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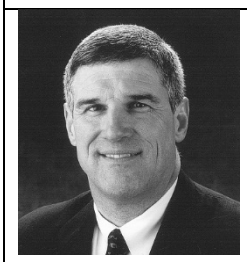
|  <br><br>William G. Bauer<br><br>Rochester Panel | Biography Currently Not Available |

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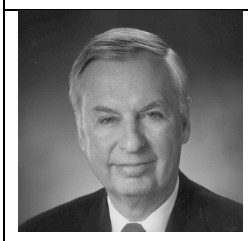
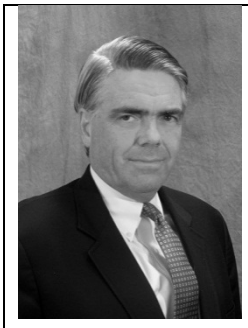
|  <br>A. Vincent Buzard<br><br>Rochester Panel | Biography Currently Not Available |



Robert B. Calihan

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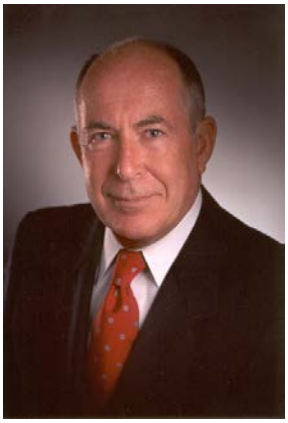

Richard **N**. **C**hapman

Rochester Panel

**Background:**
Resident, Town of Brighton 1969-present

**Education:**
BA Hamilton College; JD Georgetown University Law Center

**Work History:**
Admissions: New York State Bar (1970- ) Federal Courts: Second Circuit; District of Columbia Circuit; Western District of New York; Northern District of New York. 2009-Present: Arbitrator/Mediator. Arbitrating labor cases for American Arbitration Association (AAA), Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) and NYS Public Employment Relations Board (PERB); Mediating civil cases under Western District of New York ADR Program as certified mediator; Mediating collective bargaining impasses on per case basis for PERB. 1969-2008: Private practice of labor and employment law (Harris Beach PLLC Rochester, NY). 1966-1969: National Labor Relations Board, Washington DC--enforced NLRB orders in Federal Circuit Courts of Appeal.

**Specialty/Subject Matter Experience:**
Presently serving on AAA, FMCS and PERB rosters of labor arbitrators, PERB panel of Mediators and Fact Finders and WDNY Panel of mediators. Counseled and represented both private and public sector employers in all facets of state and federal employment law and appeared before federal and state courts and agencies regarding federal and state employment discrimination laws, including Title VII, ADEA, ADA, FLSA, FMLA, employment contracts and non-compete agreements (1969-2008). Extensive labor and employment experience in health care industry. Former adjunct instructor of labor and employment law for Cornell University ILR School, Extension Division (Rochester, NY).

**Professional Achievements:**
Listed in The Best Lawyers in America 1987-2008 for Labor and Employment law; New York State Bar Association: Chair, Labor and Employment Law Section (2002-2003); Executive Committee 1993-present; Co-Chair Committee on Labor Relations Law (1984-2002); Delegate to House of Delegates (2008-2011). Monroe County Bar Association (former chair, Professional Performance Committee) Fourth Judicial Department Grievance Committee (former Member)

**Personal Achievements:**
Pre-Trial Service Corporation (Director, 2004-present) Legal Aid Society of Rochester (Director, 2009-present)

Thomas B. Cronmiller

Rochester Panel

**Background:**
Trial Attorney for Hiscock and Barclay, LLP, Rochester, N.Y.

**Education:**
State University of New York at Geneseo, B.A.
University of New Hampshire School of Law, J.D.

**Work History:**
Admissions: New York State Bar (1988- ); New Hampshire Bar (1981- ); Federal Courts: U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit; U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York; U.S. District Court, Western District of New York; U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York; U.S. District Court, District of New Hampshire; Federal Court Mediator for the Western District Court of New York; Defended and negotiated the resolution of the current refurbishing of equipment essential to the manufacture of Portland Cement; Defended product liability claim involving industrial equipment resulted in summary judgment; Defended a class action suit arising out of alleged violations of the Securities and Exchange Law by a certified accounting firm. Successful on case dismissal; Successfully defended product liability against a global diversified industrial company claim involving re-access system and electrocution; Represented a franchisor of retail restaurants in a successful resolution of a breach of license agreement.

**Specialty/Subject Matter Experience:**
Experienced trial lawyer who has tried a variety of cases to verdict in both federal and state courts, including appellate practice. Focuses on products liability, complex personal injury, commercial litigation, intellectual property litigation, professional liability litigation, including medical malpractice, legal malpractice, accounting malpractice, and directors and officers liability. Tom has written and lectured on a number of topics concerning professional liability issues, risk management, trial practice, and ethics. He has provided multiple CLE and CE programs for clients throughout the Northeast.

**Professional Achievements:**
*The Best Lawyers in America*, Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants; Selected by Peer Review for Inclusion in *Super Lawyer* Directory 2008-2013 for Personal Injury Defense: Products; Martindale-Hubbell "BV" Peer Review Rated for High to Very High Ethical Standards and Legal Ability; U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York, Local Rules Committee; Certified Continuing Education Provider, Florida and Texas; Federal Bar Association, Western District of New York Chapter, Member; Council Litigation Management ("CLM"); Defense Research Institute, State Liaison Trial Tactics and Techniques; Assoc. of Defense Trial Attorneys, Primary Member; New York State Bar Association, Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section; New Hampshire Bar Association; Monroe County Bar Association.

**Personal Achievements:**
Boys & Girls Club of Rochester, Golf Committee 2012; Commodity Resource Corporation, Board of Directors; Lakeside Memorial Hospital, Foundation Board of Directors, Treasurer and Public Relations Committee Chair; Lakeside Health System Capital Campaign Steering Committee, Vice Chair.

Meghan M. DiPasquale

Rochester Panel

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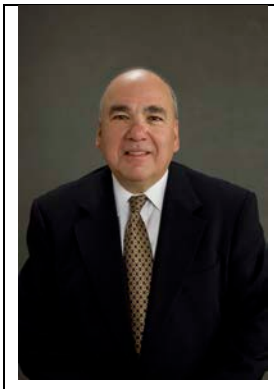


Richard J. Evans

Rochester Panel

**Background:**
Resident of Pittsford, New York
Born in Buffalo, New York, 1947; family moved to Rochester in the mid-1950's. A resident of Monroe County since the mid 1950's.

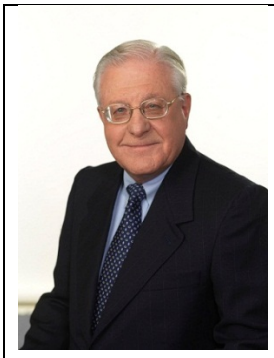
**Education:**
State University of New York at Buffalo, BA;
Suny at Buffalo School of Law, Juris Doctor, Cum Laude, 1972.
State University of New York at Buffalo, BA;
1969 chairman of the moot court board at UB law school;
Winner of the Jessup moot court competition and international moot court competition.

**Work history:**
Practicing attorney in private practice, Rochester, New York, since graduation from law school in 1972. Av. rated by Martindale-Hubbell since 1992.

