

Speaker Biographies

N. TODD ANGKATAVANICH, ESQ.

Biography

Todd Angkatavanich is a Principal in EY's National Tax Department, Private Client Services Group. Todd previously Co-Headed the U.S Private Client & Tax Group at the private client law firm Withers Bergman LLP. He focuses on representing domestic and international families and family offices in structuring multigenerational wealth transfer, preservation and business succession vehicles, with an emphasis on navigating the transfer tax pitfalls that often arise under Chapter 14 of the Code. At the same time, he assists families with introducing the next generation(s) to the non-tax concepts of engagement and flexible stewardship so as to achieve effective long-term wealth preservation coupled with beneficial enjoyment. He has experience structuring GRATs, Sales to Grantor Trusts, Family Limited Partnerships and Preferred Partnerships, Succession Structures and Dynasty Trusts. He also has had experience with international planning including Foreign Grantor and Non-Grantor Trusts, Pre-Expatriation and related projects.

Todd is an ACTEC Fellow and frequent speaker at conferences including the Heckerling Estate Planning Institute, serves on the Editorial Boards of Trusts & Estates and BNA Tax Management and is co-author of a BNA Portfolio on Wealth Transfer Planning with Carried Interests. He enjoys collaborating on client, industry and business development initiatives, and providing professional development mentorship to next generation colleagues.

Education

Bachelors of Arts in Economics, magna cum laude, Fairleigh Dickinson University

J.D., Tax Law Honors, Rutgers University School of Law, Camden

M.B.A. Rutgers University Graduate School of Management

LL.M, in Taxation, New York University School of Law

JENNIFER A. BECKAGE, ESQ.

Biography

Before beginning her legal career, Ms. Beckage was an owner of a technology company. She successfully helped lead the company through an acquisition to a publicly-traded company, in which she was retained in a management role overseeing operations of an e-services line of products in 11 states.

Ms. Beckage's prior technical expertise makes her uniquely qualified to handle technology-related matters. Among other things, she has represented clients on a number of data security and privacy matters, including:

PRE-INCIDENT

Preparing reasonable and defensible policies concerning record retention, litigation holds, data mapping, information security and privacy, and crisis planning; Developing cybersecurity preparedness, from tabletop exercises to board and management presentations, as well as counseling; Navigating regulatory compliance with various international, federal and state rules and regulations, including the New York State Department of Financial Services (DFS) Cybersecurity Regulation (23 NYCRR 500), GDPR and HIPAA; Counseling on emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence (AI) and blockchain technologies; and Reviewing vendor contracts for data storage and transmission, including cloud arrangements and other technology transfer and development agreements.

DATA INCIDENT

Responding to numerous data breaches, cyberattacks, ransomware and malware incidents, inadvertent disclosures, and other thefts of data and confidential information from disloyal employees, competitors or hackers; Guiding clients through all aspects of data incident response from containment, mitigation, root cause analysis, forensics, public relations and standing the company back up again after a data incident; and Interfacing with the government in data breach matters and other investigations.

POST-INCIDENT

Handling all aspects of consumer notification, government reporting and public relations matters; and Representing clients in data breach litigation and other technology-related disputes and matters, including those concerning or addressing cyberattacks, websites, domain names, artificial intelligence (AI), big data, computer forensics and social media with experience working with complex e-discovery matters, including those involving technology-assisted review (TAR).

Ms. Beckage's business background provides her with important insight in representing clients in business disputes and commercial litigation involving, among other things, intellectual property, employee disloyalty, violations of non-compete agreements and other employment matters, breaches of contract, and fraud matters. She has assisted startups to prominent clients in the food, manufacturing, banking, technology, education and finance industries with data security and privacy, litigation, business disputes, risk mitigation efforts and regulatory matters.

JILL CHOATE BEIER, ESQ.

Biography

Jill Choate Beier is the founder of the firm, Beier & Associates, PLLC with its primary location in Lake Placid, New York. Her practice includes a broad range of matters in the personal planning area, including estate and tax planning for individuals and families; estate and trust administration; all aspects of Surrogate's Court practice, including probate proceedings, will contests and guardianships, and planning for charitable giving and philanthropy.

