

Peter Gerstenzang, Esq.

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Peter Gerstenzang is the senior partner in the Albany law firm of Gerstenzang, Sills, Cohn & Gerstenzang. He is a 1970 graduate of Albany Law School. He is one of only four lawyers in New York State who have been Board Certified as specialists in DUI Defense Law by the National College for DUI Defense ("NCDD"). The NCDD is the only organization accredited by the American Bar Association to certify attorneys as specialists in DUI law.* His practice focuses on Criminal Defense with an emphasis on DWI cases and Vehicular Crimes. In addition, Mr. Gerstenzang is listed as a top DWI attorney in the following publications: The Best Lawyers in America®, The New York Area's Best Lawyers®, and New York Super Lawyers® Upstate Edition 2014. He is listed as one of the "Top 25 Hudson Valley Super Lawyers 2010" regardless of category.

Mr. Gerstenzang commenced his legal career as a prosecutor for the United States Army in the Republic of Vietnam. From 1972 to 1975, he was an Assistant District Attorney for the County of Albany. Certified as a breath test operator, he taught at the New York State Police Academy in their Breath Test Training Program for 12 years. Mr. Gerstenzang currently serves as a Dean Emeritus and Fellow of the National College for DUI Defense, which holds an annual seminar in Cambridge, Massachusetts on the campus of Harvard Law School. He previously served on NCDD's Board of Regents from 2003 to 2013, as Assistant Dean in 2012-2013, and Dean in 2013-2014. His book, *Handling the DWI Case in New York*, published annually by Thomson/West, is considered a standard reference for the defense of Driving While Intoxicated cases.

Mr. Gerstenzang is a regular lecturer for the New York State Bar Association (Chair, Big Apple Program held annually in May, in New York City, and Chair, Representing a DWI Defendant in New York from Arraignment to Disposition, September – October, 2010); the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers/ National College for DUI Defense (Annual DUI Seminar, Las Vegas, Nevada 2012); the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; the New York State Defenders Association; Albany County Bar Association; the New York State Magistrates Association; the San Diego Public Defenders Office; and Impaired Driving Specialists, LLC, Atlanta, Georgia; Delaware County Bar Association; Columbia County Magistrates Association; Suffolk County Bar Association; Suffolk County Magistrates Association; Westchester County Court Clerks Association; and Suffolk County Court Clerks Association. Mr. Gerstenzang teaches for various law enforcement, defense and judicial associations. In addition, he has lectured for the New York State Office of Court Administration Judges Training Program.

Jonathan D. Cohn, Esq.

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Jonathan D. Cohn is a partner in the law firm of Gerstenzang, Sills, Cohn & Gerstenzang. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Lafayette College, where he graduated with honors. He is a 2008 cum laude graduate of Albany Law School, where he was selected as a member of the Government and Law Journal. Mr. Cohn was one of a select group to be published as a member of the journal. Mr. Cohn is also the state delegate for the National College for DUI Defense ("NCDD"). Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Cohn was an Assistant District Attorney in the Rensselaer County District Attorney's Office, who handled all aspects of criminal law. He also gained a thorough understanding of the Criminal Procedure Law and Penal Law as a Law Clerk to Honorable Karen A. Drago, Schenectady County Court Judge.

Mr. Cohn's practice is focused on criminal defense – with an emphasis on alcohol-related offenses.

Denis M. deVlaming, Esq.

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Denis deVlaming is a board certified criminal trial lawyer from Clearwater, Florida with 45 years of trial experience. He has an active criminal law practice and is the senior partner in the law firm "deVlaming & Rivellini, P.A.". He is also an adjunct law professor at Stetson University college of Law in St. Petersburg, Florida teaching Advanced Criminal Trial Advocacy. He has authored over 50 published articles and has lectured in DUI seminars at the "Masters of DUI" seminar, Miami, Florida (2006), the National College for DUI Defense (NCDD), Harvard campus (2005, 2009 and 2014), the Georgia State Bar Association (2015) and the New York State Bar Association, Manhattan (2012). His lecture in Las Vegas on "Voiur Dire to Opening" in DUI cases was rated among the highest in 2011 of "all NACDL seminars throughout the year." He last spoke in Las Vegas in 2017 for the NACDL/NCDD on the topics "Using Brady V. Maryland in DUI cases" and "DUI: The Tricks of the Trade."

Steven Epstein, Esq.

