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Robert is the firm's Chief Ethics Officer and Risk Management Partner and is responsible for all ethics, conflicts, loss prevention and continuing legal education activities at the firm. In this senior leadership position, Robert counsels firm attorneys and provides analysis and advice on ethical questions involving conflicts of interest, privileges and legal issues implicating the Rules of Professional Conduct. He also supervises the firm's continuing legal education programs and lectures on a wide variety of ethics and practice management topics. In addition, Robert is responsible for designing and implementing programs and policies to improve the provision of high quality legal services for firm clients.

Robert has over 33 years of trial and appellate experience in the state and federal courts. He also serves as a mediator for court-directed and private mediation clients. Over the course of his career, Robert represented large and small corporations, governmental and agency clients as well as individuals in a wide variety of matters.

In recognition of his trial experience, Robert was elected as a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates. As part of his commitment to serve the legal profession and his high ethical standards, Robert served by appointment of the Chief Judge of the Appellate Division as a member of, and then Chair of the Fifth District Grievance Committee, the body charged with adjudicating misconduct complaints against attorneys. In 2010, Robert received the Pro Bono Service Award from the N.D.N.Y. Federal Court Bar Association for his extensive and successful service as a mediator in the District Court's Alternate Dispute Resolution program.

Robert is a frequent lecturer to clients and attorneys on legal ethics, professional responsibility and federal practice issues. He is a two-time winner of the Burton Award for excellence in legal writing, presented at the Library of Congress, in recognition of his articles: "Careless Keystrokes & Bad Decisions: New York Law on Inadvertent Disclosure" and "Unintended Consequences: Avoiding and Addressing the Inadvertent Disclosure of Documents."

Mary E. Gasparini, Esq.

Grievance Committee, Fifth Judicial District

A native of Central New York, Ms. Gasparini is a 1991 graduate of the George C. Taylor College of Law at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. She began her legal career at the Legal Aid Society - Criminal Defense Division in New York City. In 1993, Ms. Gasparini returned to Syracuse for a position with the Hiscock Legal Society.

From there Ms. Gasparini accepted a position as an Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Syracuse. In 1996, she moved into private practice where she focused in workers' compensation as well as corporate and business contracts and criminal defense. Ms. Gasparini returned to public service in 2007 when she joined the Attorney Grievance Committee.

Ms. Gasparini is a frequent lecturer at the Syracuse University College of Law, the New York State Bar Association and Onondaga County Bar Association CLE programs.

Anthony J. Gigliotti, Esq.

Grievance Committee, Fifth Judicial District

Anthony J. Gigliotti received his undergraduate degree from Syracuse University in 1968 and went on to earn his law degree from St. John's University in 1971. He started his career as the Staff Attorney for Onondaga Neighborhood Legal Services, and in 1976 became the Executive Director of Legal Services of Central New York, a position he held for 10 years. It was during this time that he began his periodic work as an adjunct professor at the Syracuse University College of Law which spanned over two decades. From 1987 to 1996, he held positions as Syracuse City Court Judge, General Counsel for the Widewaters Group, Assistant NYS Attorney General in charge of the Watertown Regional Office, as well as private law practice.

Since 1996, Mr. Gigliotti has served as Principal Counsel for the Attorney Grievance Committee, Appellate Division Fourth Department, Fifth Judicial District and has lectured extensively on ethics at numerous continuing legal education programs. In 2001, Tony was appointed as one of the founding members of the New York State Lawyer Assistance Trust by Chief Justice Judith S. Kaye.

Tony is a member of the Onondaga County Bar Association's Lawyers Assistance Steering Committee, led the effort to establish the local Volunteer Lawyers' Project, and now serves on its oversight Pro Bono Practice Committee. He has been a member of the New York State Bar Association throughout his legal career, having served on the Real Estate Section's former Committee on Residential Landlord and Tenant Law, the Committee on Legal Aid, and currently serves on the Lawyer Assistance Committee.

Mr. Gigliotti advocated for and assisted in the authorship of Real Property Law §235-b which established New York's Implied Warranty of Habitability, and helped launch the first Pro Bono Service Awards, now awarded annually by the NYSBA President.