Prior to starting her own firm, Ms. Beier practiced law at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP and Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP in New York City. Before becoming an attorney, Ms. Beier worked for several years in the financial services sector and held senior management positions in accounting and regulatory reporting at large financial institutions such as JP Morgan and Credit Suisse.

Ms. Beier is an active member of the Trusts and Estates Law Section of the New York State Bar Association and has served in many positions of leadership such as Chair of the Estate and Trust Administration Committee and Vice-Chair of the Surrogate's Court Committee. Currently, she is the Treasurer for the Section's Executive Committee.

In addition to practicing law, Ms. Beier is active in the local community by serving on the Board of Directors of the Adirondack Council and serving as President of the Board of Trustees for the Lake Placid Center for the Arts.

Ms. Beier earned a Bachelor's degree in Finance from the University of North Texas, an MBA with an Accounting concentration from Fordham Graduate School of Business, a J.D., summa cum laude, from Touro Law School, and an LL.M. in Taxation from New York University School of Law.

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JOCELYN MARGOLIN BOROWSKY, ESQ.

Biography

Jocelyn Margolin Borowsky, a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel ("ACTEC"), practices in the areas of estate planning, estate and trust administration and fiduciary litigation in Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

Sophisticated Estate Planning. A large part of her practice involves the review of clients' overall estate plans, preparation of wills and revocable trusts, and where appropriate, implementation of sophisticated trusts, such as lifetime spousal trusts, asset protection trusts, life insurance trusts, dynasty trusts, BOLI trusts, DINGs, BDITs, GRATs and IDITs. Ms. Borowsky also works with closely-held family businesses and professionals on issues involving strategic tax and business planning, the use of captive insurance and the creation of private family foundations.

Modification and Other Advice on Delaware Trusts. Ms. Borowsky routinely advises clients with respect to resolving trust administration matters, modifying trusts, structuring new Delaware trusts and transferring existing trusts to Delaware through decanting or other means. As an active participant in state bar statutory drafting committees, she is well versed in the preparation of Delaware directed trusts and in the creation of confidential trusts. Ms. Borowsky also has served as an expert witness in matters involving a Delaware directed trust and an executor's breach of fiduciary duty.

Litigation and Audits. Ms. Borowsky represents fiduciaries and beneficiaries in trust and estate litigation. She also handles tax controversy matters, including estate and gift tax audits by the Internal Revenue Service and state taxing authorities. She is AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell and an Accredited Estate Planner of The National Association of Estate Planners & Councils.

Areas of Practice

- Wealth Planning
- Estate Planning
- Estate and Trust Administration
- Fiduciary Litigation

HON. STEPHEN W. CASS

Biography

HON. STEPHEN W. CASS has been serving as the Chautauqua County Surrogate's Court Judge since 1999. Before taking the bench, Judge Cass was admitted to practice law in New York, Massachusetts, and the United States District Court. Judge Cass received his J.D. from Union University Albany Law School and his B.A. from Allegheny College in Pennsylvania. While practicing law, Judge Cass had an active litigation practice handling civil, criminal and estate issues. Judge Cass received an honorary Indian Tribal name and is an adopted member of the Seneca Nation Indian Reservation as a result of his work representing tribal members. In 1993, Judge Cass became Town Justice in the Town of Carroll until he was elected to the Surrogate's Court in 1999. In addition to his duties as Surrogate's Court Judge, Judge Cass has been serving as Acting Supreme Court Justice since 2001. He has served on the Administrative Board of the Public Administrator and on the New York State EPTL and SOFA advisory committees. Currently, Judge Cass is a member of the New York State Surrogate's Association having served as president from 2007 to 2009. He is a member of the New York State Bar Association, the Erie County Bar Association, the Northern Bar Association of Chautauqua County, the Jamestown Bar Association and the Magistrates Association. Judge Cass serves as a mentor to new Surrogates and is instrumental in training new Surrogate Judges. From 2000 to present, Judge Cass is involved with the Judicial Institute and currently serves on Surrogates' Court Judicial Skills Curriculum committee. He has lectured to the New York State Bar Association Trusts and Estates Section, Elder Law Section and the Judiciary. He has taught Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure at Jamestown Community College. Under Judge Cass' direction, the Chautauqua County Surrogate's Court became one of the first electronic filing courts in the state.

