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Jeffrey T. Buley specializes in election law, healthcare law and related transactions, and government relations. Mr. Buley served as Special Counsel to Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno from 1995 through 1998. During that time, Mr. Buley concentrated on issues in healthcare, health and human services, welfare, the mental hygiene laws and alcohol and substance abuse. Previously, Mr. Buley served as Counsel to the New York State Association of Counties, and served as the Chief Counsel to the New York State Senate Health Committee.

Mr. Buley also has extensive experience in election law and campaign finance issues. Mr. Buley has served as Retained Counsel to the New York Republican State Committee since 1991. In 2002, Mr. Buley was General Counsel to the re-election campaign of New York Governor George Pataki. In 2004, Mr. Buley served as Counsel to the Bush/Cheney '04 campaign in the state of Nevada. In 2005 & 2009, Mr. Buley was Counsel to the re-election campaigns of New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg. In 2012, Mr. Buley served as Counsel to the Romney for President campaign for the state of Florida.



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Jerry Goldfeder's thirty-year election law practice has included representing a variety of high profile candidates and elected officials – including those aspiring to be Mayor, Governor and President of the United States. He also represents members of the United States Congress, the New York State legislature and New York's City Council, as well as unions, not-for-profits, hedge funds and a variety of associations and other entities on local, state and federal campaign finance law, lobbying compliance and governmental procedures. Mr. Goldfeder also advises a number of clients *pro bono*, including the Center for Reproductive Rights, the Transgender Legal Defense Fund and the New York Board of Rabbis.

When he is not advising clients, he is teaching, writing, appearing in the media and consulting on political law projects. Mr. Goldfeder teaches Election Law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School and Fordham Law School (where he was voted Adjunct Professor of the Year in 2015); co-authors the regular *New York Law Journal* column *Government and Election Law*, and writes periodic pieces for *Law.com*, *City & State* and *The Hill*.

Mr. Goldfeder is a prolific writer, with [numerous published articles](#). His scholarly works include his election law treatise *Goldfeder's Modern Election Law* (now in its 4th Edition); *Could Terrorists Derail a Presidential Election?* (32 Fordham Urb. L.J. 523); and *The Electoral College: An Introduction and Overview* (85 Fordham L. Rev. 965). He also regularly holds seminars on running for office and other government-related topics for community and civic groups, such as the National Women's Political Caucus, the Latino Leadership Institute, the New Leaders Council, and the New York City Women's City Club. Mr. Goldfeder also presents a regular CLE course at the Appellate Division, Second Department, *How to Decide an Election Case*, and recently served as a consultant to CNN's mini-series *The Race for the White House*.

Mr. Goldfeder currently serves as Chair of the New York City Bar Association's



Committee on NYC Municipal Affairs. Previously he chaired the Election Law Committee of the New York State Bar Association's General Practice Division, and the NYC Bar Association's Election Law Committee; he also serves on the Board of Directors of the Bella Abzug Leadership Institute, the Latino Leadership Institute and Let America Vote. Since 2014, Mr. Goldfeder has been a trustee of the Museum of the City of New York, appointed by the Manhattan Borough President.

A long-time litigator, Mr. Goldfeder has appeared in New York Supreme Court in various counties throughout the state, as well as before the Appellate Divisions in the First, Second and Third Departments, and the Court of Appeals; he has also appeared in the United States District Courts for the Southern, Eastern and Northern Districts of New York and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Prior to coming to Stroock in 2008, Mr. Goldfeder was Special Counsel for Public Integrity to New York Attorney General Andrew M. Cuomo. He was in the first class of the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law of Yeshiva University, where he served on the *Law Review*, and prior to his admission to the bar, Mr. Goldfeder taught political science at UCLA and Brooklyn College. Before getting his graduate degree, Mr. Goldfeder taught fifth grade in Bedford-Stuyvesant in Brooklyn, NYC, where he introduced the first African American social studies class.



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John Owens, Jr. is the principal court attorney to an acting justice of the Supreme Court of the state of New York. Previously, Owens was agency counsel at the New York City Board of Elections.

Owens began his legal career as an assistant district attorney in the Bronx District Attorney's Office. He is a member of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Diversity and Inclusion.

Owens obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice (cum laude), a master's degree in sociology from St. John's University, and his law degree from Fordham University School of Law.





