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Ms. Baiamonte was admitted to the Bar in January, 1994. Since admission to the Bar, Ms. Baiamonte has been engaged exclusively in the practice of matrimonial and family law.

Ms. Baiamonte is a graduate of Brandeis University (B.S., cum laude, 1990) and Syracuse University College of Law (J.D., magna cum laude, 1993; Senior Notes and Comments Editor, Syracuse Law Review), where she received the Order of the Coif. After graduating law school, Ms. Baiamonte was an associate of the Garden City firm of DaSilva & Keidel from October 1993 through February 1996. During this time, she was Associate Editor of the Domestic Relations Reporter, a legal publication by Matthew Bender. In March, 1996, Ms. Baiamonte became an associate of Stephen Gassman, Esq., a renowned leader in the field of matrimonial and family law. Ms. Baiamonte was named a member of the firm on August 1, 2007, at which time the firm was renamed Gassman, Baiamonte, Betts & Tannenbaum, P.C. In April 2011, the firm became known as Gassman Baiamonte Gruner, P.C..

Since 1994, Ms. Baiamonte has been and remains an active member of the Nassau County Bar Association. She has served on the Executive Committee of the Matrimonial Law Committee since July 2009; and effective July 1, 2015, she began her two-year term as Chair of this Committee. In June 2014, she received The Richard J. Keidel Memorial Award in recognition of her contributions as a skilled advocate, leader and her professionalism in the practice of Matrimonial Law. Ms. Baiamonte served on the NCBA Judiciary Committee from July 2009 through June 2015 (serving as Vice Chair from July 2013-June 2014, and as Chair from July 2014-June 2015). Ms. Baiamonte received the Bar Association's 2014-2015 Directors' Award for Outstanding Service as Chair of the Judiciary Committee. Ms. Baiamonte was installed as a member of the NCBA Board of Directors in June 2013.

Ms. Baiamonte is also an active member of the New York State Bar Association. She was appointed to the Executive Committee of the Family Law Section in July 2011, and was installed as Financial Officer of the Section in June 2014. Ms. Baiamonte also serves as a Co-Chair of the Continuing Legal Education Committee.



Ms. Baiamonte has served as an Arbitrator in the Early Neutral Evaluation Program in the Nassau County Supreme Court, and currently serves as a Discovery Referee in the Matrimonial Center as well as a Part 137 Fee Arbitrator for the 10th Judicial District.Ms. Baiamonte is a frequent lecturer on various matrimonial topics for the New York State and Nassau County Bar Associations and Nassau Academy of Law. She has appeared as a guest lecturer at various law schools (C.W. Post and St. John's University School of Law) and other Bar groups; and she has been invited by Justices of the Nassau County Supreme Court to address Law Interns on the topic of legal research and writing.

Ms. Baiamonte is an Editor of Library of New York Matrimonial Law Forms, a 1,350+ page compendium of matrimonial law forms available through the New York Law Journal (©2012).

