

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.

Eileen E. Buholtz, Esq.

Connors, Corcoran & Buholtz, PLLC



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: <u>of note:</u>	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
<u>of note:</u>	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: <u>of note:</u>	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:

: <u>of note:</u>	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:

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

James J. Gascon, Esq.

Costello, Cooney & Fearon, PLLC



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.

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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

Jean F. Gerbini, Esq.

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An attorney with Whiteman Osterman & Hanna since 1986, Jean Gerbini focuses her practice upon issues affecting consumers and providers of insurance. She has represented policyholders in complex, multi-party insurance coverage actions in federal and state courts. She advises companies, municipalities and public authorities on insurance and indemnity aspects of corporate and commercial transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, and contracts involving construction, supply, distribution and licensing. Additionally, she provides advice and advocacy in connection with group self-insurance, licensure of insurance agents and brokers, and domestic and international commercial transactions. Trained as a mediator, she also serves as a neutral to assist in the negotiated resolution of disputes.

Jeanne Gonsalves Lloyd, Esq.

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Jeanne M. Gonsalves Lloyd, Esq., is a graduate of the College of Saint Rose, cum laude, Albany, New York, and Brooklyn Law School. She has been practicing personal injury law for 20 years and has represented numerous clients in automobile, aviation, product liability, premises liability and medical malpractice actions. Jeanne has represented clients through all phases of litigation from inception through trial and appeal. She has also successfully represented clients in Alternative Dispute Resolution forums, including mediation and binding arbitration. Jeanne has also lectured other attorneys in the area of insurance law, trial practice, automobile accident litigation and Labor Law litigation. She is admitted to practice in New York State Courts, as well as in the United States District Courts for the Eastern, Southern and Northern Districts of New York. She is a member of the New York State Bar Association.

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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.

He is a member of the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters Society (CPCU Society), the Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS), the American Society for Healthcare Risk Management (ASHRM), the Council of Insurance Agents & Brokers (CIAB) and is a past Director of the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of New York (IIABNY).

Sean also serves on the advisory boards of several national and regional insurance companies and his activities have included leadership and service to non-profit community boards that support human services and the arts.



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Edward J. Markarian is a partner in the Buffalo, New York law firm of Magavern Magavern Grimm LLP. He concentrates his practice in appeals, trusts and estates and litigation.

Before Mr. Markarian entered private practice, he served as law clerk to New York State Court of Appeals Judge Richard D. Simons from 1987 to 1988, and as legal assistant to the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Fourth Department, from 1985 to 1986. He served as a legal assistant to the New York State Board of Law Examiners for many years.

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.

He has authored articles on legal writing, appellate practice and Surrogate's Court practice, and has lectured for the New York State Bar Association, the Bar Association of Erie County and the National Business Institute.

He serves on the New York State Bar Association Committee on Courts of Appellate Jurisdiction, and previously served on the Board of Directors of the Erie County Bar Association and as Chair of its Appellate Practice Committee.

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.

Mr. Markarian is admitted to practice before all New York State Courts, the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, the United States District Courts for the Western and Eastern Districts of New York, and the United States Court of Federal Claims.



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Latha Raghavan is an accomplished trial attorney who has taken numerous cases to verdict. Her practice involves defending complex cases. Latha's experience includes defending professional liability cases includes legal and medical malpractice matters. She has extensive experience defending long-term care institutions, nursing homes, and visiting nurses and home health care agencies in wrongful death malpractice claims, claims of violations of state and federal health regulations, and in common law negligence matters.

Latha defends civil rights matters serving as defense counsel to municipalities and employers in a range of civil rights claims. She has also served as supervising counsel for carriers involved in defending civil rights class action.

Additionally, Latha handles complex product liability matters and general liability cases.

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.

