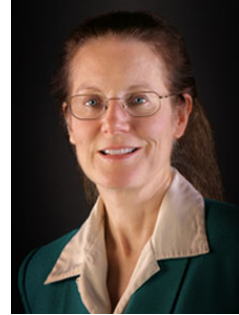


Faculty Biographies

Eileen E. Buholtz, Esq.

Connors, Corcoran & Buholtz, PLLC

Insurance Coverage Update 2018 Program Chair



Eileen E. Buholtz received her bachelor of music degree from the Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester, in 1973 as a clarinet major with a minor in humanities. She obtained her law degree magna cum laude from Syracuse University in 1979. She concentrates her practice in insurance defense litigation, commercial litigation, and in estate planning and administration. Combining these skills, she has successfully litigated several contested estate matters including will contests. She has lectured for the New York State Bar Association and the Monroe County Bar Association on New York State Labor Law issues including construction site accidents and on trial practice, evidence and ethics. Eileen is past vice-president of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, (www.wbasny.org) and serves as on the Executive Committee of the New York State Bar Association's Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section. In 1994 she received awards from the Monroe County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association for her pro bono representation to victims of domestic violence and elder abuse.

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 th District Representative to Executive Committee TICL Section
2003-2004:	Nominating Committee (Alternate)/ 5 th 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
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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 th District Pro Bono Committee member of Committee which has developed a program to coordinate and deliver legal services to indigent clients
2007-present	5 th District Women in the Courts Committee

Education:

1983:	Albany School of Law, Union University Juris Doctor
1980:	LeMoyne College B.A. Political Science, <i>cum laude</i>

Community Activities:

:	St. Mary's Church
of note:	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
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Joanna Roberto, Esq.

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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.

Buffalo Faculty

Kenneth A. Krajewski, Esq.

Brown Kelly LLP



Buffalo Program Chair

Kenneth Krajewski leads the firm's toxic torts and products liability departments. He practices in the areas of insurance coverage, product liability, environmental and toxic tort litigation, fire loss and all areas of insurance defense and civil litigation including safe places to work, automobile/truck, and insurance coverage litigation.

Mr. Krajewski's practice involves the defense and counseling of construction equipment manufacturers, tool manufacturers, crane and specialty vehicle manufacturers, automobile and parts manufacturers, tire manufacturers, and consumer products manufacturers.

A native of Western New York, Ken is a graduate of Empire State College and the Capital University Law School, cum laude. He is Senior Managing Partner and a member of the Firm's management committee. Mr. Krajewski was named a [Super Lawyer](#) in the practice area of Personal Injury Defense (2008 -2017). In 2014, Ken was named a member of the Legal Elite of Western New York.

Mr. Krajewski is Chair of the New York Bar Association Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law (TICL) Section; former Chair of the New York Bar Association, Toxic Torts Committee, former Chair of the New York Bar Association, Automobile Liability Committee; former officer and director of the Defense Trial Lawyers Association of Western New York; and past president of The Advocate's Club of Western New York. He is also a member of the Erie County Bar Association; the Defense Research Institute, the International Association of Defense Counsel, Self-Insurer's Association of the Niagara Frontier (SIANF), and the New York Bar. Ken is admitted to the Northern, Southern, and Western U.S. District Courts, the Court of Appeals - Second Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the United States.

Mr. Krajewski has served as a lecturer and moderator on insurance and personal injury topics for state and local bar associations and is a frequent in-house lecturer for insurers. He is a publication contributor on a number of legal topics.

Paul J. Callahan, Esq.

Brown & Kelly LLP



Mr. Callahan's extensive experience includes the analysis and litigation of complex insurance coverage and contractual risk transfer issues. He has also assisted special investigation units on a statewide basis in the investigation, evaluation and litigation of suspicious first party claims. Paul's experience also includes the representation of insurance companies with respect to uninsured/underinsured motorists and no-fault claims, insureds with respect to various third-party matters, and appellate practice.

A former litigation claims adjuster, Mr. Callahan obtained his Bachelor's and legal degrees from the University at Buffalo. He is a founding member of The Buffalo Intellectual Property Law Journal and served as its second Editor-in-Chief.

Admitted to practice in the courts of the State of New York and the United States District Court for the Western District of New York, Mr. Callahan has lectured and published materials on insurance and defense related matters for the American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, Claims and Litigation Management Alliance, as well as for regionally and locally-based associations such as the New York Association of Independent Adjusters, Inc. and the Buffalo Claims Association.

He chaired the Buffalo venue of the New York State Bar Association's CLE entitled "Practical Skills – Basics of Handling an Auto Accident Case" which was held in June of 2012. Since 2005 he has authored "Insurer's Avoidance of Policy Obligations for Material Misrepresentations" which can be found in the second edition of the New York State Bar Association's Treatise Insurance Law Practice.



