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Bruce J. Wagner is Chair of the Family Law Practice Group at McNamee Lochner P.C., Albany, NY, and is a principal and shareholder in that law firm. His primary areas of practice are matrimonial law and appeals. He is a 1982 graduate of Cornell University and a 1985 graduate of Albany Law School of Union University. In September 2002, he was appointed as a Town Justice in the Town of Schodack (pronounced sko'-dak), Rensselaer County, was elected in November 2002, and re-elected in 2006, 2010 and 2014.

He is designated on a regular basis by the Administrative Judge of the Third Judicial District to serve as an Acting City Court Judge in the Criminal and Civil Parts of the District's City Courts. Mr. Wagner is immediate Past President of the Rensselaer County Magistrates' Association, having also served a prior two year term as President in 2010-2011, and is a member of the New York State Magistrates' Association. In October 2016, he was selected by his peers as a Diplomat of the American College of Family Trial Lawyers, a select group of 100 of the top family law trial lawyers from across the United States.

He is listed in all editions 1999 through 2019 of The Best Lawyers in America (Woodward-White) and has a 2018 peer rating of AV® Preeminent™ in Martindale-Hubbell. Based on peer voting, Mr. Wagner has been named to all editions 2007 through 2018 Super Lawyers – Upstate New York, and is included in the 2018 "Top 10" list for Upstate New York. He has also placed in the top 25 in the Hudson Valley for 11 of the last 12 years, including 2018. In October 2011, Mr. Wagner was named the Albany Best Lawyers Family Law Lawyer of the Year for 2012. Mr. Wagner was the subject of a profile entitled "From Constitutional Law to the Court of Appeals" in the 2011 New York-Upstate edition of Super Lawyers. From January 2005 to January 2007, he served as President of the 167 member American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, New York Chapter, which is part of a national organization of about 1,600 Certified Fellows. Mr. Wagner is also a Certified Fellow of the International Academy of Family Lawyers. He is a Past Chair (2010-2012) of the 2,700 member NYSBA Family Law Section, having previously served the section for 2 years each as Financial Officer, Secretary and Vice Chair. Mr. Wagner has served



as a co-chair of the Continuing Legal Education Committee of the NYSBA Family Law Section since June 2000.

Since 1998, he has been a representative from the 3rd Judicial District to what is now the Chief Administrative Judge's Matrimonial Practice Advisory and Rules Committee. In April 2015, he was appointed by the Chief Administrative Judge to the Third Department Judicial Hearing Officer Selection Advisory Committee. He is a member of the Rensselaer County, Albany County, New York State and American Bar Associations. Mr. Wagner is a frequent lecturer and author for continuing legal and judicial education programs which have been sponsored by the Albany, Broome, Columbia, Nassau, New York City, Onondaga & Oswego, Queens, Rensselaer, Schenectady and Westchester County Bar Associations, the NYS Bar Association, the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, the Appellate Division (First and Third Departments), the NYS Judicial Institute (Judicial and Court Attorney Seminars), the Association of NYS Supreme Court Justices, the Capital District Women's Bar Association Legal Project, and other organizations.

He has taught at the Advanced Judicial Education Program for Town & Village Justices and at the Basic Certification Course for newly elected Town & Village Justices. Mr. Wagner and his wife, Janet, reside in Schodack and have two children, both of whom work at the same NYC hospital, one in an administrative and training capacity and one as a registered nurse. He has served as: an Assistant Scoutmaster or Committee Member of Boy Scout Troop 53, Castleton and as a Merit Badge Counselor for Twin Rivers Council, Boy Scouts of America, since 2002; a Sunday School Teacher for the First United Methodist Church, East Greenbush; an assistant coach for the East Greenbush Girls' Softball League; Conductor of the former Hendrick Hudson Male Chorus, East Greenbush (1989-2003 and 2011-2016); a co-Conductor of the Yankee Male Chorus (1994-2013); President of the Mohawk-Hudson Male Chorus Association (2008-2016); and as Choir Director for the First United Methodist Church, East Greenbush (2010-2017).