# CARRIE H. COHEN

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Carrie H. Cohen has a distinguished record of success in the courtroom handling high stakes litigation, with a particular focus on white-collar and securities cases. Prior to joining the firm, she was an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York, where she tried public corruption, investment fraud, and securities cases, including securing the conviction of Sheldon Silver, the longtime Speaker of the New York State Assembly, on corruption and money laundering charges. Ms. Cohen also served in the New York State Attorney General's Office, as Chief of the Public Integrity Unit in the Criminal Division, and as an Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Bureau, receiving the Louis J. Lefkowitz Memorial Award for outstanding service.

Ms. Cohen is an experienced trial attorney, having tried both criminal and civil cases, and has vast experience conducting large and complex criminal and civil investigations involving federal, state, and local agencies and regulators. In addition to being the lead prosecutor in the Sheldon Silver case, Ms. Cohen has been lead or co-lead counsel on other significant public corruption cases, including the prosecution of then-state Comptroller Alan Hevesi for personal use of state employees' time, and on investment and securities fraud trials, including a significant multi-stock securities fraud case and an \$80 million Ponzi scheme case. As a former federal and state prosecutor, Ms. Cohen focuses on white-collar criminal matters, securities and investment fraud cases, internal investigations, regulatory enforcement proceedings, and bribery, procurement, money laundering, and enterprise corruption cases. Prior to her government service, Ms. Cohen spent six years in private practice, including as a litigation associate at Morrison & Foerster.

Ms. Cohen is a bar association leader and regular speaker at white-collar and bar association programs. Among her many public service roles, Ms. Cohen has held numerous bar leadership positions, including serving as the past Vice President of the New York City Bar, chair of its Executive Committee and a

#### **EDUCATION**

Cornell University (B.A., 1989)

University of Pennsylvania Law School (J.D., 1993)

#### **RANKINGS**

*New York Law Journal* 2016 Top Women in Law

National Law Journal 2016 Litigation Trailblazer

New York State Bar Association Commercial & Federal Litigation Section of the 2016 Hon. Shira A. Scheindlin Award for Excellence in the Courtroom

Adjunct Professor University of Pennsylvania Law School

# **ATTORNEY BIO**

member of its Nominating Committee, and former Chair of the Federal & Commercial Litigation Section of the New York State Bar Association. Ms. Cohen currently serves on the Advisory Group to the New York Federal-State Judicial Council, as a representative to the New York State Bar Association House of Delegates, and as a member of the Federal Bar Council, American Inns of Court. Ms. Cohen also has been a leader in advancing women in the legal profession both in the United States and globally, and she currently serves as a member of the New York City Bar's Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice, where she spearheads a professional development program for women attorneys in Latin America.

 $Ms.\ Cohen\ is\ also\ an\ Adjunct\ Professor\ at the\ University\ of\ Pennsylvania\ Law\ School.$ 

# REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represent a privately held company in a class action in the Eastern District of New York alleging consumer fraud and RICO claims.
- Represent a transportation company at trial in the Southern District of New York for a civil case brought by the New York State Attorney General's Office and the City of New York alleging illegal transportation of untaxed cigarettes.
- Represent an investment adviser charged in the Eastern District of New York with alleged investment fraud.
- Represent a real estate executive charged by the New York State Attorney General's Office with alleged bidrigging.
- Represent a New York State judge charged with bribery in state court by the New York State Attorney General's Office.
- Represent a venture capital fund manager charged in the Southern District of New York with securities fraud; obtained a significantly below-guidelines sentence.

# **PRESENTATIONS**

- Teaching Faculty, "NYSBA Young Lawyers Section 2017 Advanced Trial Academy," Syracuse University College of Law (October 2017)
- Speaker, "Are Plea Bargaining, Trial by Judge, and Acquittal by Judge Constitutional," The Federalist Society (October 2017)
- Panelist, "Federal, State, and Local: Opportunities & Challenges in Different Jurisdictions," National Attorneys General Training & Research Institute, Center for Ethics & Public Integrity, Anticorruption Academy (August 2017)