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Amy DiFranco is a partner in our Rochester office. She has focused her practice on insurance defense, insurance coverage and commercial litigation. She has extensive experience with construction litigation, products liability, premises liability and administrative agency proceedings.

Amy handles bench and jury trials, appeals in both state and federal court, and mediations and arbitrations. She uses a multi-faceted approach to obtain the best possible result for her clients.

EDUCATION

SUNY Fredonia, B.A., *summa cum laude*

State University at New York Buffalo Law School, J.D. *magna cum laude*

ADMISSIONS

New York

United States District Court for the Western and Northern Districts of New York

United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

AFFILIATIONS

Monroe County Bar Association

Greater Rochester Association of Women Attorneys

New York State Bar Association

Jennifer Ehman, Esq.

Hurwitz & Fine, P.C.



Ms. Ehman is an attorney in the firm's Litigation Department who focuses her practice in insurance coverage analysis and coverage litigation, as well as No Fault/SUM arbitration and litigation. Ms. Ehman also has experience in construction and labor law defense matters, handling additional insured issues affecting construction site and premises liability claims. She regularly analyzes construction contracts to determine respective rights and obligations. She has provided legal training on the handling of insurance claims, investigations and adjuster negotiations.

Ms. Ehman authors a column for the firm's biweekly newsletter Coverage Pointers, entitled "Keeping the Faith with Jen's Gems", summarizing both first party and third party trial court cases. She is also a columnist in the firm's monthly newsletter Labor Law Pointers where she analyzes recent cases discussing New York State Labor Law section 241(6).

Ms. Ehman is a member of the Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section of the New York State Bar Association, a member of the Erie County Bar Association, the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association and the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York.

She has been named a Rising Star in Insurance Coverage by New York Super Lawyers Magazine and a Rising Star in a special Legal Elite of WNY section of Business First newspaper.

Ms. Ehman is a graduate of the University at Buffalo Law School where she earned her Juris Doctor cum laude, and was an editor on the Buffalo Women's Law Journal. She simultaneously earned her Master's of Business Administration at the University at Buffalo School of Management. She received her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance from Loyola College where she graduated magna cum laude and was awarded the Business Achievement award two consecutive years. Ms. Ehman interned with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C., Division of Corporation Finance and at Fisher-Price, Inc. in East Aurora, New York.



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Mr. Peiper focuses his practice in insurance coverage analysis and coverage litigation of both first and third party claims. Co-Chair of the firm's Insurance Coverage Practice Group and head of the firm's First Party team, he authors a bi-weekly column entitled "Peiper on Property" on recent developments in first party coverage disputes for the firm's electronic newsletter *Coverage Pointers*.

He routinely provides strategic advice on insurance related issues and risk management on a national basis and has successfully litigated cases throughout New York State, as well as in all Federal District Courts in New York. In addition to his coverage practice, Mr. Peiper also heads up the firm's Subrogation team and has successfully prosecuted and defended subrogation actions involving a myriad of losses ranging from large-scale industrial fire and water damage claims to personal fire losses.

He is a member of the Defense Research Institute's Insurance Law Committee and a member of the subcommittee on First Party Property where he previously served as a liaison to DRI's newsletter *Covered Events*. He is also a member of the New York State Bar Association's Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section, where he previously served as chair of the subcommittee on first party property coverage issues.

Mr. Peiper has authored and co-authored multiple articles on insurance coverage and ethics issues. A frequent speaker at continuing education programs, he has lectured on hot-button coverage issues at DRI, American Bar Association and New York State Bar Association programs, as well as at a litany of other local, state, national and international events.

Mr. Peiper was awarded the prestigious Sheldon Hurwitz Young Lawyer of the Year Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the field by the Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section of the New York State Bar Association. The award, named for the co-founder of Hurwitz & Fine, P.C., is a distinct honor awarded to a lawyer admitted ten years or less who has made a significant impact in the industry.

Mr. Peiper earned his J.D. from the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law, where he later returned as a judge in the Charles S. Desmond Moot Court Competition. He received his B.A. with a major in political science and a minor in criminal justice from Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania.

Arthur J. Smith, Esq.

Baxter Smith & Shapiro, P.C.



