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Jill Choate Beier is the founder of the firm, Beier & Associates, PLLC with its primary location in Lake Placid, New York. Her practice includes a broad range of matters in the personal planning area, including estate and tax planning for individuals and families; small business succession planning, estate and trust administration; all aspects of Surrogate's Court practice, including probate proceedings, will contests and guardianships, and planning for charitable giving and philanthropy.

Prior to starting her own firm, Ms. Beier practiced law at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP and Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP in New York City. Before becoming an attorney, Ms. Beier worked for several years in the financial services sector and held senior management positions in accounting and regulatory reporting at large financial institutions such as JP Morgan and Credit Suisse.

Ms. Beier is an active member of the Trusts and Estates Law Section of the New York State Bar Association and has served in many positions of leadership such as Chair of the Estate and Trust Administration Committee and Vice-Chair of the Surrogate's Court Committee. Currently, she is the Treasurer for the Section's Executive Committee.

In addition to practicing law, Ms. Beier is active in the local community by serving on the Board of Directors of the Adirondack Council and serving as President of the Board of Trustees for the Lake Placid Center for the Arts.

Ms. Beier earned a Bachelor's degree in Finance from the University of North Texas, an MBA with an Accounting concentration from Fordham Graduate School of Business, a J.D., summa cum laude, from Touro Law School, and an LL.M. in Taxation from New York University School of Law.

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Gail's practice focuses on technology-related litigation and counseling, including autonomous vehicle regulation, connected vehicle regulation, data privacy, biometrics, cybersecurity, facial recognition, smart cities, and the IoT. She is one of the few defense lawyers to have been involved in the trial of a class action to verdict before a jury.

Gail teaches Law for Knowledge Innovation at Columbia University, and is a member of the Advisory Board for Rutgers University's Leading Disruptive Innovation Program, and a Fellow at the Center for Legal Innovation at Vermont Law School.

She was appointed Co-Chair of the State of Connecticut's Task Force to Study Fully Autonomous Vehicles, the NYSBA's Transportation Committee, Law360's Transportation Editorial Advisory Board, and NYSBA's Technology and the Legal Profession Committee. She is the New York Regional Co-Chair for the ABA's Judicial Intern Opportunity Program, Co-Chair of the Programming Committee of the ABA's Woman Advocate Committee, Vice-chair of the ABA-TIPS Automobile Litigation Committee, Co-Chair of NAWL's IP & Technology Affinity Group, Editor of the ABA's Pretrial Practice and Discovery Newsletter, and a member of the Sedona Conference Working Group on eDiscovery Cooperation and Training (WG-1).

Gail was selected as one of the Profiles in Diversity Journal's 2017 Women Worth Watching in STEM and one of the Connecticut Technology Council's 2016 Women of Innovation.

She is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and served as a law clerk to the Honorable Murray C. Goldman, in the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas. She is admitted to practice in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania.

### **Education**

J.D., University of Pennsylvania Law School, 1992  
B.A., Binghamton University, 1989, with honors



### **Bar Admissions**

New York  
New Jersey  
Connecticut  
Pennsylvania

### **Court Admissions**

U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit  
U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut  
U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey  
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York  
U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York  
U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York  
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Ronald is a member of Dentons' Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice group. He has extensive experience in e-discovery and in the management of complex litigation and has served as a special master, arbitrator and mediator. He also consults on management and discovery of electronically stored information ("ESI").

Ron Hedges was a United States Magistrate Judge in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey from 1986 to 2007. While a magistrate judge, he was the Compliance Judge for the Court Mediation Program, a member of the Lawyers Advisory Committee, and both a member of, and reporter for, the Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Committee. From 2001 to 2005 he was a member of the Advisory Group of Magistrate Judges.

Ron was an adjunct professor at Seton Hall University School, where he taught mediation skills. He was an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center and remains an adjunct professor at Rutgers School of Law—Newark. He taught courses on electronic discovery and evidence at both these schools. Ron was a Fellow at the Center for Information Technology of Princeton University for 2010-11 and 2011-12. He is also a member of the College of the State Bar of Texas.

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Georgetown University Law Center, 1977, JD

#### **Admissions and Qualifications**

District of Columbia

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