**Specialty/subject matter experience:**
Extensive courtroom and trial experience before state courts and federal court; Focus on commercial litigation and tort law; and personal injury matters; defense counsel for asbestos litigation matters

**Professional achievements:**
Chair of the Judiciary Committee-Monroe County Bar Assn. (1989- 1992); Trustee of the MC Bar Assn.; Member of the dean's advisory counsel of UB law school (1995-1999)

**Personal achievements:**
Trustee of the Jewish home of Rochester (2002-2008); former member of the board of trustees of Ge VA theatre;
One of the initial organizers of the drug court program - city court of Rochester (1993-1994); presiding judge for the regional competition of the assn. of trial lawyers of America-student trial advocacy program; president of Park Square Homeowners Assn. (2006-present) completion of mediation intensive training program conducted by the center for mediation in law (December 2009); previously served as a volunteer mediator for NYS Supreme Court, Monroe County program to reduce calendar congestion and long outstanding civil cases.



Angelo G. Faraci

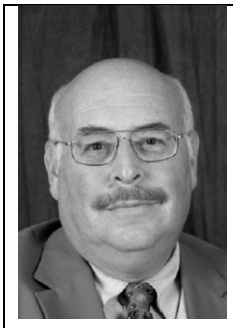
Rochester Panel

**Background:**
Founded Faraci Lange in 1968

**Specialty/Subject Matter Experience:**
Focuses on personal injury litigation, primarily in the areas of medical malpractice, product liability, premises liability, wrongful death, construction-related injuries, automobile accidents, toxic tort cases and admiralty cases.

**Professional Achievements:**
Listed in the Personal Injury Law Section of The Best Lawyers in America since its inception 30 years ago in 1983. In 2013, He was selected as Best Lawyers Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiff's Lawyer oft he Year in Rochester, NY. In 2012 and in 2010, He was selected as Best Lawyers, Medical Malpractice Lawyer of the Year in Rochester, NY and in 2009, He was honored by being named Best Lawyers' Rochester Personal Injury Litigator of the Year. He was inducted into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers in July 2 0 0 3 and has been awarded Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating. In addition, He has been selected as one of Upstate New York's Super Lawyers in personal injury litigation every year since 2007, and was among the Top 50 Super Lawyers in Upstate New York in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011 and 2012.

**Personal Achievements:**
He is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a sustaining member of the American Association for Justice. He also is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, the *Nevi* York State Trial Lawyers Association, the New York State Bar Association, the Monroe County Bar Association and the Civil Justice Foundation.
A well-known expert on trial advocacy, He has given seminars on the subject for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy, the New York State Bar Association, Cornell University Law School, Hofstra University Law School and Emory University Law School. He is a frequent lecturer for the New York State Bar Association, the New York Trial Lawyers Association and the Monroe County Bar Association. Most recently, he participated in "A Trial Demonstration of a Products Liability Case" playing the role of the plaintiffs counsel. This CLE program was sponsored by the Monroe County Bar Association in collaboration with the Rochester Chapter of ABOTA & the Foundation of the American Board of Trial Advocates and took place in May of 2012.



Matthew J. Fusco

Rochester Panel

**Background:**
1977-1983 Chicago, Illinois; 1983-1986 Buffalo, New York; 1986-1996 Rochester, New York; 1996-present Canandaigua, New York

**Education:**
Denison University - BA Cum Laude 1970; Danforth Fellowship and Woodrow Wilson Fellowship; SUNY Buffalo Law School 1983-1986 J.B. Max Koren Award; Brown Univesity1970-1972

**Work History:**
Confidential Law Clerk to Hon. Michael A. Telesca 1986-1988; Chamberlain D'Arnanda 1988-present

**Specialty/Subject Matter Experience:**
Public and Private Sector Labor Law Employment Discrimination - Employer and Employees Wage and Hour - Employer and Employees Securities Fraud – plaintiff counsel in Global Crossing ERISA class action- Federal Civil Rights Section 1983 Municipalities & Plaintiffs

**Professional Achievements:**
Best Lawyer In America' Labor & Employment Law 1977 - present Super Lawyer Labor & Employment Law 2009-present

**Personal Achievements:**
Rochester contemporary Art Gallery - Board Member 2000-2005; Garth Fagan Dance Co. - Board Member 2005-2010; Fight village Housing - Board Member 1990-2000; New York State Division of Human Rights-Advisory Council 1995-2005 President 2000-2005.

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Dennis Gruttadaro

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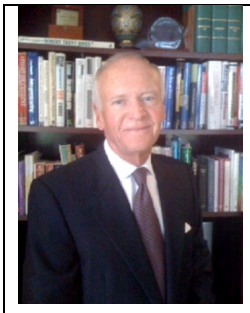

Jay T. Holmes

Rochester Panel

**Background:**
Rochester resident since 1981.

**Education:**
U. Of Wisconsin Law School; President of Law Fraternity, Chair of Legal Aid Society; Presently member of the Board of Visitors of the U. of Wisconsin Law School.

**Work History:**
1967-1981: Experience as corporate counsel at two companies. Extensive experience in such things as acquisitions/divestures, contract preparation/interpretation, personnel matters, etc.
1981 to retirement: Bausch & Lomb Executive Vice President with responsibilities for administrative functions including Human Resources, real estate, regulatory affairs (FDA issues), patent and general legal matters, etc.

**Specialty/Subject Matter Experience:**
Broad range of general business matters in Mediation as well as landlord-tenant issues, contractor disputes, personnel matters, health care issues, pension plan disputes, etc.

**Personal Achievements:**
Board of director service in a variety of non-profit organizations, including Rochester Institute of Technology; Memorial Art Gallery; Museum and Science Center; Boy Scouts of America; Center for Dispute Settlement; Colgate, Rochester, Crozier Divinity School; YMCA; and others.

Bradley P. Kammholz

Rochester Panel

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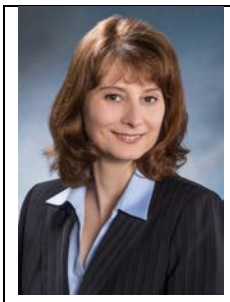


Greta K. Kolcon

Rochester Panel

**Background:**
Born in Ann Arbor, MI. In 1994, relocated from Florida to make the Rochester, NY area home. Currently resides in Pittsford, NY.

**Education:**
University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI), Bachelor of Arts with Distinction, Dual Concentrations in English and Theater & Drama.
Stetson University College of Law (St. Petersburg, FL) Juris Doctor Cum Laude, Stetson Law Review Staff Member.

**Work History:**
Admissions: New York State Bar; all United States District Courts in New York; as well as the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; Certified Federal Court Mediator, Western District of New York; Private Practice of Law, Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP (2000 – present), Harter, Secrest & Emery LLP (1994-2000).

**Specialty/Subject Matter Experience:**
Litigation and trial law in a broad range of subject areas, including environmental law, products liability, torts, insurance, commercial and business litigation including employment, administrative and appellate law practice, alternative dispute resolution.

**Professional Achievements:**
Current Co-Chair, Environmental Law Committee, Women's Bar Association of the State of New York; Current Nominating Committee Chair, Sustaining Member and Past President, Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorneys; Active Member of Monroe County and New York State Bar Associations with service on a number of committees; Past Member, Rochester Inns of Court; CLE Faculty Presenter for numerous programs for the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, The Monroe County Bar Association, the Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorneys, and National Business Institute.

