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Mr. McCaffery's practice concentrates in the areas of legal malpractice defense, professional liability, commercial litigation, and general liability defense. He is experienced in both trial and appellate practice.

Among other areas of professional liability and defense litigation, he represents attorneys and law firms that have been sued for legal malpractice in cases ranging from real estate and personal injury matters to complex business transactions and commercial litigation.

Prior to joining L'Abbate Balkan in 2001, Mr. McCaffery had a general practice in which he handled real estate transactions, business formations, commercial litigation, will drafting, and personal injury matters. Prior to his general practice, he was associated with two defense firms in New York City, where he defended Labor Law actions, dental malpractice actions, general liability claims and represented individuals, small businesses and large, self-insured corporations. This broad range of experience enables Mr. McCaffery to better represent his clients in the varied subject matter that arises in the context of legal malpractice actions and other defense litigation.

Mr. McCaffery has received an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell, their highest rating for general ethical standards and legal ability. He has been named to the 2016, 2017, and 2018 New York Metro "Super Lawyers" list in the area of "Professional Liability Defense." He has received a 10.0 out of 10.0, "Superb" rating from AVVO.

He is a member of the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM) and a member of CLM's Professional Liability Committee. He is also a member of the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, the Nassau County Bar Association, the University of Scranton Council of Alumni Lawyers, and the Chaminade Lawyers Association. He has authored articles for the *New York Law Journal* ("Five Keys to Avoiding Litigation Malpractice," "Trusts and Estates Lawyers Face Increasing Risks of Malpractice Claims," "Build a Stronger Firm Through Risk Management," "Basic Principles Make Exceptional Attorneys," and "Avoiding Attorney Fee Claim



Litigation"), *Nassau Lawyer* ("Time Management for Lawyers"), and he co-authored the CLM Claims Handling Resources for New York.

Mr. McCaffery is a regular speaker on matters of legal malpractice, professional liability, risk management, and litigation before insurance carriers and groups such as the New York State Bar Association, the Nassau County Bar Association, the Suffolk County Bar Association, the Suffolk County Women's Bar Association, St. John's University School of Law (CLE), Lawline.com, AttorneyCredits.com, Esquire-CLE.com, and ClearLawInstitute.com.

He received his Juris Doctorate from St. John's University School of Law in 1996 and his undergraduate degree from the University of Scranton in 1993. He is admitted to practice law in the State of New York and is admitted to the United States District Courts for both the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.