HON. JOHN M. CZYGIER

Biography

John M. Czygier, Jr. was admitted to practice law in New York State in 1975. After serving as a prosecutor in the Suffolk County District Attorney's office, he entered private practice and, for twenty-five years, concentrated in estate administration and estate litigation in the New York metropolitan area. He was awarded an "AV" rating by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest rating for practicing attorneys. While in private practice, Surrogate Czygier served as a Mental Hygiene Law Article 81 Court Examiner for New York and Suffolk Counties, and was counsel to the Public Administrator of Suffolk County. Since 1999, he has been a member of the Surrogate's Court Advisory Committee to the Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts of New York.

Judge Czygier was appointed Judge of the Surrogate's Court of Suffolk County by Governor George Pataki in May 2001; in November of that year he was elected to a ten-year term, and re-elected in 2011. He is Chair of the Administrative Board for the Offices of the Public Administrators, and has served as Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President and President of the Surrogate's Association of the State of New York, and is currently the only sitting Surrogate in New York State who is a Judicial Fellow of the prestigious American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

Judge Czygier has also been a contributing author to *Warren's Heaton on Surrogates' Courts* (Matthew Bender) and to *Weinstein, Korn & Miller New York Civil Practice* (Matthew Bender), and has written for the New York State Bar Association Trusts and Estates Newsletter, the New York Law Journal, and the New York State Bar Association Journal.

BRAD DILLON, ESQ.

Biography

Brad Dillon is a senior wealth planner in the New York office of Brown Brothers Harriman. Prior to joining BBH, he was in private legal practice in the trusts and estates department at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP, where he focused on estate, gift and generation-skipping transfer tax planning. Mr. Dillon is a frequent lecturer and writer, having published articles in several industry-leading outlets, including the NYSBA Law Journal, the Journal of Taxation, Trusts and Estates, and Leimberg. He is also a regular commentator in the print media and is regularly quoted on tax and trust and estate matters on CNBC, Bloomberg, the Wall Street Journal, and other media outlets. Mr. Dillon received his LL.M. in taxation from the NYU School of Law, his J.D. from the UCLA School of Law and his B.A. from Indiana University.

MICHAEL M. GORDON, ESQ.

Biography

MICHAEL M. GORDON is a Director at the Wilmington law firm of Gordon, Fournaris & Mammarella, P.A. He is a graduate of Fairfield University and the Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law. He received his Masters of Law in Taxation from Villanova University School of Law in 2008 and is a member of the Delaware and Maryland Bar Associations.

Michael is the former Chair of the Estates and Trusts Section of the Delaware Bar Association. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. Michael is also a member of the American Bar Association where he serves as a Group Vice-Chair of the Non-Tax Estate Planning Considerations Group of the Section of Real Property, Trust & Estate Law.

Michael's practice focuses on the unique aspects of Delaware trust law, including directed trusts, dynasty trusts, asset protection trusts and all aspects of the validity, construction and administration of Delaware trusts. Michael routinely works with clients across the country to transfer the situs of trusts to Delaware and to modify trusts to take advantage of Delaware's favorable trust law. Michael drafts, reviews and comments on Delaware trust agreements for local and out of state clients and provides legal opinions on the validity of trusts under Delaware law.

Michael resides in Wilmington, Delaware with his wife, Amie, and two daughters, Samantha and Mia.

HON. PETER J. KELLY

Biography

Surrogate Kelly is a graduate of Iona College and St. John's University School of Law where he received his Juris Doctor degree in 1983.

Prior to his election to the bench, Surrogate Kelly was employed in the New York City Criminal and Civil Courts as a Law Assistant Trial Part, in the Queens Supreme Court as Principal Law Clerk, and, ultimately, as the Principal Law Clerk for Queens Surrogate Hon. Robert L. Nahman.

He was elected as a Judge of the New York City Civil Court in 1998 and as a Justice of the New York State Supreme Court in 2002. Thereafter he was elected as Surrogate of Queens County and has served in that capacity since January of 2011.