**Personal Achievements:**
Rochester Business Journal, Rochester Business Journal Forty Under 30 Award Recipient (2009). Published articles have appeared in many publications, including the Florida Bar Journal, The Democrat & Chronicle Newspaper, the Daily Record, and The Practical Litigator, Past Trustee, the Historical Society of the Courts of the State of New York.

Mary Jo S. Korona

Rochester Panel

**Background:**
Born: Rochester, New York; Raised: Penfield, New York

**Education:**
B.A. St. John Fisher College 1978, Summa Cum Laude; J.D. University of Dayton School of Law 1983, Cum Laude; Legislative Note Editor – University of Dayton School of Law, Law Review

**Work History:**
Legal practice began in 1983 with the Dayton, Ohio firm of Logothetis & Pence. The practice area included employment and labor relations law. In 1992 the legal practice shifted to creditor's rights, bankruptcy law and commercial litigation with the Rochester, NY law firm of Suter Doyle, a/k/a Lawrence Werner Kesselring Swartout & Brown. In 2000 Ms. Korona became associated with Wolford & Leclair LLP and her practice focused on commercial litigation, employment law and municipal litigation. In 2007 Ms. Korona formed Leclair Korona Giordano Cole LLP with Paul Leclair, Steven Cole, and Laurie Giordano, where she continues to focus on commercial litigation, employment law and municipal litigation.

**Specialty/Subject Matter Experience:**
Litigation practice focuses on a wide variety of commercial matters that include employment, warranty and insurance coverage, creditors' rights, real property disputes, tax certiorari, collections and other matters involving municipalities and matters involving disputes among shareholders, partners and members of corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies as they relate to buyouts, dissolutions and breaches of fiduciary duty.

**Professional Achievements:**
AV Rated: Best Lawyer in category of Commercial Litigation; Listed in Super Lawyers Business Edition for Business Litigation: Sustaining Member of Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorney; Member of NYSBA and Monroe County Bar Association; Member: National Association of College and University Attorneys

Harold A. Kurland

Rochester Panel

**Background:**
Born, New York, New York 1952. Lived in NYC (2 years): Greensboro, North Carolina (9 years), The Netherlands (2 years), Washington, D.C. (10 years), Rochester since 1975

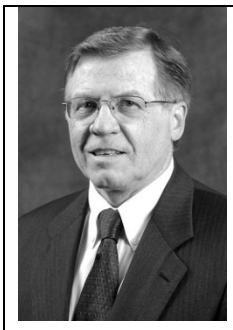
**Education:**
Cornell Law School. J.D., *cum laude*, 1976 - Article Editor, *Cornell Law Review;* Dartmouth College, A.B., *cum laude*, with highest distinction in history, 1973

**Work History:**
Ward Greenberg Heller & Reidy LLP - Partner - 2000 to Present; Ward Norris Heller & Reidy LLP - Founding Partner - 2000 to 2010; Nixon Peabody LLP - Partner - 1999 to 2000; Nixon, Hargrave, Devans & Doyle LLP - Partner/Associate -1976-1999; Admitted to Practice in N.Y. (1977), District of Columbia (1977), U.S. Supreme Court; U.S. Courts of Appeals for Second, Third, and D.C. Circuits; U,S.D.C. all districts of New York, as well as D.C., M.D. P.A., and N.D. Texas)

**Specialty/Subject:**
Commercial Litigation**;** Construction Litigation**;** Medical Malpractice Defense Litigation**;** Alternative Dispute Resolution (Mediation and Arbitration)

**Professional Achievement**:
Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers; Associate, American Board of Trial Advocates; Fellow. American Bar Foundation; Fellow, New York Bar Foundation; Listed in *Best Lawvers*; Listed in *Super Lawvers*; Martindale-Hubbell AV rating; International Mediation Institute, Certified Mediator N.Y. Chapter, National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals (Member)

**Personal Achievements:**
Volunteer Legal Services Project, Inc. (Member, Board of Directors, 2000-present); Co-Chair, Campaign for Justice, 2011; Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Inc. (Chair, Board of Directors, 1998-2000: Member,; Governance Committee, 2008-present); Board of Directors, RPO Fund, Inc. (Member, 1998-2000); Dartmouth Club of Rochester (Past President); American Bar Association (Litigation Section: Construction Industry Forum); New York State Bar Association (House of Delegates, 2008-11 ; Committee on Professional Ethics, 2010-present; Commercial and Fed. Lit. Section); Monroe County Bar Association (president. 2009-10); Rochester Inns of Court (Past President and Master); Advisory Committee on Civil Practice, N.Y. Office of Court Administration (Member, by Appointment of Chief Administrative Judge); American Arbitration Association (Mediator, Arbitrator, Commercial and Construction Panels); National Association of College and University Attorneys; Presenter at Numerous American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association; Monroe County Bar Association, and American Arbitration Association Programs



Michael R. Law

Rochester Panel

**Background:**
Born and raised in Rochester, New York.

**Education:**
St. John Fisher College, B.S., 1969; Louis D. Brandeis School of Law - University of Louisville, J.D., 1975

**Work History:**
US Army Reserves (1969-1975); Genesee Hospital-Chemistry LabTech (1970-1972); Robert F. Wood, P.C. (1976-1977); Office of Michael R. Law, Esq. (1978-1979); Sullivan, Peters, et al; Phillips Lytle LLP (1982-present)

**Specialty/Subject Matter Experience:**
Civil Litigation, Breach of Contract; Business Torts; Class Actions; Fraud/RICO; Insurance Coverage, Mass Torts; Chemical Exposure and Toxic Torts; Medical Devices; Pharmaceuticals; Products Liability; Shareholder/Partnership Disputes, Vehicle Accidents; Workplace Accidents

**Professional Achievements:**
American Board of Trial Advocates; Listed in The Best Lawyers in America (Personal Injury Defense and Commercial Litigation); Listed in New York Area's Best Lawyers (Personal Injury); Selected to Upstate NY Super Lawyers 2001-2011 (Personal Injury, Plaintiff)

**Personal Achievements:**
NYS Pro Bono Award; One of the Founders of St. John Fisher Justinian Order and past president; Defended one of the largest class actions filed in the WDNY; Obtained one of the largest jury verdicts in Western New York. Successfully defended municipalities in civil rights and personal injury claims to jury verdict. Member of the ABA ADR Committee and a member of the US WDNY Panel of Approved Mediators.

