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Michael A. Bottar is a member of Bottar Leone, PLLC, a Syracuse-based law firm that has for more than three decades represented only injured patients, motorists, workers and consumers throughout the State of New York. Michael's trial practice centers on medical malpractice and complex injury claims arising out of hypoxic, ischemic or traumatic brain/nerve injuries and misdiagnoses, as well as workplace injuries, governmental negligence, common carrier accidents (e.g., buses, trucks, trains), and defective medical devices. Michael is a graduate of Colgate University and is a summa cum laude graduate of Syracuse University College of Law where he is an adjunct professor, author of the "Civil Practice" chapter of the Syracuse Law Review's Survey on New York, and serves on its Board of Advisors – a small panel of alumni charged with strategic advancement of the law school's mission.

Michael is a member of the Board of Directors of the New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers, and sits on its judicial screening committee. In connection with the Academy and other bar associations, he lectures annually throughout New York State on medical malpractice, personal injury and trial-related topics. Michael is also a member of the board of directors of the Central New York Women's Bar Association and sits on its judicial screening committee.

Michael is a member of the Board of Directors of the Onondaga Historical Association, and is a past member of the advisory boards for the Syracuse University Law Alumni Association, Contact Community Services, and the CNY Arthritis Foundation. In 2005, Mr. Bottar was recognized by Human Rights First – a nonprofit, nonpartisan international human rights organization – for his role in securing political asylum for a Sierra Leonian refugee.

Michael is a past member and executive editor of the Syracuse Law Review, which published his note titled "Robbing Peter To Pay Paul: Medicaid Liens, Supplemental Needs Trusts and Personal Injury Recoveries on Behalf of Infants In New York State Following the Gold Decision." He is also a past member of the Syracuse University College of Law Moot Court Honor Society, and was inducted into the Order of the Coif, the Order of Barristers, and the Justinian Honorary Law Society.

Michael has been named to The National Trial Lawyers: Top 40 Under 40 and to The National Trial Lawyers: Top 100, has been selected for inclusion in New York Super Lawyers (Upstate), and is a member of the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum. He began his legal career as a litigation associate with White & Case, LLP, in New York, New York, and Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC, in Syracuse, New York.