In addition to his regular duties, Surrogate Kelly has served as an instructor for court clerks and has frequently lectured at various bar associations and organizations including the Queens County Bar Association, the Nassau County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, the New York State Trial Lawyers Association, the New York State Surrogate's Association, and the New York State Judicial Institute.

Surrogate Kelly is a member of the Surrogate's Court Advisory Committee to the Chief Administrative Judge, and serves as Chair of the Executive Committee of the New York State Surrogate's Association. He is also a member of the Trust and Estates section of the New York State Bar association, the Queens County Bar Association, the Queens County Women's Bar Association, and the Queens Catholic Lawyer's Guild, serving as Judicial Moderator since 2009. He is also a former member of the Board of Directors of the New York City Supreme Court Justices' Association and the New York City Civil Court Judges Association.

Surrogate Kelly is admitted to the New York State Bar as well as the United States District Court for the Southern District and the United States Supreme Court.

JOSEPH T. LA FERLITA, ESQ.

Biography

Joseph T. La Ferlita is partner to the firm concentrating his practice in trusts and estates law, with an emphasis on estate planning, estate and trust administration, and tax controversy. He counsels individual planning clients, beneficiaries, individual and corporate fiduciaries, and not-for-profit entities, including public charities and private foundations, in connection with a multitude of estate and trust-related matters. These include, among others, the drafting of wills and trusts, estate tax and generation skipping tax planning, audits of estate tax returns and income tax returns, the formation of not-for-profit entities, obtaining Private Letter Rulings from the Internal Revenue Service, probate proceedings, administration proceedings, judicial accounting proceedings, judicial proceedings for advice and direction on behalf of executors and trustees, spousal elective share proceedings, and proceedings for the construction and reformation of wills and trusts. He represents clients in the Surrogates Court and the United States Tax Court.

Mr. La Ferlita is admitted to practice in the State of New York, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the United States Tax Court. He is a member of the American and New York State Bar Associations.

Mr. La Ferlita is especially active in the Trusts and Estates Law Section of the New York State Bar Association, where he serves as District Representative for Nassau and Suffolk Counties, Chairman of the Surrogates Court Committee and Member of the Estate and Trust Administration Committee. He plays a key role in drafting proposals for new and amended estate-related New York statutes, some of which ultimately have been signed into law by the Governor of New York State.

In 2002, Mr. La Ferlita was a Judicial Intern to the Honorable Thomas C. Platt of the United States District Court, EDNY.

Mr. La Ferlita has had two LexisNexis Expert Commentaries published on Lexis.com. The first is entitled, "Whether the Distinction Between Construction and Reformation Proceeding in New York Surrogate Courts Still Exists." The second is entitled, "The Fundamentals of the Separate Share Rule." He has also published articles regarding Trust Decanting in New York and New York Trust Law in the NYSBA Trusts and Estates Law Section Newsletter, the The American Bar Association's Property & Probate, and The Suffolk Lawyer.

Mr. La Ferlita was selected for the *Super Lawyers New York Metro Rising Stars* (Estate & Probate) list in 2013 and 2014. In May 2011, Mr. La Ferlita received an LL.M. degree in taxation from New York University School of Law. He received his Juris Doctor degree, Dean's List, from St. John's University School of Law in 2004, where he served as a member of the **American Bankruptcy Institute Law Review**. Mr. La Ferlita earned his M.A. degree in Theology from Boston College in 1998 and his B.S. degree in Biology from Fairfield University in 1996.

REBECCA LOCKWOOD, ESQ.

Biography

Rebecca Lockwood is Vice President of Trusts & Estates at Sotheby's where she advises individual and corporate fiduciaries on the valuation and sale of personal property. She works closely with clients and their advisors to provide appraisals for insurance, gift, estate planning, or estate tax purposes and to develop sale strategies for the liquidation of assets held in an estate or trust. During her time at Sotheby's, Rebecca has been directly involved in the sale of many important collections and estates including Bowie/Collector, the Mellon Family Collection, and the Collection of Elizabeth Mead Merck.

She graduated from George Washington University with a Bachelor's Degree in Art History and received a Master's Degree in Contemporary Art from Sotheby's Institute of Art before receiving her JD from New York Law School. She is also certified in the Uniform Standards of Appraisal Practice. She previously served as Chair of the Tax, Trusts & Estates Sub-Committee of the New York City Bar Association's Art Law Committee. She currently serves as Vice-Chair of the American Bar Association's Real Property, Trusts and Estate's Section, Art and Collectibles Committee.