Ms. Baiamonte has extensive experience dealing with a full range of matrimonial issues, among them: agreements (pre-nuptial, post-nuptial, and separation), custody and visitation, equitable distribution, spousal and child support issues, license and professional practice valuations, enforcement and modification proceedings, awards of counsel fees and experts' fees. Ms. Baiamonte has extensive appellate advocacy experience, having prosecuted and defended dozens of appeals involving complex matrimonial and family law issues, most notably: Perdios v. Perdios, 2016 WL 229383, 2016 N.Y. Slip Op. 00349 (2nd Dept., 2016), Beroza v. Hendler, 109 A.D.3d 498, 970 N.Y.S.2d 313 (2nd Dept., 2013); Goncalves v. Goncalves, 105 A.D.3d 901, 963 N.Y.S.2d 686 (2nd Dept., 2013); Chesner v. Chesner, 95 A.D.3d 1252, 945 N.Y.S.2d 409 (2nd Dept., 2012); Beroza v. Hendler, 71 A.D.3d 615, 896 N.Y.S.2d 144 (2nd Dept., 2010); Kriftcher v. Kriftcher, 59 A.D.3d 392, 874 N.Y.S.2d 153 (2nd Dept., 2009); DeMille v. DeMille, 5 A.D.3d 428, 774 N.Y.S.2d 156 (2nd Dept., 2004); DeMille v. DeMille, 32 A.D.3d 411, 820 N.Y.S.2d 111 (2nd Dept., 2006); Matter of Brim v. Combs, 25 A.D.3d, 691, 808 N.Y.S.2d 735 (2nd Dept., 2006); Matter of Brim v. Combs, 17 A.D.3d 361, 792 N.Y.S.2d 568 (2nd Dept., 2005); Klein v. Klein, 296 A.D.2d 533, 745 N.Y.S.2d 569 (2nd Dept., 2002); Rindos v. Rindos, 264 A.D.2d 722, 694 N.Y.S.2d 735 (2nd Dept., 1999); and Vigliotti v. Vigliotti, 260 A.D.2d 470, 688 N.Y.S.2d 198 (2nd Dept., 1999).

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As co-chair of Wilson Elser's e-Discovery practice, Mr. Braude serves as a resource within the firm and for clients on a wide range of topics relating to electronically stored information (ESI). His e-Discovery work includes managing electronic document review efforts, evaluating and employing methods of technology-assisted review, and supervising teams of contract attorneys on large-scale review projects. Additionally, Mr. Braude counsels clients on electronic document retention issues and designs legal hold procedures to assist clients with defensible and cost-effective ESI preservation. He routinely serves as discovery counsel in commercial and product liability matters, frequently on behalf of manufacturers engaged in pattern litigation, and represents Wilson Elser as its designated e-Discovery liaison for large firm clients.

In the field of information governance, Mr. Braude works with organizations to effectively manage and organize their information assets while containing costs and avoiding related organizational risks. He performs auditing, assessment and investigation of current information governance practices and clients toward their objectives by drafting document-retention plans, social media guidelines, cloud computing policies, permissible use policies and "bring your own device" policies. At the same time, he counsels clients on related data security issues and litigation readiness concerns, including the evaluation of legacy data retention and disposal. Mr. Braude routinely engages with clients' IT employees, records managers and additional key stakeholders to train employees and monitor compliance with information governance policies.



In the product liability field, Mr. Braude represents manufacturers including those in the transportation and recreational products industries. His notable experience includes case management and coordination of defense efforts in pattern litigation and appearing as coordinating counsel at depositions around the country. He frequently confers and consults with engineers on technical issues related to product design and manufacturing. Additionally, Mr. Braude represents clients in commercial disputes, as either plaintiffs or defendants, often in matters involving subcontractors and component suppliers. In addition, he frequently counsels contractors in the public procurement arena with regard to responding to requests for proposals and related procurement issues.



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Mr. Christopher's publications include the following: "Even Substantial Area Variances Are Warranted Under The Statutory Balancing Test When There Is No Detriment To The Surrounding Community," Report From Counsel (Vol. XII, No. 2) Fall/Winter 2011; "When It Is Proper To Impose A 'Recreation Fee' As A Condition To Site Plan Approval For Residential Development," Report From Counsel (Vol. XII, No. 1) Spring/Summer 2011; "Update On Recent Case Law Regarding The Use And Scope Of The State's Power Of Eminent Domain," Report From Counsel (Vol. XI, No. 2) Fall 2010; "The Unsettled Law of Eminent Domain," Report from Counsel (Vol. XI, No. 1) Spring/Winter 2010; "Current Issues in Land Use and Zoning: The Impact of an Increase of Business at a Property with an Established Pre-Existing Nonconforming Use," The Nassau Lawyer, April 2009; and "Temporary Zoning and Planning Moratoriums," The Nassau Lawyer, April 2007.