Barket Marion Epstein & Kearon, LLP



A founding partner of Barket Marion Epstein & Kearon, LLP, Mr. Epstein is widely recognized as one of the foremost DWI attorneys in the country, specializing in representing clients accused of DWI, vehicular homicides and other criminal offenses. He is a nationally recognized and much sought after lecturer at continuing legal education seminars for other attorneys, and the author of numerous published articles relating to trial techniques, legal challenges to scientific evidence, legal updates and other criminal and DWI defense related issues. Mr. Epstein also proudly serves as a faculty member of the distinguished National College for DUI Defense.

Edward L. Fiandach, Esq.

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In 1976, nationally renowned Rochester New York DWI trial expert, Edward L. Fiandach, presented his first paper on Driving While Intoxicated. Since then he's given over 100 lectures on DWI, became New York's first Board Certified DWI Specialist, authored two sets of books on DWI, established a firm that tries more DWI cases than any firm in the State of New York and has written more articles on New York DWI than any attorney in the world. His monthly DWI newsletter, The New York DWI Bulletin, is the only statewide publication of its kind and for twelve years has been continuously used by lawyers, prosecutors and judges across the state. His annually supplemented DWI treatises, New York Driving While Intoxicated, 2d and Handling Drunk Driving Cases 2d, both two volume, nationally distributed texts, are widely acclaimed as the most authoritative publications of their kind. His DWI articles have been published nationally in The Magistrate, The Public Defense Backup Report, The Daily Record, Rochester Democrat & Chronicle, Times Union, Criminal Justice Journal and The Automobile Liability Newsletter, The Champion and numerous state and local bar association publications in New York and elsewhere.

In July of 2005 at a program conducted at Harvard Law School, Mr. Fiandach was honored by being named the Dean of The National College for DUI Defense.

Mr. Fiandach is frequently used as a source of DWI information by such prestigious news outlets as The New York Times, The New York Daily News, CNN, the Associated Press, ABC, The Harrisburg Patriot, Lawyer's Weekly and others. He has been a featured "Speaking Out" columnist in the Rochester Democrat & Chronicle on eleven occasions. He is a frequent guest of local television and is regularly interviewed by all local media as an expert on DWI and alcohol related issues.

Over the years, his DWI clients have included doctors, nurses, airline and professional pilots, physicians assistants, lawyers, judges, professional musicians, professional athletes, priests, military personnel, politicians, police chiefs, fireman, bus drivers commercial drivers, CEO's, teachers, college administrators, professors, models, actors and actresses.

Jennifer Gerstenzang, Esq.

Gerstenzang Law



Jennifer Gerstenzang is a dedicated and passionate advocate. She has extensive experience in cases involving Criminal Defense, Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and Traffic laws.

Surrounded by stellar attorneys throughout her youth, Jennifer has always respected and understood the value of personal freedom and the protections of the Constitution. In law school Jennifer participated in the California Innocence Project and investigated cases of individuals who were serving long prison sentences for crimes they did not commit. This experience enhanced Jennifer's commitment to being the first, best, and strongest line of defense for her clients.

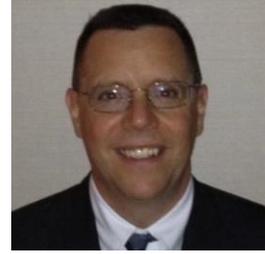
Her passion for Criminal Defense lead her to the San Diego Public Defender's Office where she began her career as a Deputy Public Defender. There, she gained extensive experience in cases ranging from infractions and misdemeanors to serious felonies and strike offenses. In 2015, after extensive trial experience, she left the Public Defender's Office to open Gerstenzang Law. Though her practice is based in Encinitas, she takes cases throughout San Diego County.

She is dedicated to her work and is committed to defending the accused. She is tenacious and will not stop fighting for her clients until she achieves the best possible result in the case. She is not afraid of hard work and tirelessly investigates every aspect of the matter. Her experience has taught her that things are not always as they appear and that the officer's initial judgment never tells the whole story.

Jennifer understands that each client's case is unique. Each person who seeks her counsel has individual concerns and goals regarding his or her case. She is committed to listening to these concerns and answering any questions. She works to create an individualized defense designed to achieve the best possible result in your case.

Eric H. Sills, Esq.

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Eric H. Sills is a criminal defense attorney in Albany, New York, whose practice focuses on DWI defense. He is a partner in the law firm of Gerstenzang, Sills, Cohn & Gerstenzang and, together with Peter Gerstenzang, is the co-author of the book *Handling the DWI Case in New York*. Eric was named the Best Lawyers' 2015 Albany DUI/DWI Defense "Lawyer of the Year." In 2010, he was listed as one of the "Top 25 Hudson Valley Super Lawyers" regardless of category. Eric is one of only four lawyers in New York State who have been Board Certified by the National College for DUI Defense ("NCDD").*

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