# **ATTORNEY BIO**

- Panelist, "Jury Addresses: Framing the Case and Bringing it Home," National Attorneys General Training & Research Institute, Center for Ethics & Public Integrity, Anticorruption Academy (August 2017)
- Moderator, "Trial Practice Skills: Presented Through a MockTrial Team," ABA CLE in the City (August 2017)
- Panelist, "Too Big to Jail: Corporate Impunity from Wall Street to the White House," Pro Publica, New America NY C Explore White-Collar Crime & Punishment in the Age of Trump (July 2017)
- Moderator, "Getting to Equal: Women in the Legal Profession," Pan African Lawyers Union 8th Annual Conference & 5th General Assembly (July 2017)
- Moderator, "The Legal Profession: Re-capturing its Place in Society," Pan African Lawyers Union 8th Annual Conference & 5th General Assembly (July 2017)
- Moderator, "State Constitutional Issues," New York Federal-State Judicial Council, Symposium in Honor of Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye (May 2017)
- Panelist, "Internal Negotiation: Fostering Collaboration & Dialogue Within Teams, Divisions & Your Firms,"
   WIN Summit (May 2017)
- Moderator, "PR Crises," 2017 MoFo Summit for Women In-House Counsel (April 2017)
- Lecturer and Critique Faculty, "Trial Academy: Lecture on Direct Examinations," New York State Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section (April 2017)
- Panelist, Women in the Profession (WIP) Program: Annual Conference 2017, New York City Bar's Vance Center for International Justice (March 2017)
- Guest Lecturer, Harvard Law School, "White Collar Criminal Law and Procedure: High Profile Trials and Corporate Resolutions" (March 2017)
- Panelist, "Women in the Courtroom: The Impact of Women in the Judiciary and the Need For More Women Judges and Lead Trial Attorneys," New York State Bar Association, Thirteenth Annual Edith I. Spivack Symposium, Committee on Women in the Law (January 2017)
- Presenter, "Trial Practice CLE: A Re-Enactment of a Commercial Trial," New York State Bar Association, Commercial & Federal Litigation Section (November 2016)
- Guest Lecturer, New York University Law School, "Ethics in Government: Investigation and Enforcement" (November 2016)
- Speaker, "A Jill of All Trades: Female Attorneys in the Public and Private Sectors," University of Pennsylvania Law School (October 2016)
- Speaker, "Public Corruption and the Law," The Cornell Club New York (October 2016)

# **ATTORNEY BIO**

- Speaker, "The Current Wave of Public Corruption Cases: Hot Topics and Recent Developments," American Bar Association, Criminal Justice Section: White Collar Crime Committee (May 2016)
- Moderator, "Social Media and Its Effect on the Jury System," New York State Bar Association: Commercial and Federal Litigation Section 2016 Spring Meeting (May 2016)
- Panelist, "Lessons from Recent Trials," New York City Bar Association's Fifth Annual White Collar Crime Institute (May 2016)

# **PUBLICATIONS**

- "Recent Trials Show Importance Of Investigating Cooperating Witnesses," New York Law Journal, Vol. 258, No. 28 (August 10, 2017)
- "<u>Digital Age Ex pands Communication but Creates Discovery, Litigation Pitfalls</u>," *New York Law Journal*, Vol. 257, No. 107 (June 6, 2017)
- "Where Are the Women Litigators?" NYSBA Journal (May 2017)
- "<u>The Section's Women's Initiative</u>," *NYSBA Commercial and Federal Litigation Section Newsletter*, Vol. 23, No. 1 (Spring 2017)
- "<u>Challenges to SEC Administrative Proceedings Echo Complaints Against Arbitration</u>," New York Law Journal, Vol. 247, No. 47 (March13, 2017)
- "Insider Trading Case Reminder of Long-Simmering Parent-Child Privilege Debate," Wall Street Lawyer, Vol. 20, Issue 12 (December 2016)



Greg Cooke Vice President – USI Affinity

Greg Cooke is the Vice President, Sales and Client Management at USI Affinity for their Lawyer's Professional Liability Division. He works directly with mid-size law firms on their Lawyer's Professional Liability Insurance and Cyber Insurance, along with training new producers and ultimately ensure the team achieves their monthly and yearly goals.

Greg has 9 years experience in the insurance industry, specifically handling Professional Liability Insurance. Prior to joining USI Affinity, Greg spent over 5 years with Aon in a variety of different roles within Professional Liability Insurance. He handled both Lawyers and Insurance Agents, in both the admitted and non-admitted segments. Greg has now been with USI for over 3 years, with all of them dedicated to the Lawyer's Professional Liability Team.

Greg has both his P&C Insurance License and his Life & Health Insurance License in Pennsylvania, along with many non-resident producer licenses in a variety of other states. He graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelors Degree in Business Management.