Arthur Smith is an experienced trial lawyer in both state and federal courts in the areas of negligence, labor law, toxic torts, products, premises and automobile liability. Mr. Smith is admitted to the United States Supreme Court, various Federal Appellate Courts including the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, as well as the state and federal courts in New York. He serves on the Executive Committee for the Torts, Insurance & Compensation Law Section of the New York State Bar Association. Additionally, Mr. Smith lectures extensively. Most recently, he served as Chair of the Torts, Insurance & Compensation Law (TICL) Section of the New York State Bar Association for their semi-annual meeting, which was held in Killarney, Ireland. Previously, he has served as the Chairperson of a New York State Bar Association Seminar on Labor Law and Construction Accidents, and as a speaker for the New York State Bar Association on topics including Construction Accidents, Premises Liability, Evidence, Trial Tactics, Insurance Coverage and Ethical Obligations of Counsel. Mr. Smith was also a lecturer on “Serious Injury “ and “Negotiation Strategy” at the Buffalo Claims Association’s (BCA); Premises Liability at the 2005 Annual Convention, served as “trial counsel” for the mock trial presentation at the BCA 2003 Convention, and lectured on “Grave Injury” at the 2002 B.C.A. Convention and on Labor Law at the B.C.A.’s 2000 Annual Convention. Mr. Smith addressed the 2007 New York State Association of Independent Insurance Adjusters Annual Convention and has lectured for the New York State Trial Lawyers Institute, The New York State Trial Lawyers, The Bar Association of the City of New York and served as judge at Fordham University’s Moot Court and Trial Advocacy contests.

Stacey E. Trien, Esq.

Leclair Korona Vahey Cole LLP



Stacey is a Rochester native who joined Leclair Korona Vahey Cole LLP after practicing as a litigation attorney in the Miami, Florida area for twelve years. She advocates for businesses, organizations, and individuals in a wide-array of litigation matters, including actions involving contractual issues, commercial leases, partnership and shareholder disputes, business disputes, employment discrimination, employment contracts, covenants not to compete, construction defects, insurance litigation, and personal injury litigation. She has successfully represented clients in state and federal litigation, arbitrations, mediation, and state and federal appeals.

In addition to being a tenacious litigator, Stacey is adept at resolving disputes outside of the courtroom. She enables clients to avoid unnecessary litigation by negotiating resolutions before a lawsuit is filed, as well as by helping clients to draft and revise contracts and employment policies and procedures.

Stacey believes that it is important to give back to her community. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Levy Family Foundation, a charitable foundation focusing on children and educational initiatives. For ten years, Stacey volunteered by overseeing state, local, and federal elections in South Florida. She is a member of the New York Bar Association, Monroe County Bar Association, and Florida Bar. Stacey is also a member of the Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorneys and serves on its board as well as co-chairs the Program Committee.

Long Island Faculty

Jonathan A. Dachs, Esq.

Shayne, Dachs, Sauer & Dachs, LLP



JONATHAN A. DACHS, a graduate of Columbia College and NYU Law School, is a member (since 1990) of the Mineola, New York law firm of Shayne, Dachs, Sauer & Dachs, LLP. After spending the initial three years of his legal career at the distinguished New York City firm of Chadbourne & Parke, Jonathan joined Shayne, Dachs in 1987, where he worked closely with, and was schooled in the areas of insurance and tort law by, his esteemed father and mentor, Norman H. Dachs, for 27 years, until Norman's passing in 2014.

A recipient of the NYSBA's TICL Section's Young Lawyer Award in 1995, Jonathan has always given freely and generously of his time to educate lawyers (and judges) in the areas of his expertise -- most notably the area of uninsured, underinsured, and supplementary uninsured motorist ("SUM") law and practice, in which he is widely recognized as the leading expert in the State. A prolific writer, Jonathan has, since September 1987, been a co-author (with Norman H. Dachs) and is now the sole author of a regular column in the New York Law Journal on Insurance Law, and has published 180 articles in that publication to date. In addition, he has, for the past 23 years, published annual reviews of SUM case law, regulations and legislation in the New York State Bar Journal, and has published numerous additional articles that have appeared in the New York Negligence Reporter, Trial Lawyers Quarterly, Nassau Lawyer, and Trial Lawyers Section Digest.

In August 2016, Jonathan published a 500+ page treatise, entitled New York Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Law and Practice (Lexis Nexis/Matthew Bender). In his book review in the New York Law Journal, Dan Kohane (a previous recipient of both the Young Lawyer Award and the John E. Leach Memorial Award) called this book "a scholarly and practical treatise," "the first, comprehensive handbook in the New York UM/UIIM field," and "a wonderful desktop 'handbook' when a lawyer, claim professional or judge requires clear authority and practice direction." The second edition of this book was released in August 2017, and the next edition is expected to be published in August 2018. In addition to all of his published writings, Jonathan has served the legal profession and TICL Committee members by his participation as a lecturer at numerous CLE programs throughout the State, given by many bar groups, including NYSBA. To date, he has given over 140 lectures on various insurance and negligence topics, including SUM, automobile insurance, Dram Shop liability, legal writing, civil practice, and appellate practice. He has been designated a New York Metro "Super Lawyer" (Appellate Practice) and one of "Long Island's Top Legal (Personal Injury) Eagles" since 2010.

Alan C. Eagle, Esq.

Rivkin Radler LLP



Alan C. Eagle maintains a national insurance coverage practice that is supported by a group of Rivkin Radler's coverage lawyers.