In 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016, Mr. Christopher was selected to the list of Metro New York Super Lawyers' "Rising Stars." He was recognized in the practice area of Real Estate Law. In 2013, he was named Young Lawyer of the Month by the Young Lawyers Committee of the Nassau County Bar Association. In 2014, Mr. Christopher received the Leadership in Law Award in the Associate Category from Long Island Business News.

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Judge DiDomenico served as an Interim Civil Court Judge in Richmond County from January 2005 until January 2006 when she was appointed to the Richmond County Family Court. In January 2009, Judge DiDomenico was designated an Acting Supreme Court Justice. Currently, she presides over Integrated Domestic Violence Part, the Matrimonial Domestic Violence Part and Matrimonial Part 11 of the Richmond County Supreme Court.

Judge DiDomenico has taught at St. John's Law School. In addition, since 1990, she has served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Fordham University School of Law. She is a member of the Office of Court Administration Family Court Advisory and Rules Committee. Judge DiDomenico is a frequent lecturer on the subjects of domestic violence, family law and dealing with the media in high publicity cases.

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Mr. Ferstendig has a well-earned reputation for his uncompromising dedication to his clients' interests and for his broader service to the bench and bar through his writings and teaching.

He is recognized as an authority on New York practice and procedure and is a member of the New York State Bar Association's CPLR Committee, which evaluates and drafts proposed legislation. He is the General Editor of *Weinstein, Korn & Miller New York Civil Practice: CPLR* (LexisNexis), the premier 15-volume litigation treatise cited regularly as authoritative by New York State and Federal courts; author of *Ferstendig, Chase New York CPLR Manual* (LexisNexis) and *LexisNexis AnswerGuide New York Civil Litigation*; and General Editor of *CPLR Practice Insights*, published in *New York Consolidated Laws Service*(LexisNexis).

Mr. Ferstendig has provided expert testimony interpreting the meaning and application of New York law, written articles for New York Law Journal and authored or co-authored law review articles.

He is also an Adjunct Professor of Law at New York Law School, where he teaches New York Practice. He has lectured on civil practice issues for the New York City Bar, New York Judicial Institute, and LexisNexis.

Mr. Ferstendig is a graduate of Yeshiva University and received his Juris Doctor degree from New York University School of Law. He is admitted to practice in New York State, in all of the New York Federal District Courts and in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

In March of 2015, Mr. Ferstendig was named the editor of the New York State Law Digest.



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Ignatius Grande has been advising clients on issues relating to electronic discovery, social media and information governance for many years. Most recently he served as the Senior Discovery Attorney at Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP where he advised case teams and clients on how to efficiently leverage the latest technologies and ediscovery practices from initial document preservation and collection through to review and production. Ignatius has worked with companies to adapt their information governance and eDiscovery practices to changing technologies and he has advised clients on the management of their social media presence and in the preservation of social media content. Ignatius previously served as in-house counsel for a commodities company and as an e-discovery consultant for a national ediscovery vendor.

Ignatius is a frequent writer and speaker on topics relating to e-discovery, social media and the Internet of Things. He serves as co-chair of the Social Media Committee of the New York State Bar Association's Commercial & Federal Litigation Section and teaches a course on eDiscovery at St. John's University School of Law. He graduated from Yale College in 1996 and Georgetown University Law Center in 1999. He began his legal career as a law clerk for the Honorable James M. Munley of the Middle District of Pennsylvania.



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Shawndra Jones practices in the areas of commercial litigation and employment law. Her experience includes matters before state and federal courts and administrative agencies. As part of her employment law practice, Ms. Jones has counseled employers concerning various issues, including family and medical leave, disability accommodation, wage and hour matters, veterans' rights, equal employment opportunity concerns, and questions arising at the intersection of technology and the workplace. In 2016, Ms. Jones coauthored an article entitled "Using Technology in the Hiring Process – Should Employers 'Like' Social Media?," which appeared in the National Bar Association Magazine. And Ms. Jones lectures on legal and ethical issues associated with social media and other emerging technologies.