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Jim Gkonos focuses his practice on insurance and reinsurance regulatory matters, contract and treaty interpretation and reinsurance disputes. He is a certified reinsurance arbitrator. As a former division general counsel of a large domestic property and casualty carrier, Jim has significant experience with and knowledge of the regulatory issues facing domestic carriers. He was responsible for the drafting and interpretation of the reinsurance treaties placed annually by the division and has been involved in the commutation of hundreds of reinsurance treaties.

Jim assists clients on issues relating to financial guarantees, surety bonds and the intersection between insurance and the capital markets. He frequently represents clients that have problems and issues with insurance companies in runoff and liquidation. He has structured securitized international financial transactions backed by insurance guarantees and has substantial international experience in the restructure of financially impaired, insolvent or bankrupt entities. Jim also conducted, managed and supervised substantial litigation in the United Kingdom, Japan, China, Argentina, Brazil and the Virgin Islands and brings more than 25 years of domestic litigation experience to the Insurance Practice.

Jim also previously served for nine years as senior counsel advising the Rehabilitator of one of the largest insurance insolvencies in the United States - Mutual Fire Marine and Inland Insurance Company, In Rehabilitation. In that position, Jim was responsible for interpretation of insurance insolvency laws, negotiation and commutation of reinsurance treaties, documentation of more than 13,000 claim settlements and managing reinsurance arbitrations and the litigation against the insolvent company's MGA's and accountants.

As complex regulations governing the insurance and re-insurance continue to evolve, Jim has become a frequent speaker and author on numerous insurance topics, including the impact of the subprime defaults on the insurance and capital markets, changes in state and federal regulatory environments and how the challenging economic climate impacts the insurance and financial markets.

He is admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the U.S. Court of International Trade and the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

#### News

Gkonos quoted in article on cybersecurity regulations in NYC October 3, 2017

Saul Ewing lawyers assist in bond transactions to eliminate Harrisburg debt and to allow Harrisburg to avoid bankruptcy

January 10, 2014

Gkonos Weighs in on Insurer's Ability to Secure New Business August 5, 2008

Gkonos Quoted in MarketWatch February 22, 2008

#### Events

Gkonos presents at JVP Partners 2017 Insurance Forum

Gkonos participates in NYC Bar association cybersecurity program

Cybersecurity Workshop Series

Saul Ewing Hosts Cyber Security Corporate Governance Workshop

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#### Press Releases

Saul Ewing's James S. Gkonos Elected to Membership of FORC

#### Alerts & Newsletters

NAIC Insurance Data Security Model Law Poised for Adoption



#### Services

Appellate

**Business and Finance** 

Commercial Litigation

Cybersecurity and Privacy

Litigation

Employee Benefits- ERISA Litigation

#### Industries

Insurance

#### Honors and Awards

Named to "Who's Who Legal" list for Insurance and Reinsurance. 2016

#### Memberships and Affiliations

Member, Federation of Regulatory Counsel

Member, ABA Litigation Section

Member, ABA International Law Section

Member, ABA Accountants' Liability Subcommittee of the Professional Liability Committee, Litigation Section

#### Education

J.D., Penn State The Dickinson School of Law, 1979

Law Review, Articles Editor

B.A., University of Delaware, 1976, with honors

#### Clerkships

Chief Justice Daniel Herrmann, Supreme Court of Delaware, 1979-1980

# Bar Admission

Pennsylvania

New York's Newly Proposed Cybersecurity Regulations: Conflict or Harmony With the NAIC Draft Model Act?

NAIC Exposes Second Draft of Insurance Data Security Model Law

Output to Company to Scientific Laws 2

Corporate Governance Insights - Issue 2

Corporate Governance Insights - Issue 1

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#### Articles

"At the Crossroads of Insurance and the Capital Markets: An Analysis of the Current Regulatory Environment and New Developments in Alternative Risk Transfers"

December 21, 2010

NAIC adopts its Reinsurance Regulatory Modernization Framework April 1, 2009

 ${\it James \ Gkonos \ and \ Mark \ Cawley \ on \ Current \ Developments \ in \ State \ and \ Federal \ Regulation \ of \ Swaps \ and \ Derivatives }$ 

February 1, 2009

#### Resources

Credit Enhancement, Financial Guarantees and Financial Ratings



#### **Founder and General Counsel**

**Michael Kraft** is the General Counsel of Kraft Kennedy. He founded the company with Peter Kennedy in 1988 and continues to provide guidance for the firm today, contributing his unique insight into the technology challenges that face businesses. An experienced lawyer, Michael was an Assistant Attorney General for the State of New York before joining Choate Doman Moore & Hahn, where he specialized in international litigation. He co-chaired the Technology and Privacy Committee, served on the Law Office Management Committee and was a member of the Board of the New York Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel. He is a frequent speaker on technology and its consequences for the practice of law, both for law firms and corporate legal departments. Prior to founding Kraft Kennedy, Michael was the Executive Vice President at a financial printing firm. He is a graduate of Brooklyn Law School.