For more than 20 years, insurance companies have called on Alan for his counsel and representation in coverage litigation. He successfully has resolved countless coverage matters, ranging from coverage opinions aimed at avoiding litigation to high-profile litigation involving hundreds of millions of dollars.

Alan has directed insurance coverage litigation across the country that has resulted in precedent-setting cases favorable to the insurance industry, including:

- Budget litigation in New York
- Liggett litigation in Delaware
- Polaroid litigation in Massachusetts
- F.L. Aerospace litigation in Michigan
- Noranda litigation in Idaho
- Howmet litigation in New Jersey
- Texaco/Primerica litigation in Iowa
- ISA litigation in New York

Alan frequently speaks on emerging insurance issues at insurance companies and other organizations, including the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA), Mealey's Insurance, and the Practising Law Institute. He also writes articles on insurance, including as a regular contributor of coverage updates to the Defense Research Institute and the NYSBA, and he is the author of the firm's monthly New York Insurance Coverage Law Update.

In addition, Alan serves as the vice chair of the Insurance Coverage Committee of the Torts, Insurance, and Compensation Law Section of the New York State Bar Association and as chair of the Insurance Section of the Nassau County Bar Association.

Elizabeth A. Fitzpatrick, Esq.

Island Companies

TICL Section Chair



Elizabeth A. Fitzpatrick of Long Island is the new chair of the Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section. She previously served as chair of the section's Continuing Legal Education Committee, receiving the Chairperson of the Year award for 2012.

Fitzpatrick is general counsel for Island International Companies. There she provides counsel in areas including the preparation, review and negotiation of contracts and other agreements, insurance and risk mitigation, cyber-liability, and advising and training company managers on industry specific regulations and developments.

She is a graduate of St. John's University School of Law and Pennsylvania State University.



Melinda Margolies, Esq.

Kaufman Borgeest & Ryan LLP

Melinda B. Margolies is a partner focusing her practice on insurance coverage and commercial disputes. Melinda has worked extensively with insurers, brokers and insureds in connection with business and commercial risks particularly in the areas of Professional Liability, Directors and Officers Liability, Employment Practices Liability, Fiduciary Liability, Bankers Professional Liability, Not-For-Profit Board and Management Liability and Partnership Liability. She works closely with insurer clients and insureds to manage complex claims and develop cost-effective strategies for resolution of claims across many areas of substantive law. Melinda counsels insurers on policy wording, insurance coverage issues, and she represents insurers in litigation, arbitration and mediation.

Originally from Massachusetts, Melinda is a graduate of Boston College and Boston College Law School. Following law school, Melinda held a two-year clerkship with the justices of the Massachusetts State District Court before joining KBR.

Melinda coordinates KBR's Continuing Legal Education program which is an accredited provider in the State of New York. In this role, she regularly coordinates and provides lectures on important legal developments for our clients.

Rona L. Platt, Esq.

Enstar (US), Inc.



Rona L. Platt is Vice President, Corporate Counsel at Enstar (US), Inc., a member of the Enstar Group Limited, where she oversees Company's the compliance and licensing operations for both legacy and live underwriting operations in the United States. She is the former Chief Legal Officer of The Wright Insurance Group, LLC, which focuses its insurance operations on the municipal and educational sectors. Previously, Ms. Platt was a partner at Congdon, Flaherty, O'Callaghan, Reid, Donlon, Travis & Fishlinger, where she was the supervising attorney of the Insurance Law Group. While at Congdon Flaherty, Ms. Platt represented the interests of carriers in all aspects of insurance coverage litigation, from pretrial matter through appeals, and assisted carriers in reaching coverage determinations. Her practice also included reinsurance, commercial litigation and legal malpractice defense.

Ms. Platt received her bachelor's degree and juris doctorate from Hofstra University. She is a member of the Association of Corporate Counsel, the New York State Bar Association, the Nassau County Bar Association, and the Theodore Roosevelt American Inns of Court. She is also a member of the Amicus Committee of the Defense Association of New York. Prior to moving to an in-house role, Ms. Platt was named as a New York Metro Area Super Lawyer ® for three consecutive years.

Patti F. Potash, Esq.

White Fleischner & Fino, LLP



Patti Potash, together with Ben Fleischner, heads the WF&F Insurance Practice. Patti provides coverage opinions, litigates, mediates, arbitrates and monitors coverage disputes for primary and excess insurers, as well as reinsurers. She also drafts agency agreements and appears before Insurance Departments on certain regulatory issues. She has handled insurance matters in all 50 states as well as in the U.S. Territories, Europe and Asia.

As resident partner of the White Plains office, Patti supervises the defense attorneys located in that office as well as the team of attorneys spread across all of WF&F's offices who handle the firm's coverage work.