Paul L. Leclair

Rochester Panel

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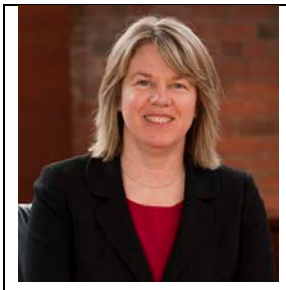
|  <br><br>Heidi S. Martinez<br><br>Rochester Panel | **Background:**<br>Born and raised in Rochester, NY.<br><br>**Education:**<br>Boston College Law School, J.D., *summa cum laude*, 1990. Note Editor, Boston College Law Review. University of Rochester, B.A., *cum laude*, 1986.<br><br>**Work History:**<br>Xerox Corporation, Associate General IP Counsel, September 2013 – present. Ward, Greenberg, Heller & Reidy LLP, Partner/Counsel, January 2008 - September 2013. Eastman Kodak Company, Director, Patent Litigation/Senior Counsel, Digital & Applied Imaging Business Unit, December 2000 – January 2008. University of Rochester, Associate Medical Center Counsel & Risk Manager, April 1997 – November 2000. Hallenbeck, Lascell, Norris & Zorn LLP, Associate Attorney, June 1994 - April 1997. Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Associate Attorney, August 1992 - June 1994. United States District Court for the Western District of New York, Law Clerk to the Hon. Michael A. Telesca, August 1990 – August 1992.<br><br>**Admissions:**<br>New York State; Commonwealth of Massachusetts (retired); United States District Courts for the Western, Northern, Eastern and Southern Districts of New York; United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas.<br><br>**Specialty/Subject:**<br>Intellectual property litigation (patent, copyright, trade secret). Patent and software licensing. Commercial litigation (breach of contract, covenants not-to-compete).<br><br>**Professional Affiliations/Achievements:**<br>Member, Rochester Intellectual Property Lawyers Association, American Intellectual Property Lawyers' Association, Licensing Executive Society of America, Monroe County Bar Association (former member, Litigation Committee). Member, WDNY Local Rules Committee (Patent Rules Subcommittee). Order of the Coif, Boston College Chapter. |

Steven V. Modica

Rochester Panel

**Background:**
Born and raised in New York City. I have lived in Rochester continuously since 1986 except for a two year period that I lived and worked in Washington, DC.

**Education:**
State University of New York at Albany 1983, *B.A. Summa Cum Laude;* Syracuse University 1986, Master of Public Administration & Juris Doctor, *Cum Laude*

**Work History:**
Judicial Law Assistant, Appellate Division, Fourth Department 1986 – 1988; Staff Attorney, United States Federal Trade Commission 1988 – 1990; Blitman & King, LLP associate 1990 – 1993; Dolin & Modica, P.C. partner 1993-1995, Modica & Associates, Attorneys, PLLC partner 1995 - Present

**Specialty/Subject Matter Experience:**
Employment discrimination, civil rights, wage & hour and other labor and employment law cases. Personal injury cases under the NY Labor Laws. Workers' compensation, long term disability, Social Security and NYS Retirement System benefit cases. Significant work as a neutral including special master in class action litigation, labor arbitrator, hearing officer and mediator under contract with the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

**Professional Achievements:**
President-Elect, Monroe County Bar Association 2013
AV Rated by Martindale Hubbell
Nathaniel Award for Champion of Justice & Community Service 2006
Upstate New York Super Lawyer 2009-2013

**Personal Achievements:**
Member (2006-date) and President (2009-2011) of the Board of Directors of the Upstate New York Chapter of the National MS Society; Lifetime Achievement (2005) & Norman Cohn (2008) Awards from MS Society; Greater Rochester Award for Non-Profit Board Leadership 2010.

Lucien A. Morin II

Rochester Panel

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Gary Muldoon

Rochester Panel

**Background:**
Practiced in Monroe County since 1977. Raised in Orchard Park, NY.

**Education:**
SUNY at Buffalo Law School, Saint Lawrence University, Skidmore College.

**Work history:**
*Current*: Private practice of law (Muldoon & Getz); adjunct professor, SUNY at Buffalo Law School (2010–present); adjunct professor, Monroe Community College (2000–present).
*Previous*: Law clerk, Rochester City Court and Monroe County Court; Assistant Public Defender, Monroe County; Instructor, Cornell Legal Aid clinic; VISTA attorney and Legal Services Corp. attorney.

**Specialty/Subject Matter Experience:**
Appellate practice, state and federal; Criminal law, state and federal; Family law; Professional discipline; Real estate; Estates law; Mediation and arbitration experience; Referee, NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct.

**Professional achievements:**
AV-rated, Martindale-Hubbell; past chair of various committees and sections, Monroe County Bar Association, including Fee Arbitration Committee for Seventh Judicial District; former dean of the Academy of Law, Monroe County Bar Association; columnist, Rochester *Daily Record*.

**Personal achievements:**
Author or coauthor of five books on New York law.

Patrick B. Naylon

Rochester Panel

**Background:**
Born raised & lifelong resident of Rochester New York until 1999 when moved to Fairport, New York. Attended, McQuaid High School, 1974

**Education:**
Rochester Institute of Technology 1978, *B.S. Summa Cum Laude,* Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society; Syracuse University Law 1982, *J.D. Cum Laude,* Justinian Honor Society

**Work History:**
Associate: Phillips Lytle 1983 – 1986; City of Rochester Corporation Counsel Litigator 1986 – 1994; Saperston & Day associate/partner 1994 – 2002; Goldberg Segalla partner 2002 - Present

**Specialty/Subject Matter Experience:**
Career litigator in civil arena including all types & phases of personal injury & wrongful death and catastrophic injury claims; civil service, civil rights, labor & employment including representation of employers & employees; professional malpractice

**Professional Achievements:**
Best Lawyers in America 2013

**Personal Achievements:**
Past President, Monroe County Ancient Order of Hibernians; Volunteer Community Mediator, Center for Dispute Settlement

Paul V. Nunes

Rochester Panel

**Background:**
Fairport, New York;  Born in Ludlow, Massachusetts

**Education:**
College of the Holy Cross (Worcester, Massachusetts) - B.A. 1974 (English) Walter S. Barr Scholar; University of Durham (Durham, England) -1972-73; Syracuse University, College of Law (Syracuse, New York) - J.D. 1977. Research Assistant, Professor Samuel Donnelly (Commercial Law) Member, Moot Court Board, Phi Alpha Delta, James Z. Naurison Scholar

**Work History:**
Partner, Underberg & Kessler LLP (Rochester, New York) -1985-present; Associate, Thacher Proffitt & Wood (New York City, New York) - 1980-1985; Senior Law Clerk, Associate Justice Emmett J. Schnepp, Appellate Division Fourth Department (Rochester, New York) -1977-1980; Clerk, United States Attorney's Office - Northern District of New York (Syracuse, New York) - 1976

**Specialty/Subject Matter Experience:**
Personal Injury (plaintiffs and defense): Toxic torts, food-borne illnesses, motor vehicle accidents, and construction site accidents.
Business Torts: Misappropriation of trade secrets, unfair competition, non-compete agreements.
Copyrights and Trademarks
General Civil Litigation: Trust and estates, partnership law/corporate governance, land use, municipal liability, contracts, *etc.*

**Professional Achievements:**
A/V Rating - Martindale-Hubbell; Empire State Counsel 2006 Award; Best Lawyers - 2009,2010, 2011, 2012; New York Super Lawyer - 2007,2008, 2009, 2010, 2011; AVVO Rating -10/10 (superb)

**Personal Achievements:**
Board Member and President (former), The Landmark Society of Western New York; Board Member (former), Arts and Cultural Council of Rochester; ASCAP Plus Award (songwriting); President's Award The Landmark Society of Western New York; Dual-citizenship - USA and Portugal

Carolyn G. Nussbaum

Rochester Panel

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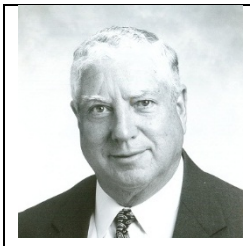