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Steven H. Richman is the General Counsel for the Board of Elections in the City of New York. He is the chief legal officer of the agency that administers the largest and most complex electoral system in the nation. Appointed in 1999, he has overseen the dramatic change in the method that New Yorkers use to cast their ballots as well as help guide the Board through critical periods including conducting elections during and after the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001 as well as the November 2012 Presidential Election in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy.

Steven is admitted to the practice of law in New York State, its federal district courts and the U.S. Supreme Court. He earned his Juris Doctor degree from Brooklyn Law School and holds a Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude* from Brooklyn College of the City University of New York.

Following graduation from law school, Steven joined the administration of Governor Mario M. Cuomo. He served as an Assistant Counsel in the Executive Department, Director of Off-Track Betting for the State Racing and Wagering Board as well as Executive Director of the NYS Commission on the Future of Racing and Gaming. In 1995, Allie Sherman, President of the NYC Off-Track Betting asked Steven to join his executive staff, first as Deputy General Counsel and then as Special Counsel and Chief of Staff to the President. Prior to assuming his current post, he served as Legislative Counsel to Peter Abbate, then Chair of the State Assembly Committee on Cities, as well as Special Counsel to the NYS Senate Democratic Leader. While in law school, he served as an Assistant to City Council Member Jay O'Donovan and a Law Clerk for the Hon. Salvatore T. DeMatteo, working in New York State Supreme Court, Kings County.

Steven is a founding member of the New York State Bar Association's (NYSBA) Entertainment, Arts & Sports Law Section where he currently chairs its Legislative Committee and serves as the Section's representative in the NYSBA House of Delegates. He has also served as the Section's Secretary and Treasurer as well as an



Executive Committee member, Secretary and Vice Chair of the State Bar's Section Delegates Caucus. In 2016, he was appointed the Co-Chair of the Committee on Election Law and Government Affairs for NYSBA's General Practice Section. Steven is also a member of NYSBA's Committee on Legislative Policy and its Section on State and Local Government.

Among other professional and community activities, he served as a Trustee of the Brooklyn Bar Association, where he currently serves as the Chair of its Committee on Attorneys in Government and Public Service and member of its Judiciary and Legislative Committees. He is also a member of the New York County Lawyers Association and its Judiciary Committee.

Steven Richman has served on Brooklyn's Community Board #11 as well as a member of the Board of Directors and/or an officer of the Brooklyn College Alumni Association (Treasurer), the Center for the Study of the Presidency (Chair, National Advisory Council), HeartShare Human Services and the New York State Honorary Fire Chiefs Association (Vice President).

Steven Richman, a life-long resident of Brooklyn is also an avid fan of the New York Mets, Jets, and Rangers and regularly plays tennis.





**Kimberly Galvin, Esq.**  
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Kimberly A. Galvin  
Union College, Schenectady NY, BA--1987  
Vermont Law School, JD, 1990 (Admitted to NYS in 1991)

Kimberly A. Galvin was primarily focused on Criminal law for the first part of her career. She held various positions including Assistant Public Defender (Albany County), Assistant District Attorney, Chief Assistant District Attorney (Rensselaer County), and Assistant Attorney General (Criminal Division).

Ms. Galvin started with the Assembly Minority Conference in 1998. While at the Assembly, she served under three different Minority Leaders: Tom Reynolds, John Faso, and Charles Nesbitt. Throughout the course of her 9 1/2 years at the Assembly she held various positions including Codes Counsel, Legislative Counsel, Chief Counsel, and Chief of Staff and Counsel to the Leader.

Kimberly Galvin joined the New York State Board of Elections in 2008.

She's currently the co-counsel to the Board in charge of the Compliance Unit and the Counsels Office.





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Arthur W. Greig is a sole practitioner in New York County, specializing in real estate trial practice and election law and appellate practice. He is a graduate of Tufts University and American University's Washington College of Law. He has tried over 100 cases in the New York courts to verdict, and has argued numerous appeals in the State and Federal Appellate courts.

Earlier in his career, he was a Bronx Assistant District Attorney, a Staff Counsel to the Speaker of the New York State Assembly from 1987-1991 (Racing & Wagering Committee, Alcohol & Substance Abuse Committee, Mental Health Committee, Corrections Committee), and in 1998 was a Special Counsel to the Chairman of the NYS Assembly Ways and Means Committee, concentrating primarily on the judiciary and court merger, and other budget issues. He has also served as Special Counsel to the New York State Senate Democratic (Minority) Conference, concentrating in the areas of Redistricting and Reapportionment Litigation and other Election and Ballot Access issues and representing the Democratic State Senate Minority in Federal redistricting litigation.

