

Eileen E. Buholtz, Esq.

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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.

Kenneth A. Krajewski, Esq.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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

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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.



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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.