JOSHUA S. RUBENSTEIN, ESQ.

Biography

Joshua S. Rubenstein is national head of the firm's Trusts and Estates practice and national chair of the Private Client Services group. He is also the immediate past chair of the International Estate Planning Committee of the American College of Trusts and Estates Counsel, an officer of the Family Law Section of the International Bar Association and the Treasurer of the International Academy of Estate and Trust Law.

Josh advises closely-held businesses, family offices and private individuals, including high net worth individuals, senior executives, professionals, entrepreneurs, artists and others with unique intellectual property interests. He handles a wide variety of private matters for these clients on a local, national and international level, including personal and estate planning, the administration of estates and trusts, and contested Surrogate's Court and tax proceedings. He has counseled clients in trust and estates matters for more than 35 years, building relationships with those who value and rely upon his advice.

Josh's clients say he is "a real polymath – not just a great lawyer, but a great chap to deal with and a safe pair of hands" (Chambers USA). Globally, he is "very highly rated for his cross-border work and is very active on the international trust scene as the treasurer of the International Academy of Estate & Trust Law" (Chambers Global). He focuses on creating sophisticated, yet uncomplicated, solutions for clients. Josh finds unforeseen problems and uses an interdisciplinary approach to resolve those problems, bringing in members of teams that deal with taxes, real estate or corporate and other transactional areas of the law, as necessary.

Josh is a former adjunct professor at Brooklyn Law School and is a frequent lecturer and author. He is regularly quoted in the media, with credits in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, New York Law Journal, Citywealth, Forbes, Kiplinger's, Crain's, The Washington Post, FOX News, Bloomberg News and CNBC. The Katten Trusts and Estates practice has earned recognition from Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) for Best North American Private Client Team (2011, 2012), from Citywealth for International Law Firm – USA (2012, 2013), from Chambers USA for Best Wealth Management Team – Nationwide (2010 to 2015) and from U.S. News for Best Trusts and Estates Team – Nationwide (2010 to 2015) under Josh's leadership.

DANIEL S. RUBIN, ESQ.

Biography

Daniel S. Rubin is a partner in the Trusts and Estates and Asset Protection practice groups of the New York City law firm of Moses & Singer LLP. He has a B.A. in International Relations from the Elliot School of the George Washington University, a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School and an LL.M. in Taxation from the New York University School of Law.

Mr. Rubin has been named by *Worth* magazine as one of the "Top 100 Attorneys" in the nation for private clients, by *Law & Politics* as a "New York Super Lawyer"® and as one of *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Trusts and Estates by U.S. News-Best Lawyers.

Mr. Rubin is a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel where he is Chair of the Asset Protection Committee, a faculty member and lecturer at the Heckerling Institute on Estate Planning, and an adjunct professor at the University of Miami School of Law where he teaches *Asset Protection Planning*.

Mr. Rubin is also the co-author of the third edition of the Bureau of National Affairs' Tax Management Portfolio on *Asset Protection Planning*.

In addition to the foregoing, Mr. Rubin is also certified as an *EMT-Basic* by New York State, and is a member of the Oceanside Fire Department, in Oceanside, Long Island, New York. He is currently working towards his certification as an *EMT-P (Paramedic)*.

VON E. SANBORN, ESQ.

Biography

Von Sanborn, a partner at Day Pitney LLP, advises affluent American and international families as well as single- and multi-family offices on U.S. tax, estate planning and art law matters. He counsels clients on structuring their inbound and outbound business, real estate, passive and personal investments to minimize their overall U.S. tax burden. He also counsels individual and corporate fiduciaries on the U.S. tax consequences of trust investments and issues arising from trust administration and management. Von also provides guidance on U.S. estate and gift tax planning techniques to high and ultra-high net worth families on issues relating to all of their asset classes, and advises beneficiaries and fiduciaries of non-U.S. trusts on the U.S. tax consequences associated with foreign trust and corporate structures.