Anthony R Palermo

Rochester Panel

**Background**: Born in Rochester, New York at Rochester General Hospital; Graduated from St. John the Evangelist Grammar School and Aquinas Institute of Rochester; Resided in Rochester since 1960.
**Education:** Graduated University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, BA Degree, Major in Political Science; and received Doctor of Law (J.D.) Degree from Georgetown Law Center, Washington, D.C. (Served as Note Editor, Georgetown Law Journal, 1956)
**Work History:** Public Sector: Trial Attorney in Internal Security Division of U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. *(11/1956 - 1/1958);* Assistant U.S. Attorney in Manhattan, SONY *(1/1958* - 5/1960); Assistant U.S. Attorney in Charge, Rochester, NY (WDNY 6/1960·1961)[Federal Criminal Law and US Government Defense in Civil Litigation].
Private Sector: Associate, then Partner, Arkj Brennan & Centner, later Brennan & Centner; Partner, Brennan, Centner & Palermo, later Brennan, Centner, Palermo & Blauvelt (July 1961 - June 1981); [General Civil Practitioner and limited court-assigned or voluntary Criminal Law prosecution and defense], Partner, upon merger with Harter, Secrest & Emery (June 1981 - June 1994) [concentrating in trial law in broad range of practice areas, including personal torts, medical malpractice (plaintiff and defendant), personal injury (plaintiff and defendant), product liability defense and general commercial and business litigation and healthcare law]; Partner, Rochester office of Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods & Goodyear LLP *(7/1994 - 12/1998)* [continuing concentration in trial law in a broad range of practice areas, including same areas as identified above, and additional concentration in areas of federal antitrust law, securities law, employment litigation law defense]; Of Counsel at Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP (January 1999 - present), [continued involvement in general litigation (plaintiff and defendant) product liability defense, healthcare law and representation in Elder Law and Trust and Estate matters).
**Specialty/Subject Matter Experience:** Trial law in a broad range of practice areas outlined above, including personal torts (plaintiff and defendant). medical malpractice (plaintiff and defendant), personal injury (plaintiff and defendant), products liability defense and general commercial and business litigation; employment litigation defense, healthcare representation; Elder Care Law and Trust and Estate matters.
**Professional Achievements:** Fellow. American College of Trial Lawyers (1974 to present); Past President, Monroe County Bar (1973); Past President, New York State Bar (1979-1980); Secretary, American Bar (1990-1993); Chair, Gov. Cuomo's Judicial Screening Committee, Fourth Department and Member Statewide Committee (1987-1989); Chair, Magistrate Screening Committee, WDNY (Rochester) 1995 and 1998; Charter Chair, New York State Clients' Security Fund, now Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection (1981w 1985) and Member, Board of Trustees (1981-1990); Monroe County Bar Association Rodenbeck Award (1997); Monroe County Bar Association Justin Vigdor Senior Lawyers Achievement, 2012; American Bar Association, John H. Pickering Achievement Award for Service (2012)
**Personal Achievements:** Past President, Catholic Family Center, Diocese of Rochester (1960s);Past Member, Board of Trustees of John F. Wegman Foundation (1970-1994); Past Chair of Monroe County Bar Association, Public Defender Screening Commission (1973-1974); Past Member, Board of st. Ann's House (1974-1999); Past Member, Board of Trustees, McQuaid Jesuit High School (1977-1983); Past Member, New York Legislative Committee on Judicial Compensation (1980-1981); Past Member, Chief Judge's Commission on Judicial Compensation (1997-1999); Past Member, NYS OCA Commission on Fiduciary Appointment (2000-2005); Listed in Who's Who in America, Who's Who in American Law, Who's Who in the World, and The Best Lawyers in America.

Anthony J. Piazza

Rochester Panel

**Background:**
Resident of Pittsford, NY; I was born and raised in Rochester; attended SUNY Binghamton, then went to law school at Villanova University School of Law, in suburban Philadelphia. I practiced in Philadelphia for 5 years before coming home to Rochester in 1987.
**Education:**
Villanova University School of Law, J.D., 1982; State University of New York at Binghamton, B.A., 1979
**Work History:**
I am admitted to practice in New York and in Pennsylvania, and those states' Federal courts. I began practicing in 1982 in Philadelphia, where I worked as in-house counsel at a small insurance company. I then moved on to a plaintiff's personal injury firm. In 1983, I accepted an in-house counsel position with Firemans Fund Insurance Company in Center City Philadelphia, where I handled insurance defense and workers compensation cases. In late 1987, I took an associate position with Saperston & Day in Rochester, and began trying insurance defense cases. I was made partner at Saperston. In the early 1990s, I began to concentrate on insurance coverage and regulatory matters, and was able to grow that practice over the years. In 2002, Saperston merged into Hiscock & Barclay, and I was made an equity partner, and elected Managing Director of the Rochester office, a position I held for a few years. I now chair our firm's Insurance Coverage and Regulation group, and also handle commercial litigation and high exposure appeals. I serve on Hiscock & Barclay's Compensation Committee
**Specialty/Subject Matter Experience:**
I focus on insurance coverage and regulation, appellate law and commercial litigation. My work in handling insurance matters has prompted national insurance companies to retain me on a regional and statewide basis. I have prepared hundreds of coverage analyses and actively litigate declaratory judgment actions throughout New York State, and (on occasion) the northeast. I have been successful with regard a number of leading appellate insurance coverage cases in New York. **I** have also successfully tried a number of cases to verdict. Additionally, I advise insurers, third-party administrators, self-insured entities and others on claims handling procedures and practices, addresses complaints with state Insurance Departments, and litigate matters arising out of claims handling practices. I am also called upon to counsel individuals and companies within the insurance industry - such as agents, brokers, adjusters, consultants, and related entities - on licensing, formation of companies, compliance, and disciplinary issues.
**Professional Achievements:**
I am frequently asked by the New York State Bar Association to speak at statewide seminars on the topic of insurance coverage. I have been selected by peer review for inclusion in the Super Lawyer Directory 2007-2012 for Insurance Coverage. Additionally, I have been selected as a Key Author for Thomson West Publishing Group.

Linda T. Prestegaard

Rochester Panel

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Joseph B. Rizzo

Rochester Panel

**Background:**
Joseph resides with his wife and children on a 55-acre working farm in South Bristol. New York. Joseph was born in Buffalo, New York and raised in Rochester, New York. He resided in New York, New York for the first six years of his career before returning to Rochester in 1995.

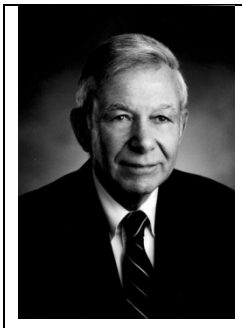
**Education:**
SUNY at Buffalo, Bachelor of Arts, 1986 SUNY at Buffalo, Juris Doctor, 1989 Best Brief Award and Semi-Finalist. Charles S. Desmond Moot Court Competition. 1987; Executive Member of Moot Court Board, 1988-1989; Elected to the Order of Barristers, 1989

**Work History:**
Speyer & Perlberg, 26 Broadway, New York. New York. Trial practice in matters of Insurance Law and personal injury law. Associate Attorney, 1989-1995; Gallo & lacovangelo, LLP**,** 39 State Street. Rochester, New York. Litigation in matters of law enforcement liability, civil rights, personal injury, municipal law and business and commercial disputes. Associate Attorney 1995-1997; partner 1997 to present.

