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Peter V. Coffey practices law in Schenectady, New York and is a partner in the firm of Englert, Coffey, McHugh & Fantauzzi. Upon graduation from Albany Law School, where he was a member of the Law Review, Mr. Coffey served as confidential law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Robert O. Brink.

Mr. Coffey is a member of the Schenectady County Bar Association and served as its President. He also received the Lawyer of the Year honors from that Association. He is a member of the New York State Bar Association and has served in several capacities: A member of its House of Delegates continuously with the exception of one-year gaps every four years since 1989; served on its Executive Committee as Vice President from the Fourth District; served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Real Estate Section of the New York State Bar Association continuously since 1987 and as past-Chair of the Section; served as Chair of the Bar Association's Committee to Review Judicial Nominations; served as member of the Committee on Standards of Attorney Conduct (COSAC); served on its Nominating Committee for many years; served on its Committee on Professional Discipline and its Committee on Attorney Professionalism.

He is a recipient of the Association's Professionalism Award and of the Bar Association's President's Pro Bono Service Attorney Award. He is a Life Fellow of the New York State Bar Foundation — MaryAnn Saccomando Freedman Circle.

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Mr. Coffey has authored numerous articles on various legal topics concentrating in the areas of Real Property and Ethics and is also a frequent lecturer on these topics. He is the Editor of "Attorney Escrow Accounts – Rules, Regulations and Related Topics" – N. Y. S. Bar Association 2001, 4th Ed. 2014. He is past President of the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York and a recipient of its 2007 Law Day Award.

Anne Reynolds-Copps, Esq.

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Anne graduated from the State University of New York at Albany in 1978. She graduated magna cum laude with a BA in political science. She then graduated from Albany Law School of Union University with JD in 1981.

Anne was admitted to the bar in New York in 1982 and is also admitted to practice in the United States Supreme Court and the state courts in Vermont. She is a member of the American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, Capital District Women's Bar Association, Adirondack Women's Bar Association, Vermont Bar Association, and Rensselaer County Bar Association.

Anne was a partner in the law firm of Martin, Shudt, Wallace, DiLorenzo, Copps & Johnson from 1984 until 1995 when she opened her own office in Albany, New York.

Anne has been the recipient of several community and professional awards including the Distinguished Member Award and the Kimberly A. Troisi-Paton Leadership Award from the Capital District Women's Bar Association, the Attorney Professionalism Award, and the Pro Bono Award from the New York State Bar Association, the "Straight but not Narrow" Award from the Capital District Pride Center, and the Kate Stoneman Award from Albany Law School.

Anne is active in community affairs, currently serving as the Chair of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) Real Property Section's subcommittee on Not-For-Profit Entities, President of New York Attorneys for Adoption and Family Formation (NYAAFF), the Treasurer of Friends of the Rensselaer County Family Court Children's Center, the Treasurer of Adoptive Families of the Capital Region, and also serving The Legal Project and the community of Mechanicville in a monthly free legal clinic.

Anne has previously served as NYSBA's Chair of the Real Property Section, Children and the Law Committee and Legal Specialization Committee, the Vice-President of Child's Canterbury Foundation, the chair of the Committee on Professional Standards (attorney discipline committee), and on the Board of Directors of The Legal Project.

Michael G. Gaynor, Esq.

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Michael G. Gaynor is that Deputy Chief Attorney for the Committee on Professional Standards for the Appellate Division, Third Department, in Albany, New York.

Mr. Gaynor earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from LeMoyne College in 1985 and a Juris Doctor degree from Thomas Cooley Law School in 1992. From 1992 to 1998 he served as an assistant District Attorney in Albany County. He then worked in private practice' in Albany with Maynard, O'Connor, Smith & Catalinotto until 1999 when he became staff attorney with the Committee on Professional Standards. He has also served as the acting Chief Attorney of the Committee.

Mr. Gaynor is a frequent lecturer on legal ethics at programs sponsored by the New York State Bar Association and the New York State Trial Lawyers Association. He is a member of the New York State Association of Disciplinary Counsel, 'serving in its Professionalism Section.

Steve Krantz, Esq.

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Steve Krantz is a member of the New York State Bar Association Committee on Professional Ethics and also the Committee on Standards of Attorney Conduct. After a judicial clerkship and a few years of private practice, he served in a number of positions in New York state and local government, including Assistant District Attorney in Manhattan, Assistant Attorney General, and Assistant Counsel to Governors Spitzer and Paterson.

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One of the founding members of Whiteman Osterman & Hanna, Michael Whiteman serves as the head of the Firm's Energy and Telecommunications Practice Group. Mr. Whiteman regularly represents a variety of clients, including energy and telecommunications companies, before the New York State Public Service Commission and other State regulatory agencies on a wide range of regulatory, rate, siting and government contract and procurement issues. Mr. Whiteman also has an active practice in corporate organization and transactions and in business, professional and governmental ethics and responsibility. Prior to founding Whiteman Osterman & Hanna, Mr. Whiteman served as counsel to Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller and Governor Malcolm Wilson from 1971 to 1974. He worked as an adjunct professor at Albany Law School in 1977, and he sat on the New York State Law Revision Committee.