In the area of art law, Von assists clients with matters involving risk management, the formation of trusts including art assets, the use of Section 1031 exchanges for artwork, sales and use tax voluntary disclosures and the purchase and sale of works of art.

Von is the author of numerous publications and lectures worldwide on all aspects of his practice.

EDUCATION

- Villanova University School of Law, LL.M.
- Albany Law School, Union University, J.D.
- Boston University, B.A.

ADMISSIONS

- State of New York
- State of Connecticut
- State of New Hampshire
- Registered Foreign Lawyer in the U.K.

AFFILIATIONS

- New York State Bar Association
- American Bar Association, Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law
- American Bar Association, Section of Taxation
- International Fiscal Association
- International Bar Association
- Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners

RECOGNITION

- Selected to the list of Private Client Global Elite (Legal Week), 2017
- Selected for inclusion on the Leaders List, a directory of leading professionals in the private wealth management and private client industry, by *Citywealth Magazine* (Jones Publishing Limited), 2015, 2016
- AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell

DARREN M. WALLACE, ESQ.

Biography

Darren Wallace, resident in the firm's Stamford office, is a partner in the Individual Clients Department. His experience includes advising clients regarding all aspects of estate planning, estate and trust administration, estate and gift taxation, and probate and trust litigation.

Darren received a B.A. from Colgate University and a J.D. from the University Of Connecticut School Of Law. He is a member of both the Tax and the Estates and Probate sections of the Connecticut Bar Association, and a member of the executive committee of the Estates and Probate Section. Darren is a former co-chair of the Estates, Probate, and tax committee and a former member of the executive committee for the Young Lawyers Section of the Connecticut Bar Association. Darren is also a member of the Fairfield County Bar Association and the Estate Planning council of Lower Fairfield County. His community activities have included service on the board of directors for PLAN of Connecticut, Inc, a nonprofit organization that assists in planning for the future of family members with disabilities and provides continuity of services for such individuals.

He is a co-author of "How FLPs can survive IRS scrutiny," *Financial Advisor*, September 2004', "Planning for Property Interests in More Than One State after the Demise of the state Death tax credit," *Probate & Property*, Vol. 18, No. 5, September/October 2004; "Get Real or Get out," *Trusts & Estates Magazine*, July 2003; and "A Client's Death Doesn't Mean All planning Must Rest in Peace: Qualified Disclaimers and other Keys to post-Mortem planning Opportunities," *Probate & Property*. Vol. 17, No. 3, May/June 2003. He has also lectured at programs for the Connecticut and American Bar Associations. In 2005, Darren received the New Leaders of the Law "Advocacy Award," presented by *The Connecticut Law Tribune*.

Darren lives in Fairfield, CT, with his wife Marianne and their daughters Catherine, Sarah, and Hannah.

SEAN R. WEISSBART, ESQ.

Biography

Sean R. Weissbart is Counsel at Morris & McVeigh LLP in NYC, focusing on domestic and international estate planning, estate and trust administration, and litigated matters in the Surrogate's Court. He also advises tax-exempt organizations on matters from applications for tax exemption to avoidance of excise taxes and the unrelated business income tax.

He is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Fordham University School of Law, teaching Trusts and Estates Drafting, and New York University School of Law, teaching Income Taxation of Trusts and Estates. His numerous scholarly and practice-driven articles have been featured in The ACTEC Law Journal, the LISI Estate Planning Newsletter, The Journal of Taxation, Estate Planning, and NYSBA's quarterly Trusts and Estates Law Section Newsletter. Since 2012, he has served as associate editor of the NYSBA newsletter. He has lectured at many CLEs, including at the NYC Bar Association, CBIT Tax Day, and the Hawaii Tax Institute.

For outstanding pro bono representation of a mentally handicapped woman in a probate contest, he received the MFY Justice Award. His article "Probate by Order to Show Cause" chronicles the strategy used to secure victory in this unique matter. He serves as an officer of the Board of Directors of the Ment'or BKB Foundation, which sponsors the team representing the United States of America in the bi-annual Bocuse d'Or culinary competition, and he has chaired events for the UJA-Federation of New York as a founding member of its Next Generation Trusts and Estates division. Since 2015, he has been selected every year as a "Rising Star" by Super Lawyers magazine.

