

# **Faculty Biographies**

(Alphabetical Order)



**Timothy J. Fennell, Esq.**

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***Profile:***

Upon graduating from Albany Law School, Union University, in May of 1983, Tim joined the law firm of Leonard Amdursky. Tim was named a partner in 1987. Tim is currently the Managing Partner of this five-attorney law firm. Tim is admitted to both the New York State and Federal Courts, and enjoys a busy practice in both civil and criminal law, with emphasis on litigation, trusts and estates, matrimonial law and real estate. Tim has presented cases to the Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court.

***Bar Activities:***

*Member:*        New York State Bar Association  
                              (Torts, Insurance, Compensation Law, Trial Lawyers and Real Property  
                              Sections  
                              Sustaining Member; Fellow of the NYS Bar Foundation)  
American Bar Association  
Oswego County Bar Association  
Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association  
New York State Trial Lawyers Association  
New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers

*Leadership:*    New York State Bar Association

<i>1997-1998:</i>	<i>House of Delegates, member</i>
<i>2001-2004:</i>	
<i>2014-2015:</i>	
<i>2006 -2007:</i>	<i>Member-At-Large, Executive Committee</i>
<i>2007:</i>	<i>Member; Special Committee on Legal Specialization</i>
<i>2008-2011:</i>	<i>Liaison to TICL, Trial Lawyers and Real Property Sections</i>
<i>2010-present</i>	<i>Lecturer/Faculty Member – NYSBA Young Lawyers Trial Academy</i>
<i>2011:</i>	<i>President’s Working Group on Judicial Pay Raises</i>
<i>2011-present:</i>	<i>Veteran’s Committee (current Chair), Committee on Mass Disaster Response</i>
<i>2012:</i>	<i>Member, Special Committee on Voter Participation</i>
<i>2013-present:</i>	<i>TICL (co-Chair) Membership</i>
<i>2015-present:</i>	<i>Membership Committee</i>

1998-2009: *5<sup>th</sup> District Representative to Executive Committee  
TICL Section*

2003-2004: *Nominating Committee (Alternate)/ 5<sup>th</sup> District*

2004-2007: *New York State Conference of Bar Leaders/  
At-Large Representative/Awards  
Committee/Nominating Committee*

1995-present:  
of note: *Lawyer Referral Information Service Committee  
Chair of Committee 1998-2004*

American Bar Association

2007-2010: *Lawyer Referral and Information Committee*

Oswego County Bar Association

1994-1995: *President*

1993-1994: *Vice President*

1992-1993: *Treasurer*

of note: *created Judicial Screening Committee;  
Participant moot court program and scholarship  
program; organized first composite photograph of the  
Oswego County Bar in fifty years; committee on Law  
Practice Continuity (current Chair)*

2013-2014 *Chair, Judicial Screening Committee*  
2015 *Chair, Committee on Law Proactive Continuity*

Other

2005-2013:  
of note: *5<sup>th</sup> District Pro Bono Committee  
member of Committee which has developed a program  
to coordinate and deliver legal services to indigent  
clients*

2007-present *5<sup>th</sup> District Women in the Courts Committee*

**Education:**

1983: *Albany School of Law, Union University  
Juris Doctor*

1980: *LeMoyne College  
B.A. Political Science, cum laude*

**Community Activities:**

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of note: *St. Mary's Church  
Trustee 1995-2006  
Chair, Finance Committee  
Co-leader Parish initiative for construction of  
\$1.8 million Parish Center*

1998-2004: *Baldwinsville Little League Board of Directors*

*2007-2013:* Hope for Bereaved, Inc., Board Member  
*2006-present:* LeMoyne College Alumni Association,  
President, 2013-2015; Presidential appointment to  
Board of Trustees Finance Committee

***Personal:***

*Home Address:* 7626 Pico Lane  
Baldwinsville, New York 13027

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*Family:* Judith Mayne, spouse; Children, Matthew and Maggie



# Joanna Roberto, Esq.

Gerber Ciano Kelly Brady LLP

TICL CLE Committee Chair



Joanna concentrates her practice in complex insurance coverage, product liability, and commercial litigation. She serves as counsel for multi-national insurance carriers in numerous matters pending throughout the country. Joanna has litigated all phases of declaratory judgment actions and arbitrations. She has counseled large insurers on risk management, underwriting procedures, and policy rewriting and claims practices.