**Specialty/Subject Matter Experience:**
Joseph concentrates his practice representing both plaintiffs and defendants in civil rights litigation primarily arising in law enforcement liability and other municipal liability contexts. Joseph also has substantial experience representing both plaintiffs and defendants in tort law and business and commercial law matters.

**Professional Achievements:**
National Leadership Award. N.R.C.C., 2003; Strathmore's Who's Who. 2005-2006 National Registrar; Lecturer. New York State Bar Association. Torts. Insurance and Compensation Law Section; Published Commentator. New York Bar Journal

**Personal Achievements:**
Joseph has been a trial attorney for over 22 years representing both plaintiffs and defendants. He has also argued cases before all four Departments of the New York , State Supreme Court. Appellate Division; the New York State Court of Appeals; and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the Federal Circuit. Joseph also served for five years as a member of the board of directors of a publicly-held corporation, and served on its corporate governance and nominating committees.



Richard D. Rosenbloom

Rochester Panel

**Background:**
Rochester, NY

**Education:**
Columbia University School of Law - J.D.; Cornell University - A.B.

**Work History:**
US Army Counterintelligence Corps; Private law practice - general litigation; Family Court Judge Justice of Supreme Court; Boylan Code, LLP - counsel, arbitrator, mediator Hearing Officer, NYS & Local Retirement System

**Specialty/Subject Matter Experience:**
General litigation, contracts, construction, securities, real estate, corporate, partnerships, employment, personal injury, products liability, malpractice

**Professional Achievements:**
Monroe County Bar Association - past president, Recipient of Rodenbeck Award for service to profession and community, President's Award for Professionalism; The Best Lawyers in America - ADR; Arbitrator and Mediator for AAA, FINRA, National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals; Daily Record - Nathaniel Award; Character & Fitness Committee, Seventh Judicial District

**Personal Achievements:**
Service on Board of Legal Aid Society, Jewish Family Service, Friends of Eastman Opera, Children Awaiting Parents, American Heart Association, Center for Dispute Settlement, Statewide Youth Advocacy, Jewish Home of Rochester, Temple Beth EI, Town of Brighton Board of Ethics

Jill K. Schultz

Rochester Panel

**Background:**
Jill has over twenty-five years of civil litigation experience. Her current practice focuses on representing individuals and companies in labor and employment matters. She is proficient in trials, arbitrations, mediations, motions, depositions, and negotiations. She represents clients in a variety of areas including discrimination, harassment, wrongful termination, and retaliation. She counsels on matters such as hiring, termination, discipline, severance, employee handbooks, and wage and hour compliance. She also provides employee and supervisor training on many issues including sexual harassment, Title VII, FMLA, ADEA, ADA, WARN Act and New York employment statutes. She regularly appears in Federal and State courts, the State Division of Human Rights, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

**Education:**
J.D., Vanderbilt University School of Law, 1987; B.A., State University of New York at Buffalo, 1984 (Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa).

**Work Summary:**
Partner, Nixon Peabody LLP (Rochester, NY); Founding Partner, Burns & Schultz LLP; Partner, Davidson Fink LLP (2012-present).

**Specialty/Subject Matter Experience:**
Civil Litigation; Employment Litigation; Employment and Labor Law; Employment Counseling.

**Professional Achievements:**
President, Monroe County Bar Association (2006-2007); New York Super Lawyers Magazine Outstanding Attorney for Employment and Labor Law; Member: American Bar Association; New York State Bar Association; New York State Bar Foundation; Monroe County Bar Association (Judiciary Committee); Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorneys; Legal Aid Society (Past Officer and Board Member); Leadership Rochester, Class of 1999. Received, Rochester Business Journal's 40 Under 40 Award in 2000.

Patrick J. Solomon

Rochester Panel

# Biography Currently Not Available

Erika N. D. Stanat

Rochester Panel

**Personal Background:**
Born in Jamestown, New York; Currently resides in Brighton, New York
**Education:**
Bucknell University, B.A. Economics with a Minor in Philosophy; The Dickinson School of Law of Pennsylvania State University, J.D.
**Work History:**
1994-1999 - The U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps: 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii - Served in a variety of legal positions, including Legal Assistance counsel, Operational Law Advisor to the Commanding General of the 25th Infantry Division, Trial Counsel/Prosecutor and Officer in Charge of the U.S. Army, Hawaii, Tax Program; U.S. Army Claims Service, Fort Meade, Maryland - Served as a Claims Judge Advocate for tort claims exceeding $25,000 in areas ranging from medical malpractice to premises liability filed pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act.
1999-Present - Partner, Trial Dept., Harter Secrest & Emery LLP, Rochester, New York - Served as Hiring Partner for the firm from 2006 - 2010 and as a member of the Hiring Committee from 2001-2011, currently serve as a member of the Firm's Management Committee.
**Areas of Specialty**:
Commercial, ERISA, and Intellectual Property Litigation. Additional experience litigating and mediating cases involving labor and employment disputes.
**Professional Achievement:**
*Super Lawyers*® - Top 25 Women Lawyers in upstate New York (2011, 2012); *Best Lawyers in America* in the field of Commercial Litigation (2012); *Super Lawyers*® 2007-2012 in the areas of Commercial, Intellectual Property and ERISA litigation; Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America (2010-Present); 40 Under 40 Award, *Rochester Business Journal* (2004); William E. McKnight Volunteer Service Award - Monroe County Volunteer Legal Services Program (2003); Up and Coming Attorney Award, *Daily Reco*rd (2002).
**Personal Achievement:**
Young Alumni Award, Bucknell University (2005); Member, Bucknell University Alumni Association Board of Directors (2003-2012), Chair, Development Committee (2006-2009), First Vice President (2009-2010), President (2010-2012); Member, Genesee Valley Women's Foundation Board of Directors (2002-2005); Event Chair, Brighton Parent Teacher Student Association (2007-Present).

Christopher D. Thomas

Rochester Panel

**Background:**
Rochester, NY

**Education:**
State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law, J.D. (Law Faculty Award, National Association of Public Interest Law Award) State University of New York at Albany, B.A., *magna cum laude* (with Departmental Honors in Political Science)

**Work History:**
As a Partner at Nixon Peabody, Chris Thomas focuses his practice on the aggressive representation of individuals, corporations and not-for-profit institutions. In addition, he was selected to the first class of certified Federal Court Mediators in the Western District of New York where he will be mediating cases under that Court's automatic mediation program.

**Specialty/Subject Matter Experience:**
Business Litigation, including Contracts and Trade Secrets; Aviation; Products Liability, Toxic and Complex Torts; White Collar Defense and Investigations; Construction Defect Defense; First Amendment; Political and Election Law.

**Professional Achievements:**
Admitted to practice in New York and all United States Federal District Courts in New York State; New York State Bar Association, Monroe County Bar Association.

J. Nelson Thomas

Rochester Panel

**Background:**
Raised in Rochester, NY

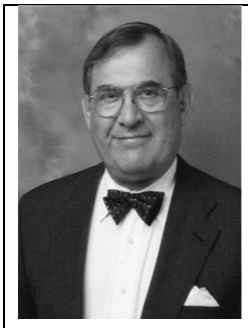
**Education:**
Emory University, SA History 1990; University of Virginia, JD 1993

**Work History:**
Nixon Peabody LLP 1993 - 2000 (employment law for management);
Started own firm, now Thomas & Solomon LLP, 2000 – present (employment law for employees)

**Specialty/Subject Matter Experience:**
Represented both management and employees in all aspects of employment law, generally in litigation. Have had extensive class action experience.