Ms. Jones's professional memberships and activities include the American Bar Association, Section of Labor and Employment Law; National Bar Association, Labor and Employment Law Section & Women Lawyers Division; New York State Bar Association, Labor and Employment Law Section (Workplace Rights and Responsibilities Committee) & Commercial and Federal Litigation Section (Social Media Committee); New York City Bar Association, Judiciary Committee & Diversity in the Judiciary Subcommittee; Association of Black Women Attorneys; Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts; and Practicing Attorneys for Law Students Program, Inc. ("PALS"). Ms. Jones was recently appointed to the New York State Bar Association's new Committee on Technology and the Legal Profession.

Ms. Jones is a 2016 recipient of the National Bar Association's "40 Under 40 Nation's Best Advocates" and "Excellence in Innovation" awards. In addition, the New York State Bar Association recognized Ms. Jones as a "2016 Empire State Counsel® Outstanding Pro Bono Volunteer." She was also selected to become a member of The National Black Lawyers – Top 40 Under 40 – for New York in 2016 and a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation in 2015.

After graduating cum laude with Distinction in Psychology from Yale University, Ms. Jones earned her juris doctorate from Columbia Law School, where she was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, graduation co-chair, and editor in chief of the Columbia Journal of Law and Social Problems. Following law school, Ms. Jones served as a law clerk to the Honorable Alvin W. Thompson in the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut before entering private practice at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP.

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Ellyn holds the designation of a Certified Elder Law Attorney (CELA), awarded by the National Elder Law Foundation as accredited by the American Bar Association. There are fewer than 400 CELAs throughout the United States. Ellyn is also accredited by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to present and prosecute claims for veterans' benefits.

She was named as a "New York Super Lawyer" by Law & Politics magazine from 2009 through 2014 and was included in the list of Top Women Attorneys in the New York Metro Area for 2012, 2013 and 2014 in the New York Times Magazine. Further, she selected by her peers for inclusion in the 21st edition of The Best Lawyers in America® in the practice area of elder law.

Ellyn is an active member of the New York State Bar Association where she is an active member of Executive Committee of both the Elder Law and Special Needs Section and Trusts and Estates Sections. She is a member of the Executive Committee of the Elder Law Section and serves as the current Co-Chair of the Guardianship Committee. Previously, she served as co-chair of the Estate and Tax, Legal Education and Health Care Committees. Ellyn is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Trusts and Estates section and serves as the Chair of its Elderly and Disabled Committee. She previously served as Co-Chair of the Elder Law Committee of the Westchester County Bar Association.

Ellyn is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) and the New York State Chapter of NAELA. She is also a member of the Board of the Estate Planning Council of New York City, Inc.

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Ellyn is a frequent presenter to both consumer and professional groups and has provided input to state and national programs addressing legal, financial and other related matters involving persons with disabilities and our senior population. She received her Juris Doctor degree from the New England School of Law and her LL.M. in estate planning from the University of Miami. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan.



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He has taught law for the past 32 years and serves as an adjunct professor of law at Columbia, Fordham, and NYU.

The students at Fordham, St. John's, and New York Law School have elected him Adjunct Professor of the Year.

Lebovits has published three books for the New York State Bar Association and has authored the Bar Journal's Legal Writer Column since 2001. He has lectured many times for different bar associations, especially the New York State Bar Association.



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Prior to joining ILS, Ms. Macri served as the director of the Criminal Defense Immigration Project (CDIP) and the Immigrant Defense Project of the New York State Defenders Association (NYSDA) where she has provided immigration support to criminal and family law attorneys across New York State and conducted numerous continuing legal education trainings on the immigration consequences of New York criminal convictions and family court dispositions.