She also focuses her practice on professional liability claims, including errors and omissions; property claims; life, health, and disability; construction liability coverage; Coverage B litigation; and products liability. She recently chaired the Annual Meeting for the Torts Insurance and Compensation Law (TICL) Section of the New York State Bar Association.

Joanna is currently the editor of the TICL Insurance Coverage eNews, published by the New York State Bar Association's Torts, Insurance, and Compensation Law Section. She is also a commentator for Mealey's Litigation Report: Insurance Bad Faith.

Joanna is multi-lingual and has attained a degree in linguistics in Florence, Italy. She has a familiarity with and appreciation for international claims handling practices as a result of her experience handling claims arising in Mexico, Italy, the United Kingdom, Spain and France.





# **Long Island Faculty**





# Brendan T. Fitzpatrick

*Partner*

Goldberg Segalla, LLP

Brendan T. Fitzpatrick is a partner at Goldberg Segalla and a member of its Appellate Advocacy Group. He concentrates his practice in all aspects of appellate litigation. He has briefed and argued appeals in every appellate court in New York, including the New York State Court of Appeals and the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. These appeals have covered a diverse range of issues, including constitutional law, New York's Labor Law, contracts, insurance coverage, products liability, negligence, and workers' compensation law. As a member of the Amicus Curia Committee for the Defense Association of New York (DANY), he regularly contributes to the preparation of amicus briefs to the New York State Court of Appeals on significant issues that impact the defense bar throughout the State. He was honored by DANY for his contributions in 2009 and 2014 with the organization's Literary Award. He has been elected as a member of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. Academy membership is only open to a person who possesses a reputation of recognized distinction as an appellate attorney. To be eligible for membership, a nominee's practice must have focused substantially on appeals during at least the last 15 years. Academy membership is limited to 500 members in the United States. He has published articles with the New York Law Journal, through Aspatore Publishing, the Defense Research Institute, Law 360, and USLAW Magazine on topics such as insurance coverage, the value of having an appellate attorney involved throughout the litigation process, the impact of the e-discovery amendments on the Federal Rules of Evidence, trade dress, and the doctrine of fraudulent misjoinder. He received a B.A. from the University of Notre Dame and a J.C. from Notre Dame Law School.



# William J. Goodbody

Milber Makris Plousadis & Seiden, LLP



William J. Goodbody currently focuses his practice in the areas of premises, automobile and construction law. Prior to joining MMP&S, Bill was an Assistant District Attorney at the Nassau County District Attorney's Office for over three years, where he successfully conducted over a dozen jury trials. He received his Bachelors from Boston College in 2009 and his Juris Doctor from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 2012.

## **EDUCATION**

University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D., 2012

Boston College, B.A., 2009

## **COURT ADMISSIONS**

State of New York

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

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

## **AREAS OF PRACTICES**

AUTO & TRANSPORTATION

GENERAL & PRODUCT LIABILITY

CONSTRUCTION ACCIDENTS & NY LABOR LAW



# Kenneth R. Lange

Smith, Mazure, Director, Wilkins, Young  
& Yagerman, P.C



Kenneth R. Lange has joined Smith Mazure as a Member. He received his law degree from St. John's University School of Law cum laude and acquired an MBA in General Business Management from Dowling College. In addition, he also graduated from St. John's University with a undergraduate degree in Economics. Mr. Lange was named a Super Lawyer for Insurance Coverage attorneys, a designation reserved for the top 5% of lawyers in New York State.

Mr. Lange is admitted to practice law in all New York State Courts, the United States District Courts for the Eastern, Southern and Northern Districts of New York, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Mr. Lange is a seasoned litigator, and has tried cases and handled appeals in both the State and Federal courts in New York. Mr. Lange focuses his practice within the firm on Products Liability, Construction Accident and Construction Defect, Premises Liability, and Insurance Coverage matters.







# Matthew S. Libroia

*Associate*

Goldberg Segalla, LLP

Long Island Program Chair

Matthew Libroia is an experienced trial attorney who focuses his practice on general liability matters. As an Assistant District Attorney in the County Court Trial Bureau of the Nassau County District Attorney's Office, Matthew specialized in the prosecution of animal cruelty cases and arson cases, among others. He took 10 trials to verdict and conducted approximately 50 pretrial hearings. In addition, Matthew maintained a caseload as high as 300-plus misdemeanor cases and he negotiated 500-plus plea agreements with opposing counsel.