**Professional Achievements:**
Speaks nationally at a number of CLEs on employment topics and written extensively on those topics; Pro Bono award, Western District of New York, 2002; Rochester Business Journal 40 Under 40 Recipient; American Bar Association, Board of Editors, The Fair Labor Standards Act

**Personal Achievements:**
Involved in various bar association and community boards.



Michael T. Tomaino

Rochester Panel

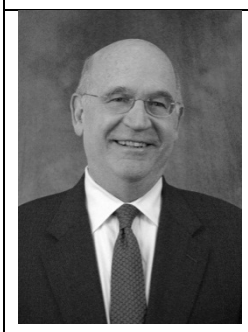
**Education:**
College of the Holy Cross (AB, English-1959); Corne11 University (JD- 1962).

**Work History:**
Senior Counsel~ The Wolford Law Firm LLP, 2008-2010; Senior Counsel: Nixon Peabody LLP~ 2003-08; Vice President and General Counsel, RGS Energy Group, 1997-02; Vice President~ General Counsel and Secretary, Goulds Pumps~ Inc., 1995-97; Partner/Associate, Nixon, Hargrave, Devans & Doyle, 1965-95; Associate, Donovan, Leisure, Newton & Irvine, 1962-64.

**Specialty/Subject Matter Experience:**
Has 50 years' experience as a civil trial, appellate and administrative lawyer, including seven years' experience as corporate general counsel. Civil trial and appellate experience included a wide variety of subject matters including construction, banking, financings, contracts~ antitrust, insurance coverage, business disputes, trusts and estates, and personal injury defense. Administrative litigation inc1uded the representation of communications and electric utilities before agencies and in court. As a corporate officer and general counsel, experience included al1 legal affairs for two public companies including management of litigation and outside counsel, general Counseling, corporate affairs and governance~ and firsthand involvement in the complex transactions by which each company was acquired~ including the negotiation, approval and closing o f the deals and, in the case o f Goulds Pumps, international legal affairs.

**Professional Achievements:**
International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution, Federal Court Mediation Training, *2012;* AAAJ [CDR Neutrals Conference, 2012; AAA Commercial] Arbitrator II Training: Advanced Case Management issues, 2006; AAA Arbitrator I Training-Fundamentals of the Arbitration Process, 2004.

Admitted to the Bar: New York, 1962; U.S. District Court Northern (1962), Southern (1964), and Western (1966) Districts of New York; U.S. Court of Appeals: Second (1964), Fifth (1970), and Fourth (1976) Circuits; U.S. Supreme Court 1975; U.S. Tax. Court 2004. American College of Trial Lawyers (Fellow); American Bar Association; New York State Bar Association (Dispute Resolution Section, Utilities Lawyer Committee, Past Chair); Monroe County Bar Association (Past Trustee); Seventh Judicial District Grievance Committee (Past Chair); New York Bar Foundation (Fellow).



Harry P. Trueheart

Rochester Panel

**Background:**
I grew up in the Rochester, New York community and practiced there during most of my career. I also practice in New York City and internationally.

**Education:**
Harvard University , BA Concentration in Economics; Harvard University, JD; University of Michigan School of Business Executive Program

**Work History:**
I have spent my career at Nixon Peabody focused on business litigation including contract, corporate, securities, construction, some IP, unfair competition, antitrust and other areas. Many cases involved complex technical, accounting, economic or damages issues. My representations have been relatively balanced between plaintiff and defendant work. I have appeared in various jurisdictions around the U.S. I have had considerable experience in international arbitrations involving primarily disputes over large projects including disputes in South America, India, the Emirates and Europe under a variety of arbitral rules and national laws. I have spent more than 20 years leading my law firm as Chair, Managing Partner and CEO at various times.

**Specialty/Subject Matter Experience:**
Business related litigation as noted above; Construction and project disputes; International disputes; Alternate dispute resolution; Technology and intellectual property matters; Securities and financial disputes

**Professional Achievements:**
Past Chair of the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section, NYSBA; Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators; Fellow, College of Commercial Arbitrators; Panel Member, CPR Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution; Arbitrator and mediator, American Arbitration Association

**Personal Achievements:**
Chair and CEO of TerraLex, a global law firm network of more than 155 law firms in 100 countries; Past Chairman of the Board and Trustee, WXXI Public Broadcasting; Past Director and member of Executive Committee, Rochester Business Alliance; Trustee, Rochester Institute of Technology; Director, Frontier Telephone of Rochester; Member of Advisory Board of CPR Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution

Justin L. Vigdor

Rochester Panel

**Background:**
Pittsford, New York. Born and raised in New York City, lived in Washington, D.C. and resident of Rochester, New York since discharged from the United States Anny in 1954.
**Education:**
BS Degree, University o f Maryland LLB Degree from St. John's University 1951 (Magna Cum Laude) (President oft he Student Body; Moot Court; Notes Editor of Law Review); LLM Degree New York University 1952 (Comparative Law and Jurisprudence; Kenneson Foundation Fellow)
**Work History:**
Practice law in Rochester, New York; from 1954 to 1965, engaged in litigation, real estate, corporation and other general practice areas; 1965, corporations, private and public offerings, securities, mergers and acquisitions, not-for-profit entities, arbitration and mediation.
**Specialty/Subject Matter Experience:**
General business, securities, private and public offerings, mergers and acquisitions, not-for-profit entities, arbitration and mediation.
**Professional Achievements:**
President of the Monroe County Bar Association (1977) Chair of Corporate Banking and Business Law Section (1972-1973) Past President of the Monroe County Bar Foundation President of New York State Bar Association (1985-1986) Past President of New York State Bar Foundation Founder and Chair of the Senior Lawyers Section of the New York State Bar Association (2009-2011) Member of the House of Delegates of the New York State Bar Association Life Fellow of the New York Bar Foundation and American Bar Foundation
Founder and Chair of the New York lOLA Fund Former Trustee of National Conference of Bar Foundations Official Referee of the New York State Commission of Judicial Conduct Member of Society of Corporate Secretaries and Governance Professionals Member of Estate Planning Society of Monroe County Commission of New York State Uniform Law Commissioners Former Member of Executive Committee of National Conference of Uniform Law Commissioners Life Member of National Uniform Law Conference former President and Sole Shareholder of U.S. Arbitration and Mediation Service of Upstate New York
**Personal Achievements:**
Trustee of Ames Amzalak Memorial Trust Past President of AAA of New York State Past Chair of AAA of Western and Central New York Past Chair of Al Sigl Partners' Foundation Past President of Al Sigl Community of Agencies Member of Dean's Advisory Committee of Eastman School of Music Director of Jewish Community Federation Chairman of the Board of Rochester Arts Festival, Inc. Past Chair, Professional Advisory Committee Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Rochester Past Member Advisory Board; Kidney Foundation of Upstate NY Past Director, Mary Cariola Children's Center Member, Past Member of Professional Advisory Committee, Home Care of Rochester Member, Advisory Board, Quad A For Kids; Director, Philip Bernstein Society Past Member Advisory Board, High Technology of Rochester Past Director, United Way of Greater Rochester and Monroe County Past Director, Rochester Chapter, American Red Cross Past Member, Advisory Committee, League of Women Voters Past Director, Rochester Downtown Development Corporation Past Discussion Leader, Great Books Foundation A wards Recipient o f Rodenbeck Award for Service to the Community and Legal Profession Accomplishments; Recipient of The Nathaniel Award for Community Service and Professional Accomplishments Awards from: Al Sigl Center, Mary Cariola Children's Center, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Quad A For Kids, Brighton Chamber of Commerce, County Clerk's Association, Jewish Community Federation Committee on Sports for Israel, Philanthropy Award from Rochester Area Community Foundation and Woerner and Kollmorgen Award from Nazareth College for Community Service; Listed in *Best Lawyers of America, Who IS Who, Who IS Who in American Law, Who* IS *Who in the World New York Super Lawyers,* Humanitarian Award from Monroe County Bar **Foundation**; Professionalism Award from Monroe County Bar Association; an annual Justin L. Vigdor Award has been established by the New York lOLA Fund for New York Banks, Justin L. Vigdor Senior Lawyers Award was established by the Monroe County Bar Association and he was the first recipient