Patti has been recognized by her peers for her excellence in the field: she was listed in the March 2012 New York Magazine Top New York Women Leaders in the Law; in the 2010 "Insurance and Reinsurance Lawyers Expert Guide," a worldwide guide of the leading Insurance attorneys selected by insurers; has received an AV Rating, the highest rating, from Martindale Hubbell every year since 1998; and has been included in the Martindale Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers since the Register's inception.

Patti lectures often at New York State Bar Association and Insurance Organization seminars, CLE classes and conferences on a wide array of insurance coverage issues. She has also authored several insurance and reinsurance-related articles for many different insurance publications, including Lloyd's List and the 2012 American Bar Association Handbook on Additional Insureds.



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Marc Voses is an experienced litigator and advisor to domestic and international insurers and reinsurers, and insurance industry participants. He has handled complex coverage issues arising under insurance policies including cyber and data and privacy, technology and media, professional and management liability, environmental, and commercial general liability. His litigation experience includes representation in trial and appeals, and state and federal courts throughout the United States, as well as in domestic and international arbitrations.

Mr. Voses also assists insurers in drafting insurance policies, including data breaches, cyber-attacks, HIPAA violations and electronic fraud, and those covering hydrofracking risks. He is frequently requested to speak on the subjects of insurance coverage, cyber liability, management liability and hydrofracking risks.

Mr. Voses has represented insurance industry clients in regulatory investigations before the U.S. Attorney's Office, Department of Homeland Security, Securities and Exchange Commission, and various state and district offices of the Attorney General.

A graduate of St. John's University School of Law, Mr. Voses served as Chief Justice of the Moot Court Honor Society. While attending St. John's University College, where he graduated with the distinction of *magna cum laude*, Mr. Voses was President of Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society and a member of Beta Alpha Psi Honor Society. Following undergraduate studies, Mr. Voses worked in the audit and attestation group of Deloitte.

Albany Faculty

Javid Afzali, Esq.

Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP



Javid Afzali joined Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP in September 2012 and is a member of the Firm's Litigation, Arbitration and Mediation Practice Group and the Firm's Environmental Practice Group.

REPRESENTATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Representation related to Cooperatives and Condominiums, assisting clients with corporate governance, finance, shareholder/unit holder dispute resolution issues, contractor disputes, sponsor disputes, real estate, permitting, and buildings violations, including litigation matters at both trial level and appellate level courts.
- Assisting domestic and international clients with commercial disputes and litigation.
- Representation and litigation related to insurance contract disputes.
- Representation and litigation related to municipal permitting of commercial development, including use/area variances, special use permits, rezoning, and environmental review.
- Representation of municipal town boards, planning boards, and zoning boards, including successful defense of a municipal government against multi-million dollar federal civil rights law suit.
- Lead trial counsel to prosecute federal claims under Americans with Disabilities Act and U.S. Constitution.
- Representation related administrative adjudication and hearings, assisting clients with party status, permit denials, and civil/criminal enforcement actions, including legislative hearings, issues conferences, discovery, motion practice, adjudication, and appeals.

AFFILIATIONS

Mr. Afzali is admitted to practice in New York State and before all federal United States District Courts in New York, as well as the United States Second Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court. He is a member of the New York State Bar Association and Albany County Bar Association.

Mr. Afzali serves as an Officer in the United States Army (Reserves) JAG Corps. Mr. Afzali also serves as a member of the Knox Volunteer Fire Department.

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY

Super Lawyers, 2015 Upstate New York Rising Stars

Super Lawyers, 2016 Upstate New York Rising Stars

Super Lawyers, 2017 Upstate New York Rising Stars

PUBLICATIONS

New York Wind Development at a Crossroads, North American Wind Power (Vol. 9 No. 11 (Dec. 2012))

Additional Insureds, Insurance Law Practice (2015).

BACKGROUND/EDUCATION

During law school, Mr. Afzali worked for the New York State Insurance Department, Fraud's Bureau and General Counsel's Office, worked for the in-house legal department of an insurance company, and clerked at an Albany law firm focused primarily on environmental litigation.

Mr. Afzali, originally from Philadelphia P.A., graduated *summa cum laude* from Siena College and *magna cum laude* from Albany Law School. He was a senior editor of the *Albany Law Review* and a teaching assistant. Mr. Afzali was the winner of Albany Law School's Karen C. McGovern Senior Prize Trials Competition in 2012 and received the award for Best Brief in the school's Domenick L. Gabrielli Appellate Advocacy Moot Court Competition in 2011. Mr. Afzali lives on a small farm outside of Albany with his wife, four children, two horses, and Great Dane.

James J. Gascon, Esq.