**Michael S. Ross** is the principal of the Law Offices of Michael S. Ross, where he concentrates his practice in attorney ethics and criminal law. He is a former Assistant United States Attorney in the Criminal Division of the Southern District of New York and also served as an Assistant District Attorney in Kings County. Mr. Ross has been an Adjunct Professor at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law for thirty-seven years, and has taught a variety of courses in Criminal and Civil Litigation; Appellate Advocacy; Judicial Administration; and Professional Responsibility. Mr. Ross currently teaches Litigation Ethics at Cardozo Law School during both the Fall and Spring semesters and simultaneously, for the last eleven years, he has taught Professional Responsibility at Brooklyn Law School during the Fall, Spring and Summer Semesters. He co-founded in 1983 Cardozo Law School's annual two-week Intensive Trial Advocacy Program and for more than three decades, has served in roles as the Executive Director, Team Leader or Instructor/Lecturer of the program.

Mr. Ross has lectured widely on ethics-related topics to organizations such as the American Bar Association ("A.B.A."), the Practicing Law Institute, the Appellate Divisions of the First, Second and Third Judicial Departments, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the New York State Judicial Institute, the National Institute of Trial Advocacy, the New York State Bar Association, the New York County Lawyers' Association, the New York State Trial Lawyers Association and the New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Mr. Ross has served as a member of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Professional Discipline; the New York State Bar Association's Task Force On Lawyer Advertising; the New York County Lawyers' Association's Committee on Professional Discipline; the New York State Bar Association's Special Committee on the Unlawful Practice of Law; the New York State Bar Association's Special Committee on Procedures for Judicial Discipline; and the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Mass Disasters. He previously served for a number of terms on the Association of the Bar of the City of New York's Committee on Professional Discipline.

Mr. Ross completed a five-year tenure as an appointed member of the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board, which, among other things, formulates CLE guidelines in the State. Mr. Ross has chaired the A.B.A.'s Grand Jury Committee and the City Bar Association's Committee on Criminal Advocacy. He previously served as the A.B.A. Criminal Justice Section's liaison to the A.B.A. Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility and was an appointed member of the A.B.A.'s Special "Criminal Justice in Crisis Committee."

Among his writings, Mr. Ross has co-authored a chapter on "Client and Witness Perjury," for the A.B.A.'s Section of Litigation ethics training course book entitled <u>Litigation Ethics: Course Materials For Continuing Legal Education</u>. The course book was developed for use nationally by law firms, bar associations and other groups which provide ethics training. This August, Mr. Ross was a panelist at the American Bar Association's 2016 Annual Meeting in San Francisco on the topic of "Defending the Indefensible: Navigating the Strategic and Ethical Landscape of Defending Clients Who Have Engaged in Indefensible Conduct."





HOME > TEAM

# SHELDON K. SMITH

Sheldon Smith handles business disputes in federal and state courts and before arbitration tribunals for manufacturers, financial institutions, health care providers, energy companies, municipalities, real estate developers, and professional organizations.

# WHAT DO YOU FOCUS ON?

I help clients efficiently manage and resolve complex, often high-stakes and high-profile business disputes.

#### **Commercial Litigation**

Sales of Goods: I represent buyers and sellers in cases involving disputes governed by the Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) and Article 2 of the UCC. These disputes often concern a battle of the forms, parol evidence, consequential damages, implied/express warranties, volume discounts, requirements/exclusive-dealing contracts, inventory/safety stock, and limitations of liability.

Protecting Property and Business Information: I advise clients and handle disputes regarding trade secret misappropriation, discovery of trade secret information, trademark infringement, non-disclosure agreements and other restrictive covenants,

# CONTACT

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# **SERVICES**

Litigation Health Care Litigation Arbitration Complex Commercial Litigation and e-discovery. My teams have had many early successes on these issues by deploying strategic cost-efficient strategies.