In 2004, he was one of the lead trial attorneys representing the intervening defendant New York County Democratic Committee in the Brooklyn (Eastern District) Federal Court trial *Lopez-Torres v. NYS Board of Elections*, and was on the winning legal team which went on to successfully defend New York's nominating convention system for State Supreme Court justices in both the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit and the United States Supreme Court in 2008.



He has previously participated as a lecturer at the New York County Lawyers' Association training classes (CLE) on Mortgage Foreclosure Receiverships, Article 81 Guardianships and other fiduciary matters and since 2008 has served each year as a lecturer on "Ethical Issues in the Practice of Real Estate" at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York (CLE) with an emphasis and expertise in attorney escrow account issues. He was previously a Member and a Panel Chairman at the First Judicial Department's Departmental Disciplinary Committee (now Attorney Grievance Committee), and has represented numerous practicing lawyers in attorney disciplinary matters around New York State.

From 1997 to 2009, he served as Law Chair of the New York County Democratic Committee under the leadership of former county leader and former New York State Democratic Party Chair Herman D. Farrell, and over the years has successfully represented numerous city, state and federal candidates in ballot access and campaign finance cases. From 2011-2015, he also served as a Member of the Board of Directors at Legal Services NYC (LSNY, the umbrella board for most civil legal services programs in the City of New York), where he was a member of the Executive Committee and Audit & Budget Committee.



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Raphael E. Savino is an associate at the New York City office of Conway, Farrell, Curtin & Kelly. He was born in the Bronx and attended Fordham University where he earned a Bachelors of Science degree with a major in Marketing in 1992. He subsequently enrolled at the City University of New York Law School and received his Juris Doctor in 1995. While attending law school, Mr. Savino assisted in the representation of indigent adults charged with criminal offenses in Queens County and participated in the National Institute of Trial Advocacy program.

Following his admission to the New York State bar, he entered public service as an Assistant District Attorney in Queens County, New York. While at the District Attorney's Office, Mr. Savino was aggressively involved in all facets of criminal prosecution. He received extensive litigation experience conducting hundreds of Grand Jury presentations, hearings, and arraignments. In addition, he successfully prosecuted thousands of cases while taking over twenty jury trials to verdict. Mr. Savino also regularly interrogated suspects and directed identification procedures such as line-ups.

During his tenure with the District Attorney's Office, Mr. Savino also served in the highly regarded Investigation Division, Major Crimes Bureau and the Appeals Bureau. While in the Investigation Division, Mr. Savino supervised joint State and Federal investigations targeting major international and domestic organizations involved in narcotics trafficking and money laundering. These investigations employed the use of undercover police officers, confidential informants, search warrants, wiretaps and other forms of electronic surveillance. In the Appeals, Bureau Mr. Savino authored legal briefs and argued before the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court, Second Department. After advancing to the Major Crimes Bureau, he secured convictions against the most violent serial offenders.

In 2001, Mr. Savino joined Conway, Farrell, Curtin & Kelly where he expanded his trial practice experience into civil matters. He currently handles cases involving a wide



assortment of personal injury and related matters, including the Labor Law, construction site and premises liability, contractual issues, property damage, and subrogation claims.

In addition to his admission before the New York Bar, Mr. Savino is admitted to practice law in the United States District Court for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York.



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Thomas J. Garry serves as an attorney leader on economic development and public finance projects involving all phases of a commercial and residential development from site plan applications to final approvals. He represents developers and municipalities in litigation involving such matters as land use and zoning, and breach of contract. Tom is recognized for his experience in election law and represents clients in New York state courts, including the Appellate Divisions and the Court of Appeals. Tom represents municipalities and serves as special counsel to many towns and local agencies. Tom has provided legal advice to municipalities and their agencies on issues such as the development and implementation of a master plan, the creation and impact of municipal easements and restrictive covenants, compliance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the creation of planned development districts, zoning overlay zones, transportation issues and smart growth projects. Tom is a former member of the Long Island Regional Planning Council, an agency charged with developing Long Island's growth strategy.







**Kathleen O'Keefe, Esq.**

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Kathleen O'Keefe is currently the Legislative Counsel to Speaker Carl E. Heastie in the New York State Assembly. Prior to that, Kathleen was the Democratic Counsel at the New York State Board of Elections where she oversaw the creation and initial implementation of the Compliance Unit created by law in 2014. Kathleen has practiced law primarily in the Election Law area and the matrimonial and Family Law area, both at the trial and appellate level.

