Association, and National Arbitration Forum and has rendered decisions regarding disputes involving such famous trademarks as McDonald's, Amazon.com, Bausch & Lomb, Target, 3M, US News, Citigroup, and ChevronTexaco. He has served as mediator, arbitrator and early neutral evaluator for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York.

Mr. Miranda received his Juris Doctor degree from Albany Law School and Bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He is admitted to practice in New York, U.S. District Courts for New York's Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts, Massachusetts, the Federal Circuit, Second Circuit and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Member: American Bar Association (House of Delegates, Intellectual Property Law Section); New York State Bar Association (President 2015-16, Executive Committee, House of Delegates); Albany County Bar Association (Past-President).



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EXPERIENCE

2017 - Present: CONSULTANT TO THE NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, focusing on government relations and ethical compliance, but also working on other matters as needed.

2008 - 2017: SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION. Focus was on oversight of the Association's government relations program and ethics for lawyers, with a variety of other work. This included the Association's role as a key constituent of the American Bar Association and examination of the future of the legal profession.

2007 - 2008: SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE GOVERNOR. Handled various matters for the Governor, such as the office's policies relating to and oversight of the gaming industry and the state's relationship with New York's Indian tribes.

1999 - 2006: DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE. Head of the Division of State Counsel, which consisted of seven bureaus statewide. These bureaus handled all litigation involving the State and its agencies. Personally handled the settlement of the litigation arising out of the Attica uprising of 1969 and argued several major cases.

1994 - 1999: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION. Appointed by the five bipartisan, part-time commissioners to run the State's original Ethics Commission on a day to day basis. Responsible for all activities of the Commission, reporting to the commissioners.

1979 - 1994: NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

1991 - 1994: FIRST ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL. Same responsibilities as the Deputy Attorney General position, described above (the title of the position changed). Also continued to handle the responsibilities of Counsel to the Attorney General (described below), as that position was eliminated due to budget cuts.

1984 - 1991: COUNSEL TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. One of four top assistants serving on the Attorney General's executive committee and reporting directly to him. Overall responsibility for his legislative program and for issue and policy development.



Represented the Attorney General on the New York State Law Enforcement Council, a leading advocacy organization.

1979 - 1984: DEPUTY FIRST ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL.
Deputy to the First Assistant Attorney General.

1973 - 1979: COUNSEL TO THE BOROUGH PRESIDENT OF THE BRONX. Handled a variety of matters for the Borough President, reporting directly to him. Personally implemented the restructuring of borough government in the Bronx following the adoption of a revised City Charter. Wrote the first article published on the new governmental structure.

1972 - 1973: HOFFINGER AND STUART: Associate in a small midtown firm of four attorneys, engaged in the general practice of law.

1996 - 1972: HALE, GRANT MEYERSON O'BRIEN and MCCORMICK: Associate in a midtown firm of ten attorneys, engaged in the general practice of law.

1969 - 1973: COUNSEL TO ASSEMBLYMAN LEONARD PRICE STAVISKY (Part time). Legislative counsel to a member of the New York State Assembly. Drafted and negotiated bills and acted as a legal advisor to a non-lawyer legislator.

EDUCATION

Yale Law School. LL.B. 1965

Washington and Jefferson College. B.A. 1962. Elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

New York City public high school and elementary schools

OTHER

1983 - Present: Member of the Chief Administrative Judge's ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CIVIL PRACTICE, which recommends changes in civil procedure in the state's courts.

2008 - Present: Member of the ADVISORY BOARD OF THE GOVERNMENT LAW CENTER at Albany Law School.

2002 - 2006 – Taught Government Ethics as an adjunct at Albany Law School.

1990 - 1991: Member of the GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON JUDICIAL DIVERSITY.

FAMILY

Married, two adult children, three grandchildren



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James Walker concentrates in regulatory proceedings, internal investigations and representing law firms and lawyers in professional liability matters. He represents audit committees, directors, senior executives, law firms, lawyers and other professionals in government and internal investigations of potential criminal, regulatory and/or professional misconduct, and in civil litigation and regulatory proceedings. He has extensive experience in the representation of senior executives in employment disputes and negotiating employment and separation agreements.

Mr. Walker has been active in city and state bar associations, including his service on the Association of the Bar of the City of New York Professional Discipline, Professional and Judicial Ethics, Professional Responsibility, and Securities Regulation Committees, and on the New York State Bar Association Committee on Professional Ethics, where he has been a member since 1996. In addition to drafting responses to ethics inquiries, he helped draft reports issued by the New York City Bar Association regarding proposed rules to govern the conduct of attorneys who practice before the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Mr. Walker is a frequent lecturer on legal ethics, and has written articles on attorney-client privilege, professional ethics, internal investigations and issues arising under the securities laws. Recently, he has partnered with AltaClaro to provide custom e-learning solutions for in-house counsel across various industries. Mr. Walker also serves as general counsel to Richards Kibbe & Orbe LLP.