Financial Services Litigation: I help financial institutions resolve disputes involving Articles 3 and 4 ("bad bookkeeper" cases) and other aspects of the UCC, various consumer financial protection regulations (including TCPA, EFTA (Reg. E), FDCPA, FCRA, RESPA, and TILA/FCBA), fiduciary duties, fraud, and creditor's rights.

#### Tax Assessment and Condemnation

I represent companies that own power generating plants that are involved in high-stakes, high-profile PILOT negotiations and tax certiorari proceedings. I also represent owners of various other commercial properties, including office buildings, strip plazas, manufacturing facilities, hotels, restaurants, etc. We routinely work with appraisers and engineers as we influence and monitor law and proceedings involving income and cost approaches to value, as well as various exemptions, including those concerning public use and movable machinery/equipment.

Recently, my team helped a FERC Hydropower Licensee successfully acquire certain property interests via a condemnation proceeding. Several respondents raised over 20 statutory, procedural, and other objections, which were rejected by the trial court (upheld on appeal), as were respondents' appraisals and claims for more than \$40 million in damages for purposes of setting a bond.

#### **Health Care Litigation**

I represent hospitals, hospital associations, nursing homes, physicians, dentists, physical therapists, fitness trainers, and provider consultants with respect to disputes involving service contracts, restrictive covenants, trade secret misappropriation, business valuations and real property leasing/construction.

#### Other Litigation

*Professional Responsibility:* I often present on ethics topics and assist clients and attorneys regarding malpractice claims, disciplinary matters, and fee disputes.

Surrogate's Court: I have significant experience teaming with members of our Private Clients Group to efficiently handle Will and Trust contests, including matters that involve testamentary capacity, undue influence, and disputed accountings.

# WHAT DO YOU SEE ON THE HORIZON?

Global decisions applying the CISG are becoming more available in this electronic age, which will hopefully lead to increasingly harmonized and predictable outcomes. We are tracking many of them to help clients make important decisions up front when determining whether to opt in or out of the CISG's application.

Because any prospective buyer of a power generating facility will and must focus on income for valuation purposes, so too should our courts for tax assessment purposes. With immense pressure on assessors to maintain or increase assessments and stabilize municipal budgets, litigation involving the predictability of the energy market and appraisers' projections is likely on the uptick in New York—particularly given the maturity of the market since deregulation. We monitor these matters to help clients leverage valuation positions in both PILOT negotiations and tax assessment proceedings.

Electronic Discovery & Digital Evidence
Construction & Real Estate
Development Litigation
Noncompete Litigation
Tax Controversies & Litigation

# **EDUCATION**

State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law, J.D., magna cum laude State University of New York at Buffalo, B.S., with distinction

#### **ADMISSIONS**

**New York** 

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Western District of New York

U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of New York

#### RECOGNITION

- Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business 2017, Recognized Practitioner for Litigation: General Commercial (New York (Upstate))
- Upstate New York Super Lawyers 2017, top-rated attorney for Business
   Litigation, Health Care Law and General Litigation
- The Daily Record, Rochester: Attorneys of the Year (2014)
- New York Law Journal: Rising Stars Award (2013).
- Minority Bar Association of Western
   New York: Legal Service Award (2012).
- Western District of New York, Federal Court Annual Dinner: Pro Bono Services Award (2012).
- New York State Bar Association,
   Commercial and Federal Litigation
   Section: Diversity Leadership Award
   (2012).
- SUNY Buffalo Law School, Students of Color Annual Dinner: Trail Blazer Award (2010).
- The Daily Record, Rochester & Buffalo:
   Up & Coming Attorneys Award (2008).

# **PRESENTATIONS**

New York State Bar Association, Commercial and Federal Litigation Section:

- Commercial Division: Rule Amendments and Best Practices (May 2017).
- FRCP Amendments and Local Rules (Discovery Objections, Privilege Logs, and Sealing Orders) (May 2016).
- Federal Civil Practice, a Primer: Taking and Defending Depositions (December 2013).
- Various New York State ethics topics, including those geared for in-house counsel (Spring 2011, Fall 2012, Spring 2014, Spring 2015 and Spring 2017).
- New York State E-discovery Best Practices and Hot Topics (Spring 2010, Fall 2012).

New York State & Federal Judicial Council, Attorney Advisory Group: Key Procedural Distinctions – New York State and Federal Courts (October 2013).