In 2011, the American Bar Association's Rule of Law Initiative retained Kathleen as an Election Law Specialist in Tunisia, North Africa. She spent 5 months assisting the Tunisian Bar Association in its preparations for the first free election, on October 23, 2011, after the Arab Spring revolution in January 2011 that swept the long serving dictator, Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, from power.

Prior to the Tunisian project, Kathleen spent 10 years working as a legislative counsel in the Assembly, first as a Codes Committee Counsel and then as the Election Law Committee Counsel. Kathleen drafted and negotiated the Help America Vote Act enabling state statutes for the Assembly in 2005 and monitored the eventual selection and rollout of the optical scan voting machines in use today.

Kathleen attended the State University of New York at New Paltz where she graduated with a BA in Women's Studies and a minor in Law and Politics. She earned her JD at Rutgers University School of Law in Newark where she was selected one of the first two Arthur Kinoy Public Interest Law Fellows and participated in the Constitutional Litigation Clinic on the successful appeal in *United States Dept. of Justice v. Landano*, 508 U.S. 165 (1993), a successful FOIA case against the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

After law school, Kathleen clerked, first, on the central staff of the New York State Court of Appeals and, later, at the New York State Supreme Court in Dutchess County.

Kathleen is the author of "Women and the Law: Successes, Setbacks and Unfinished Business" in *WOMEN: IMAGES AND REALITIES: A MULTICULTURAL ANTHOLOGY*, 5<sup>th</sup> Ed.





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A 1998 graduate of Albany Law School, James Walsh currently maintains a private practice specializing in NYS election practice. He has been the Town Attorney to several local governments. He previously has served as Assistant Director, Governor's Office of Employee Relations. Prior to that public service, he was Secretary to the Minority Conference, NYS Assembly; Assistant Council to the Majority, NYS Senate; and has also served as an Assistant County Attorney, Schenectady County. While working for the NYS Senate, he worked predominately in the areas of Pensions, Civil Service and Public Sector Labor Law. Private practice included the areas of election law, criminal defense, corporate and other litigation. A US Navy veteran, he retired with the rank of Lieutenant Commander, where he served as an Intelligence Officer. He served on the Board of Trustees, Albany Law School 1998-2000. Mr. Walsh has served as Counsel to many federal and New York State Campaigns. He has argued successfully before the Court of Appeals as well as the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court. He has lectured for many different C.L.E.'s and was a contributing author to the NYS Bar Association Publication **Public Sector Labor and Employment Law: (2007)**





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#### NEW YORK STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

SEPTEMBER 1, 2014 - PRESENT

Chief Enforcement Counsel – Division of Election Law Enforcement

Conducts all investigations necessary to enforce provisions of the Election Law and other statutes governing campaigns, elections and related procedures. Has sole authority within the state board of elections to investigate on her own initiative or upon complaint alleged violations of such statutes, and all complaints alleging violations must be forwarded to the Division. Oversees the entire Division with an operating budget of \$1,450,000 and oversees all staff activities.

#### NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAX & FINANCE

MARCH 14, 2013 – AUGUST 31, 2014

Deputy Commissioner – Criminal Investigations Division

Overall responsibility for the programs, investigations and operations of the Department's Criminal Investigations Division charged with ensuring compliance with the State's criminal tax statutes.

#### DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

FEBRUARY 3, 2011 – March 13, 2013

Deputy Commissioner and Director – Office of Sex Offender Management -

Advise the Governor and Legislature on issues pertaining to legislation, policy, treatment and management of sex offenders. Supervise the NYS Sex Offender Registry.

#### OFFICE OF NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL

APRIL 5, 2007 – FEBRUARY 2, 2011

June 2009 to February 2011



Deputy Chief – Sex Offender Management Bureau – Supervise attorneys and support staff assigned to the prosecution of Mental Hygiene Law Article 10 Civil Management cases.

Special Assignments by the Chief of Staff –Trial Team - Investigation of the Death of Seymour and Arlene Tankleff. Attorney General appointed by the Governor as Special Prosecutor to investigate the 18 year old homicides of the Tankleffs and the guilt of their son Martin Tankleff.

Investigation of State Senate Majority Leader Pedro Espada

Supervision of cases within Auto Insurance Fraud Unit (AIFU) of the Criminal Prosecution Bureau

Charities Investigations

April 2008 – June 2009

Assistant Deputy Attorney General in Charge of the Regional Offices

Responsible for the statewide supervision of affirmative cases litigated by the Regional Offices. Participated in statewide outreach during Attorney General Community Forums.

April 2007 - May 2008

Criminal Prosecutions Bureau CHILDREN'S RIGHTS SOCIETY, INC.

AUGUST 8, 2005 TO FEBRUARY 2007

Chief Attorney - Law Guardian Office for Orange County Family Court.

Prepared budget application for funding annually for submission to the Office of Court Administration. Monitored bank accounts, executed all contractual agreements on behalf of the organization with the State of New York and all program vendors. Liaison between the organization and the Office of Court Administration and the Orange County Family Court.

PRIVATE PRACTICE

OCTOBER 2, 1997 TO AUGUST 7, 2005

General practice concentrating in Criminal Litigation and Real Estate

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY BRONX COUNTY

AUGUST 22, 1977 TO OCTOBER 1, 1997

Chief, Homicide and Trial Division 50

JANUARY 1991 TO OCTOBER 1997- Supervised 17 attorneys and five (5) support staff. Overall supervisory responsibilities for all Homicide investigations in Bronx County. Supervised investigations of all custody related deaths within Bronx County.

Liaison with the violent crime unit of the U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York. Lectured in house on issues of insanity, competence to stand trial, trial evidence, homicide investigations, DNA.



## HOMICIDE BUREAU

JUNE 1981 TO JANUARY 1991

Chief, Homicide Bureau - APRIL 1988 TO JANUARY 1991 - Supervised attorneys and support staff for trial and Grand Jury. Overall supervisory responsibilities for all Homicide investigations in Bronx County. Supervised investigations of all custody related deaths within Bronx County. Liaison with the violent crime unit of the U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York.

Deputy Chief, Homicide Bureau JANUARY 1988 TO APRIL 1988

Trial Assistant District Attorney JUNE 1981 TO JANUARY 1988

SUPREME COURT BUREAU -  
JUNE 1980 TO JUNE 1981

FELONY CASE EVALUATION BUREAU -  
JANUARY 1979 TO JUNE 1980

CRIMINAL COURT BUREAU -  
AUGUST 1977 TO JANUARY 1979

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL  
1974 TO 1975

Program Planner - Responsible for the monitoring and evaluation of the ongoing funded programs sponsored by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

## EDUCATION

Juris Doctor 1977  
St. John's University, School of Law JAMAICA, NEW YORK

Bachelors of Arts 1974  
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI - CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

## BAR ADMISSIONS

New York  
Supreme Court of the United States  
Federal - Southern and Eastern Districts of New York  
Florida



## AWARDS

Louis J. Lefkowitz Memorial Award – 2008  
Presented by the Office of the Attorney General

Woman of Achievement of Orange County – 2007  
Presented by the Sarah Wells Girls Scout Council and the YWCA of Orange County





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**EMPLOYMENT**

January 2011–present: Justice, N.Y.S. Supreme Court

May 2005–December, 2010: Acting Justice, N.Y.S. Supreme Court

January 1991–April, 2005: Judge, N.Y.C. Civil Court (January, 1991–January, 2000: assigned to Criminal Court)

September, 1980– June, 1982: Adjunct Assistant Professor, St. John's University

February, 1972–December, 1990: Partner, Levy & Walker (originally Lerner, Walker, Levy & Cohen)

June, 1971–February, 1972: Counsel, United Bronx Parents, Inc. (Advocacy organization which also operated Day Care Centers in the South Bronx)

June, 1969–June, 1971: VISTA Volunteer

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

December, 1969: New York, First Department

December, 1978: U.S. District Court, SDNY, EDNY

**EDUCATION**

September, 1966–June, 1969: Columbia University Law School, J.D., cum laude  
Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar Legislative Drafting Research Fund

September, 1962–June, 1966: Cornell University, A.B. Dean's List



#### PUBLICATIONS, PANELS AND LECTURES

"Children Who Witness Domestic Violence," NYLJ, October 17, 1994

May 4, 1993—Association of the Bar, Panelist: Crim. Ct. Processing of Domestic Violence Cases

1996-2000—UCS Annual Judicial Seminars, Curriculum Committee, Lecturer, Panelist

March 18, 2009—Bronx County Bar Association, CLE: Premises Liability Panel

#### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1981-2003—Miriam deSoyza Learning Center (Pre-school for learning disabled children in the South Bronx): Incorporated, served as counsel to, member and Chairman of the Board of Directors.

1987-2013—Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Competition (For Middle School Students): Member of the Board of Directors and Advisory Committee.