Eric J. Ward

Rochester Panel

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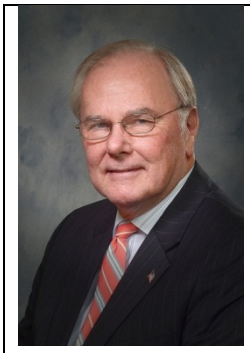

Eugene (Gene) Welch

Rochester Panel

**Background:**
Resides in the Town of Greece, New York; I was raised and lived in the 19th Ward of the City of Rochester until I married in 1967. Thereafter I lived for four years in the Washington, D.C. area and another 4 years in the Syracuse, New York area.
**Education:**
McQuaid Jesuit High School; St. John Fisher College, Rochester, New York, BA, English; Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., JD (while in Law School I was selected to become the lead articles and book review editor for the Catholic University Law Review based upon my academic achievement.
**Work History:**
Upon graduation from law school I became the Confidential Law Clerk to United States District Court Judge Aubrey E. Robinson, Jr., United States District Judge, Washington, D.C. ; then became an Assistant United States Attorney (Federal Prosecutor) in the Northern District of New York at Syracuse, New York for four years, where I was the attorney in charge of organized crime prosecutions and Economic Stabilization Act matters; I was appointed Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of New York at Rochester, New York for four years, where my work was exclusively in Federal Court involving 40% civil cases and 60% criminal cases; I was appointed as the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the New York State Attorney General's Rochester Regional Office where I served for 15 % years managing a staff of lawyers, investigators and paralegals, supervising, advising, setting policy of civil and criminal litigation on behalf of the State of New York, its agencies and consumers.
**Specialty/Subject Matter Experience:**
Practice involves ligation in all federal and state courts defending towns and municipalities, police departments that are sued civilly, litigating commercial disputes, personal injury and insurance defense work, and defending Civil Rights claims and other forms of commercial litigation.
**Professional Achievements:**
Recipient of the United States Attorney General Edward H. Levi Special Achievement Award for my work in the United States Attorney's Office in Syracuse. Recipient of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's The Award of Honor for my work as an Assistant United States Attorney in Rochester, New York.; selected as a trial techniques instructor at the United States Attorney General's Advocacy Institute in Washington, D.C., training newly appointed Assistant United States Attorneys; selected as a Trial Advocacy Instructor for the New York State Attorney General's Annual Fall Training Seminars; selected as a "Super Lawyer' by the New York Super Lawyers Magazine, Upstate Edition 2008,2009, 2010,2011.
**Personal Achievements:**
A founding member of the Monroe County Bar Association's Academy of Law that provided continuing legal education for attorneys before it was mandatory; long standing member and past Chairman of the Monroe County Bar Association's Ethics Committee advising members about their own prospective conduct; long standing member of the Monroe County Bar Association's Fee Arbitration Committee, arbitrating disputes between attorneys and clients about legal fees; long standing member of the Board of Directors of the Better Business Bureau and a member of the Ethics and Standards Committee of the Better Business Bureau which polices member's conduct; member of the Board of Directors and former Chairman of the Board of the Greece Chamber of Commerce and currently serving as a Board Member of the Greece Chamber Charitable Foundation; past member of the Canandaigua National Bank; Greece Advisory Board; founding member of the Board of Directors of Sojourner House for Women and past Chairman of the Board of Sojourner House for Women; member of the Board of Directors of the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Rochester, New York; currently a member of the Board of Trustees and President of the Board of Trustees of the Greece Public Library.

Brian M. Zorn

Rochester Panel

**Education:**
B.A. - American University 1973; J.D. - Syracuse University College of Law 1977
**Work History:**
Upon graduation from Syracuse University College of Law in 1977, Brian accepted a judicial clerkship at the New York State Appellate Division for the Fourth Department. After his clerkship, he joined the Litigation Department of the Rochester-based law firm of Nixon, Hargrave, Devans & Doyle (now Nixon Peabody), where he was named a partner. He left the firm in 1994 to join Hallenbeck, LasceIl, Norris & Zorn. In 1997, he became a partner at Faraci Lange, LLP, where he has continued to focus on personal Injury litigation.
**Specialty/Subject Matter Experience:**
Brianhasbeendoingpersonalinjurylitigationfor34years. About half of that time has been on the defense side and the other half has been on the plaintiff's side. His personal injury practice focuses on medical malpractice, automobile accidents, defective products and defective premises.
**Professional Achievements:**
Brian has been elected to the American College of Trial Lawyers and has been awarded Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating. In addition, Brian is honored to be listed in The Best Lawyers in America's medical malpractice law, personal injury and product liability litigation sections and has been selected as one of Upstate New York's Super Lawyers from 2007-2011. The Best Lawyers in America recently named Brian the Product Liability Litigation Lawyer of the Year in Rochester, New York in 2012 and the Medical Malpractice Lawyer of the year in Rochester, New York in 2011. He has served on numerous Monroe County Bar Association committees, including the Academy of Law, Judiciary, Communications (member and chair), Litigation Counsel (co-chair), Deaf Access Task Force and Joint Monroe County Bar Association Monroe County Medical Society Task Force, and the State Courts Subcommittee (chair).
**Personal Achievements:**
Brian is an active member of the community. He served on the Town of Victor Growth Management Committee. He also serves on the Outer Loop Theatre Board of Directors. For many years, he was a member of the Board of Directors of the National Kidney Foundation's Upstate New York Affiliate, and served as its Vice-President and President, and on its Executive, Finance, and Development committees, among others. Brian also served at the national level on numerous committees of the National Kidney Foundation, including the Affiliate Relations Committee (Chair for two years), the Efficiency and Effectiveness Task Force, the Subcommittee to Evaluate Affiliate Share, and the Task Force to Evaluate Performance Standards for Affiliates. He served as a member of the Volunteer Legal Services Project Board of Directors for 20 years, where he had terms as Vice-President and President and also chaired numerous committees. Brian has co-authored a chapter on New York law in A.LA. Insurance and Tort Law Reference and has participated in and chaired numerous legal education programs and seminars for other attorneys on medical malpractice, product liability and other aspects of personal injury law. Most recently, he participated in A Trial Demonstration of a Products Liability Case"

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