New York State Bar Association, Alternative Dispute and Resolution Section: Effective Arbitration and Mediation (Spring 2013).

Erie County Bar Association, International Law Section: Recent Cases Applying the Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (Summer 2010 and 2011).

Nixon Peabody's CLE Symposiums and other presentations:

- Tax Assessment Reduction Tips: Is my commercial/industrial property over-assessed? (Spring 2013, May 2016).
- UCC/CISG (Spring 2011 and 2012, Fall 2014, Spring 2015).
- Ethical Considerations for In-House Attorneys (Fall 2011, Spring 2016).
- E-Discovery Best Practices and Cost Considerations (Spring 2010).

National Bar Association, Commercial Law Section, Corporate Counsel Conference: Federal E-Discovery Cases and Avoiding Sanctions (February 2010).

# **PUBLICATIONS**

- "Drill, Maybe, Drill: Appellate Court Upholds Right of Municipalities to Prohibit Oil and Gas Development," *Nixon Peabody Energy Alert*, May 8, 2013.
- "New York Court of Appeals Affirms Limited Duties for Banks in Counterfeit Check Scams—and Provides a Cautionary Tale for Lawyers," *Nixon Peabody Banking and Finance Litigation Alert*, February 6, 2012.
- "Another Must-Read Decision from Judge Scheindlin regarding ESI," *Nixon Peabody Electronic Discovery and Evidence Law Alert*, March 3, 2011.
- "Pension Committee Opinion Addresses Legal Hold Standards," *Nixon Peabody Electronic Discovery and Evidence Law Alert*, February 5, 2010.

# **AFFILIATIONS**

#### Current:

- Member, National Bar Association,
   Commercial Law Section
- Member, House of Delegates, New York State Bar Association (Executive Committee Member, June 2015)
- Appointed Member, Attorney Advisory
   Group to the New York Federal and
   State Judicial Council
- Member, Minority Bar Association of Western New York (Chair of the Membership Committee)
- Member, Rochester Black Bar
   Association (Co-Chair of the Events and Awards/Scholarships Committees)
- Board of Directors, Buffalo Catholic Health System
- Board of Directors, National Federation for Just Communities

#### Past:

- Board of Directors, SUNY Buffalo Law School Alumni Association
- Appointed Member, Attorney Grievance Committee, Fourth Department, Eighth Judicial District
- Board of Directors, Western New York
   Defense Trial Lawyers Association
- President, Minority Bar Association of Western New York
- Vice President, Minority Bar Association of Western New York, Foundation
- Board of Directors, 2nd-Vice Chair,
   Meals on Wheels for Western New York,
   Inc.
- Volunteer, Lawyers for Learning, Inc.

# **New Rules Make Court More Business Friendly**

Buffalo Business First | March 18, 2016

Buffalo commercial litigation partner Sheldon Smith was quoted in this feature story about recent changes to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the rules of the Commercial Division of NY State.

# Sullivan, Nixon Peabody Attys Join New NY Discipline Panel

Law360 | March 30, 2015

Buffalo Commercial Litigation partner Sheldon Smith is named among participants in a New York state court commission tasked to overhaul the system's attorney discipline procedures.

#### **PRESS**

# CHAMBERS USA NAMES NIXON PEABODY ATTORNEYS AS LEADERS IN THEIR FIELD OF PRACTICE

05.26.17

#### **EVENTS**

TAX ASSESSMENT REDUCTION STRATEGIES: IS YOUR COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OVER-ASSESSED? 05.20.16 | ROCHESTER, NY

NIXON PEABODY'S COMPLIMENTARY CLE PROGRAM 03.04.16 | ROCHESTER, NY

PROCURE AND PROTECT (RESCHEDULED FROM FEBRUARY 24) 03.04.15 | BUFFALO, NY



Patrick Turner Vice President, Assistant General Counsel CBS Law Department

Patrick is an experienced intellectual property and technology attorney responsible for complex outsourcing, software, hardware, licensing and cloud services agreements across CBS Corporation, along with intellectual property transactions involving copyright, trademark and patent law. With 15 years prior experience as a practicing electrical engineer and computer systems administrator, Patrick brings a deep practical understanding of all aspects of intellectual property and technology in a corporate law department of a major media company, including advertising, strategic alliances, online enforcement, risk management, audits, privacy, data security, and incident response. Along with intellectual property and technology transactions, Patrick drafts and negotiates sports marketing revenue agreements responsible for over \$500 million in annual billings around the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament.