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**Patricia J. Shevy** is the founder of The Shevy Law Firm, LLC, of Albany, New York. Tricia focuses her practice exclusively in the areas of estate planning and administration, elder law and business succession planning. She believes in the teamwork approach and regularly works with her clients and their investment advisors, bankers, insurance agents and accountants to ensure that the plan meets the client's long term objectives. Tricia is an active member of the New York State Bar Association's Trusts and Estates Section (Life Insurance and Employee Benefits Committee) and Elder Law Section (District Delegate and a member of the Medicaid Committee).



**ToniAnn Grande** is the Principal at ToniAnn Grande PC. Her practice encompasses all aspects of family law, including divorce, divorce mediation, collaborative divorce, equitable distribution of business and financial assets, negotiation and drafting of prenuptial and postnuptial agreements, and child custody and support matters. ToniAnn's clients have included successful businessmen and women, professionals, executives, entertainers. She is frequently sought out by other attorneys as their counsel in connection with family law matters. Although ToniAnn is an experienced litigator, she has concluded that a settlement-based approach is the best path to resolution for most families.



**Natalie L. Reeves**, Of Counsel at ToniAnn Grande PC, has been described by a former client as a "life-saver" in Vogue. Natalie understands that her clients are often experiencing one of the most stressful times of their lives, and she endeavors to navigate them through the process with both compassion and conviction. Natalie has an unusual background for a matrimonial attorney. For years, she practiced corporate law, starting at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP where she met ToniAnn. Her experience working on sophisticated transactions for multinational corporations renders her well equipped to represent individuals in cases involving complex financial issues.



**David L. Ferstendig**, Principal of the Law Offices of David L. Ferstendig, LLC, litigates a spectrum of civil and commercial matters including breach of contract, products liability, toxic tort, insurance and reinsurance coverage, jewelers' block, political risk, environmental liability, trade secret, and professional indemnity. With offices in midtown Manhattan, he has served as coordinating counsel for insurers and foreign country defendants on products liability matters throughout the United States. In over 30 years of practice, he has successfully mediated, reserved, litigated, and settled thousands of cases.

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**Judge Gerald Lebovits**, an acting Supreme Court justice in Manhattan, is an adjunct professor at Columbia, Fordham, and NYU law schools. He has authored the New York State Bar Journal's Legal Writer column since 2001. Judge Lebovits has been a Make-A-Wish Foundation wish granter for terminally ill children and a Harvard-Radcliffe Program math tutor. He served with the NYC Civil Court's Association of Small Claims Arbitrators (president), Joint Committee on Fee Disputes (chair), the New York City Bar Association's Civil Court Committee (secretary), and the Network of Bar Leaders (First Vice President). He has written NY Residential Landlord-Tenant Law and Procedure, Advanced Judicial Opinion Writing, and more than 150 law-journal articles.



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**Ronald J. Friedman** is a partner in the Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights and Corporate Restructuring Groups, as well as the Deputy Partner-In-Charge at SilvermanAcampora. Ron is widely regarded as a leading practitioner in the field of bankruptcy and creditor's rights, with vast experience in representing all forms of clients including bankruptcy trustees, liquidating trustees, creditors, creditor committees, and parties involved in out of court work-outs. Over the course of his career, Ron has worked on cases in a multitude of jurisdictions and has routinely problem solved with our clients to achieve favorable business results. It is quite common for the most difficult and tense business situations to be brought to Ron's attention.

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