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Mr. Gascon is a member of the firm with extensive experience in the area of civil litigation. Mr. Gascon has 27 years experience representing defendants in a variety of civil litigation matters having worked with and been retained by various insurance carriers. Mr. Gascon's practice also includes extensive experience litigating insurance coverage disputes and providing insurance coverage advice to both insureds and insurance carriers. He has handled a variety of defense matter for major insurance carriers and corporate clients.

Mr. Gascon has litigation and trial experience representing defendants, plaintiffs and insurance companies in both State and Federal courts and has brought multiple cases to jury verdicts. He is capable and of aggressively representing civil litigants in New York State Supreme Court as well as New York and Federal District Court for the Northern and Southern Districts.

In addition to personal injury, auto accident, and Labor Law claims, Mr. Gascon has experience litigating fire loss claims, property damage claims, and first and third party Declaratory Judgment Insurance Coverage Litigation. Mr. Gascon has received the "Super Lawyer" designation for insurance coverage matters multiple times.

Mr. Gascon also has experience in the field of Municipal Law. He has served as the Town Attorney for the Town of Marcellus, New York from 2008 until the present. In this capacity, Mr. Gascon has represented the Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. He has experience in both simple and complex subdivision applications. He has drafted numerous Local Laws, Board Resolutions, and has reviewed and advised upon a variety of contracts and legal issues unique to municipalities. Mr. Gascon has also represented both municipalities and residents in tax certiorari matters.

Mr. Gascon also has an active general practice in real estate transactions, will and healthcare proxy formation, contract negotiations, and other legal matters relevant to day to day clients.

Carolyn B. George, Esq.

Friedman, Hirschen & Miller, LLP



Carolyn B. George is an accomplished and respected attorney whose commitment to professional excellence over the past 35 years has earned her recognition by Superlawyers. She concentrates her practice in the area of personal injury accidents, to obtain the maximum recovery for her clients with detailed attention and quick results. Her experience representing defendants as in-house counsel for major insurance carriers provides a unique insight into the nuances of an insurance company's operations. She also handles all aspects of residential and commercial real estate with an understanding of the time sensitive nature of such matters.

Bar Admissions

- New York, 1979
- US District Court Northern District of New York 1979
- US. Court of Appeals, 2d Circuit 1983
- US District Court, Southern District of New York 2008
- US Bankruptcy Court. Northern District of New York 2010

Education

- Syracuse University College of Law JD 1979
- LeMoyne College BA cum laude 1975

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Sean Hickey has nearly thirty (30) years of experience in commercial property & casualty insurance, management & professional liability insurance, and employee benefits. Prior to joining Rose & Kiernan in 2001, Sean served in executive underwriting and senior leadership roles within the commercial insurance and national risk management practice groups of several of the nation's largest insurers. He is a licensed insurance broker and consultant.

He leads Rose & Kiernan's Property & Casualty Practice which includes the firm's commercial lines group, its commercial brokering, claims and risk management service groups, and its personal lines practice. Sean also holds corporate responsibility for insurance carrier relations, and serves as a director on Rose & Kiernan's board.

Sean has extensive experience in the areas of global insurance program design, mergers & acquisitions, executive protection, cyber liability, supply chain risk, environmentally impaired property divestitures, contingent risk financing, actuarial analysis & assessment, risk & safety management, risk securitization, and captive, risk retention & national safety group formation.

He provides significant national and international risk consulting to corporate executives, private equity, developers, and investors.

He has authored expert reports in the areas of workers' compensation fraud, and quantitative analytics.

Sean received his Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science as a Lee Scholar at the Williams School of Commerce, Economics and Politics at Washington & Lee University, and holds a number of advanced industry professional designations.

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Mr. Markarian practiced with his father John at the law firm of Hawthorne, Markarian & Siegel, PLLC until after his father retired. He merged his practice with Magavern Magavern Grimm in 2006.

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He currently serves on the Boards of Directors of the Kenmore Rotary Foundation and the James V. Ryan Paramedic Foundation. He is a past president of the Rotary Club of Kenmore.

Mr. Markarian graduated from Hamilton College, magna cum laude, and from the University at Buffalo Law School, with appellate practice and trial technique awards.

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For two decades, Elisa has served as co-editor of The Handbook on Insurance Coverage Disputes by Barry R. Ostrager and Thomas Newman (Wolters Kluwer Law & Business, 2017), a widely recognized, three-volume treatise currently in its eighteenth edition. She is a contributing editor of Getting The Deal Through: Insurance Litigation 2018, a global publication that provides expert advice and insight into contentious insurance issues in major jurisdictions around the world. Over the years, she has appeared as a panelist and speaker at several litigation and insurance conferences.

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Elisa received her B.A. in Philosophy from Vassar College, where she was elected Phi Beta Kappa, her Masters of Music from The Juilliard School, and her J.D. from Columbia Law School where she was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and Law Review editor.