For her service, Ms. Macri was recognized by the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) Criminal Justice Section for her Outstanding Contribution to Criminal Law Education, the NYSBA Committee to Ensure Mandated Quality Representation and Prisoners' Legal Services of New York for her commitment to providing support to indigent representation. She was also recognized by the Upstate New York Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) as the 2015 recipient of the Mark T. Kenmore Mentor of the Year Award. Most recently, Ms. Macri received the Unsung Hero Award for Government Services as an Albany Law School Alumni and was honored by the New York State Defenders Association as the first female attorney recipient of the Wilfred R. O'Connor award for her commitment to client-centered representation. Ms. Macri is a graduate of Albany Law School.



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Gary is the immediate past chairman for the Lawyers Assistance Program for New York City Bar Association and is also a trustee of the New York Lawyer Assistance Trust. He presents on issues of recovery from alcoholism and addiction as well as the programs offered by the Lawyers Assistance Program committees. Additionally he serves on the board for the Insight Foundation and Temple Beth Shalom. Gary has been married to his wife, Ellen, for 30 years and they have two children, Jesse and Scott.



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Prior to 2002, Ms. Scalise was Deputy AAG General in Charge of Public Advocacy for the Westchester Region for the NY Attorney General's Office and handled cases involving consumer frauds, civil rights and public integrity matters. Before that, she was Deputy Chief Counsel to the Departmental Disciplinary Committee for the First Judicial Department where she investigated and litigated complex disciplinary matters. She began her career as an ADA in Kings County, where she handled economic crimes and arson cases. Ms. Scalise received a Juris Doctor from Brooklyn Law School, a Bachelor of Arts Degree from John Jay College, CUNY and also earned a Master of Arts Degree in Forensic Psychology from the John Jay College Graduate School, CUNY.

In 2016, Ms. Scalise was appointed to the NYS OCA CLE Board by Chief Judge Janet DiFiore. She also testified before the 2105 OCA State Commission on Professional Discipline with regard to attorney mental health issues and the materials she authored were annexed to the Commission's Report which issued recommendations as to the unification of the NYS disciplinary process.

Active in several bar associations, she is a member of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA), where she Chaired the Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Committee for five years and serves as a member on the Attorney Professionalism Committee. She is a past Vice President of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York (WBASNY), where she currently Co-chairs the Professional Ethics Committee. She is a past President of the Westchester Women's Bar Association (WWBA), Co-chairing its Grievance/Ethics Committee and a past President of the White Plains Bar Association (WPBA). She serves as



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Ms. Scalise is a frequent CLE lecturer for the: Appellate Division, First, Second and Third Departments; NYS Judicial Institute; NYSBA; NYSTLA; PLI; WBASNY; NYCLA, WWBA; WCBA; WPBA; NRBA; FBC; Brooklyn Women's Bar Association; Rockland County Women's Bar Association; NYS Supreme Court Judges Association; NYS Magistrate's Association; NYC Civil and Housing Court Judges; Association; Pace University Law School CLE Program; St. John's University Law School CLE Program; Fordham Law School CLE Program; CUNY Law School CLE Program; NY Civil and Criminal Trial Attorneys Association; NYS Association of Disciplinary Attorneys; and NY County Supreme Court Arbitrators.

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Ms. Scalise contributed a chapter to Oxford University Press's The New York Rules of Professional Conduct: Opinions, Commentary, and Case Law, a treatise discussing ethical conduct. Ms. Scalise also contributes articles related to professional responsibility and ethics issues for among others, the NYSBA Journal and State Bar News; the WBASNY and WWBA Newsletters; the WCBA Bar Journal; and the NYSTLA Bill of Particulars. In 2014, the firm received the WWBA's Family Friendly Award. In 2012, Ms. Scalise received WBASNY's Marilyn Menge Award, and in 2009, Ms. Scalise received the Westchester County Above the Bar Pace Setter Award. She was the subject of a profile in the ABA's Student Lawyer Magazine in its February 2005 issue.



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