Matthew's experience includes working as a legal intern with the San Diego District Attorney's Office Family Protection and Narcotics Divisions, where he researched complex legal issues, including comparative state law relating to the three-strikes law; drafted motions for the deputy district attorneys; and argued preliminary examinations and motion hearings.

While receiving his juris doctor at the University of San Diego School of Law, Matthew was a member of the National Mock Trial Team and participated in the TYLA (Texas Young Lawyers Association) Mock Trial Competition and the McLennon Moot Court Competition. He was the recipient of a Dean's Honor Scholarship. Matthew also has business experience, having worked as an equity research associate for a New York-based global investment bank and securities trading and brokerage firm.

## **Admitted to Practice**

New York

## **Community Involvement**

American Cancer Society Relay for Life

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk

Disney VoluntEARS

## **Education**

University of San Diego School of Law, J.D., 2011

New York University, B.A., cum laude, 2005



# Daniel W. McCally

Lewis Johs Avallone Aviles, LLP



Dan McCally represents a wide array of clients in general liability matters, including premises liability, construction accidents, products liability, municipal liability, vehicular negligence, civil assault and property damage claims. Dan also represents medical professionals and facilities in malpractice cases. He has handled all aspects of defense litigation, from inception to conclusion, in the New York State Supreme Courts for New York City and Long Island. Dan has tried a number of cases to verdict, and has orally argued appeals before the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division.

Dan has lectured to a multitude of organizations on a variety of legal matters, including tort and commercial liability. An active member of his community, Dan is a member of the Nassau County Bar Association and the Nassau Suffolk Trial Lawyers Association. Additionally, Dan is on the Board of Directors of the Long Beach Lawyer's Association.

Dan joined Lewis Johs as an attorney upon his graduation from law school in 1996. Before his admission to the New York State Bar, Dan served as an intern for the Honorable Arthur D. Spatt of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. He also interned with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, drafting complaints and motions, memoranda of law and interviewing complainants relating to civil rights violations and consumer anti-trust laws.

Dan McCally was admitted to practice in the State of New York in 1997 and to the United States District Court for the Eastern District in 2002. He received his Juris Doctor Degree from New England School of Law in 1996 and was awarded a Bachelor of Arts Degree in American History from Adelphi University in 1993.



# Alexi T. Poulianos, Esq.

Gerber Ciano Kelly Brady, LLP

Alexi practices in the state and federal courts of New York and New Jersey, but he has participated in litigation throughout the United States. The focus of his legal practice is general liability defense, aviation and aerospace liability, motor vehicle and trucking negligence, premises liability, product liability, and intentional torts. Alexi is also experienced in handling insurance coverage disputes and suspect/fraudulent insurance claims. He has represented some of the largest carriers in the world in arbitration, declaratory judgment actions and Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act civil suits.

Alexi's legal background includes contract disputes, commercial and residential mortgage foreclosure, creditor rights and judgment enforcement for large financial institutions. He has provided legal guidance to banks, credit unions and other lenders on compliance with the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act, Truth in Lending Act and New York State's General Business Law. Alexi has used his experience in these fields to provide pro bono defense work for destitute debtors, veterans and victims of fraud.

Alexi has represented numerous municipalities and incorporated villages on Long Island in cases involving property disputes, adverse possession, land use, zoning and illegal rental properties. He has also worked with private landowners and local governments to abate public and private nuisances without the cost of litigation.

In addition to his legal practice, Alexi is a special professor of law at Hofstra University School of Law where he teaches a mock trial course which focuses on trial skills, evidence, and professional demeanor in the courtroom.

During law school, Alexi received numerous awards, including the Judge Edward Hart Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Trial Advocacy and the Hofstra Trial Advocacy Association's Outstanding Trial Advocacy Skills Award. He was a member and contributor to the Hofstra Labor and Employment Law Journal. He was also a member of the Moot Court Board and the Trial Advocacy Association.

Alexi is an avid gym rat and starts each day with a workout. Although he enjoys all genres of music, Alexi's favorite singer is Frank Sinatra and he lives his life with the motto "the best is yet to come." He is a diehard Yankees fan and he is patiently waiting on the second coming of Joe Namath to save the New York Jets franchise from eternal misery. He loves barbeques, the beach and the outdoors. His dream is to purchase a boat and cruise the Intracoastal Waterway from New York to Florida.