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A recipient of the NYSBA's TICL Section's Young Lawyer Award in 1995, Jonathan has always given freely and generously of his time to educate lawyers (and judges) in the areas of his expertise -- most notably the area of uninsured, underinsured, and supplementary uninsured motorist ('SUM') law and practice, in which he is widely recognized as the leading expert in the State. A prolific writer, Jonathan has, since September 1987, been a co-author (with Norman H. Dachs) and is now the sole author of a regular column in the New York Law Journal on Insurance Law, and has published 180 articles in that publication to date. In addition, he has, for the past 23 years, published annual reviews of SUM case law, regulations and legislation in the New York State Bar Journal, and has published numerous additional articles that have appeared in the New York Negligence Reporter, Trial Lawyers Quarterly, Nassau Lawyer, and Trial Lawyers Section Digest.

In August 2016, Jonathan published a 500+ page treatise, entitled New York Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Law and Practice (Lexis Nexis/Matthew Bender). In his book review in the New York Law Journal, Dan Kohane (a previous recipient of both the Young Lawyer Award and the John E. Leach Memorial Award) called this book "a scholarly and practical treatise," "the first, comprehensive handbook in the New York UM/UIIM field," and "a wonderful desktop 'handbook' when a lawyer, claim professional or judge requires clear authority and practice direction." The second edition of this book was released in August 2017, and the next edition is expected to be published in August 2018. In addition to all of his published writings, Jonathan has served the legal profession and TICL Committee members by his participation as a lecturer at numerous CLE programs throughout the State, given by many bar groups, including NYSBA. To date, he has given over 140 lectures on various insurance and negligence topics, including SUM, automobile insurance, Dram Shop liability, legal writing, civil practice, and appellate practice. He has been designated a New York Metro "Super Lawyer" (Appellate Practice) and one of "Long Island's Top Legal (Personal Injury) Eagles" since 2010.

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For more than 20 years, insurance companies have called on Alan for his counsel and representation in coverage litigation. He successfully has resolved countless coverage matters, ranging from coverage opinions aimed at avoiding litigation to high-profile litigation involving hundreds of millions of dollars.

Alan has directed insurance coverage litigation across the country that has resulted in precedent-setting cases favorable to the insurance industry, including:

- Budget litigation in New York
- Liggett litigation in Delaware
- Polaroid litigation in Massachusetts
- F.L. Aerospace litigation in Michigan
- Noranda litigation in Idaho
- Howmet litigation in New Jersey
- Texaco/Primerica litigation in Iowa
- ISA litigation in New York

Alan frequently speaks on emerging insurance issues at insurance companies and other organizations, including the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA), Mealey's Insurance, and the Practising Law Institute. He also writes articles on insurance, including as a regular contributor of coverage updates to the Defense Research Institute and the NYSBA, and he is the author of the firm's monthly New York Insurance Coverage Law Update.

In addition, Alan serves as the vice chair of the Insurance Coverage Committee of the Torts, Insurance, and Compensation Law Section of the New York State Bar Association and as chair of the Insurance Section of the Nassau County Bar Association.

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Robert M. Horkovich is "the 'go-to person' in the area of insurance recovery," according to a client cited by Chambers USA, which has recognized Mr. Horkovich as a leading insurance recovery attorney every year since 2005. According to Chambers, Mr. Horkovich "has a strong 'client-first' attitude" and "is recognized in the market for his leading trial and negotiation skills, with an undisputed national presence."

Bob has obtained over \$5 billion in settlements and judgments from insurance companies for his clients over the past decade. Bob is a trial lawyer with substantial experience in trying complex insurance coverage actions on behalf of corporate policyholders and governmental entities. His victories include one of the top 10 jury verdicts in the United States in 2003, the top insurance recovery jury verdict in the United States in 2005, seven landmark state Supreme Court decisions, eight jury verdicts and nine bench trial decisions in favor of the policyholder since 1994 including:

- United Nations: Engaged on several significant projects by the United Nations as its general insurance counsel.
- State of California: Selected by the State of California as lead trial counsel. Won jury verdict securing coverage for the Stringfellow
- Acid Pits, described as the most complex environmental clean-up in the world. To date, the State has recovered settlements in excess of \$172 million in indemnity plus \$54 million in defense so far. Helped win two California Supreme Court victories (below).
- Fuller-Austin: Won jury verdict of \$188,793,014 against Lloyd's and other insurance companies in an asbestos insurance coverage case (a top 10 verdict in the U.S. in 2003); subsequently settled. Gross settlements of over \$190 million from 14 different insurance companies before trial.
- Weyerhaeuser: Two Washington Supreme Court decisions recognizing joint and several liability of multiple insurance companies on the risk over time and recognizing coverage for environmental clean-ups even without a government lawsuit. Two jury trial victories recognizing coverage for the clean-up of six environmental sites.
- Textron: Two Rhode Island Supreme Court decisions regarding coverage for unintentional environmental contamination despite the pollution exclusion and recognizing the trigger of multiple years of coverage for property damage over time.

- AT&T: Lead insurance recovery attorney against CNA in the successful resolution of AT&T's environmental insurance coverage litigation for a \$300 million site in Pennsylvania.

Bob also has represented General Electric, Thiokol, Waste Management, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Alcatel-Lucent, Garmin, SCI, Clorox (First Brands), Saks Fifth Avenue, NYU, Princeton University, United Bank, Spalding, Cascade, Tektronix, Maidenform, Bijan and Evander Holyfield.

As to asbestos insurance recoveries, Bob represents the Trusts in the W.R. Grace, Owens Corning, Congoleum, Fuller-Austin, and Swan Transportation (Tyler Pipe) cases, the Debtor in the Asarco case, and the Asbestos Claimants' Committee in the Federal Mogul, PPG/Pittsburgh Corning, and A.P. Green (GIT) bankruptcies.

Benchmark deemed Anderson Kill a recommended litigation firm in New York recognizing Bob in 2016 as the top 10 insurance coverage lawyer in the US. Benchmark cites a frequent opponent in court who observes, "I would say that a good percentage of my time is spent fending off the likes of Bob Horkovich, but that's not an accurate summation because there is nobody exactly like Bob! He has done a great job with that firm, and no one fights harder for his clients. He really looks out for them like family." That explains why Law360 named Bob as an "Insurance MVP" by Law360 in 2012 and was named Lexis/Nexis "Policyholder Lawyer of the Year" in 2009. He is rated "AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated" with a 5.0 out of 5.0 rating in Martindale Hubbell.

Mr. Horkovich has been selected by his peers for inclusion in Best Lawyers for insurance law in every year since 2009 and Super Lawyers for Insurance Coverage since 2006. He has been selected as a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, the premier institute for social science research regarding law in the USA, an honor limited to one-third of one percent of the lawyers in America.

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From 1993 to 1997, Justin was associated with the law firm of Ford Marrin Esposito Witmeyer & Gleser, LLP. Thereafter, he became associated with the law firm of McElroy, Deutsch & Mulvaney, LLP. In 2001, he became a Partner with that firm and served there until 2004. He joined Coughlin Duffy LLP as a Partner at its inception in March 2004. He joined KLRW at its inception in 2016.



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He has significant experience in:

- Complex litigation (Unfair Trade Practice, Anti-Trust and Lanham Act)
- Advising policyholders as well as representing them at trial against insurers on complex insurance claims, including intellectual property coverage, Bermuda form claims, products liability coverage, regulatory estoppel claims and coverage for alleged unfair trade practices
- Representing insurance carriers on reinsurance claims

Jeff has represented policyholders in litigation, including, but not limited to, cases involving:

- Comprehensive General Liability (CGL)
- Business interruption
- Umbrella liability
- Products liability

Beyond Fox Rothschild

Jeff was elected to serve as a member of The American Law Institute (ALI) – a nonprofit, independent organization dedicated to producing scholarly work that clarifies, modernizes and improves the law. As a member, Jeffrey has the opportunity to work with other lawyers, judges and academics in influencing the development of the law in both existing and emerging areas.

In 2013, Jeff was elected to the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation. The foundation serves as a research organization dedicated to the study of law, legal institutions, and legal

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Jeff completed the National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) trial training instructor course and currently serves as an instructor for NITA, a legal advocacy skills training organization.

He is a certified mediator for both the federal and state courts of New Jersey.

Jeff authored two chapters titled, "The General Liability Policy" and "Scope of Coverage Under the General Liability Policy" for the American Bar Association's upcoming book *Environmental Liability and Insurance Recovery*. He is also a professional scuba instructor.

Honors & Awards

Jeff is recognized by *Chambers USA*, *Super Lawyers* and *Best Lawyers*. No aspect of Chambers, Super Lawyers or Best Lawyers has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey. The standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found at: (1) <https://www.chambersandpartners.com/guide/usa/>; (2) <https://www.superlawyers.com>; and (3) <https://www.bestlawyers.com/America>. Chambers is an independent journal conducting a survey of 20,000 in-house counsel from around the world. Super Lawyers is part of Thomson Reuters. Best Lawyers is an independent organization.

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Ms. Vollweiler, a frequent lecturer on insurance coverage-related issues, punitive damages, e-discovery, toxic torts, pharmaceutical products liability, cyber law and other topics, was admitted to the bar in 1989 and is admitted to practice before the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York and the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals. She received her Juris Doctor degree from Hofstra University School of Law in 1988. In 1985, Ms. Vollweiler received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Politics from Brandeis University. She is proud to join Traub Lieberman after many years as a partner at a prominent, large insurance defense firm.

