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Position: Senior Partner

Area of Expertise: Matrimonial Law

LAW SCHOOL

University at Buffalo Law School, Year of Graduation 1963

PREVIOUS WORK HISTORY (AFTER GRADUATION FROM LAW SCHOOL)

Deputy Family Court Clerk, Erie County Family Court, 1963-1965

Private Practice, Matrimonial Law 1965-present

MEMBERSHIP IN ASSOCIATIONS, COMMITTEES, ETC.

Executive Board of Directors, National Conference of Christians and Jews

Chairman, Erie County Bar Association Law Day 1993-94

President, University of Buffalo Law School Alumni Association 1994-95

Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers

American Bar Association, Family Law Section

New York State Bar Association Executive Committee

State of New York Unified Court System Family Court Advisory and Rules
Committee 1985-93

Erie County Trial Lawyers Association

Erie County Bar Association

Chairman, Erie County Matrimonial and Family Law Committee

Vice-Chairman, Western New York Matrimonial Trial Lawyers
Association 1997-2008

SYMPOSIA

Equitable Distribution, One Year Later, October 1981

*Matrimonial Law Seminar: Pretrial Strategy, Stipulations, and
Settlements, March 1982*

Pretrial Preparation and Settlement of an EDL Case, September 1982

Administering and Managing an Equitable Distribution Case, April 1982

Trial of an Equitable Distribution Case: A Practical Approach, September 1982

*Successful Management of an Equitable Distribution Case: Useful Techniques for All
Cases, July 1983*

SYMPOSIA (Continued)

The Effect of the Equitable Distribution Law on Matrimonial Actions, October 1983
Trial Practice and Strategy and Counsel Fees in Family Court, November 1983
Preparation of the New Financial Disclosure Statement in New York Matrimonials,
December 1983
Matrimonial and Family Law Update (Moderator), June 1984
Tax Reform Act of 1984 - Domestic Relations Impact (Moderator), September 1984
Basic Matrimonial Practice, October 1984
Equitable Distribution Law - Recent Decisions and Contested Custody Seminar
(Chairman & Moderator), Mar. 1985
The Accountant's Role in Evaluation Under Equitable Distribution, May 1985
Trial Preparation and Pretrial Settlements, September 1985
Practical Skills Seminar, October 1985
Evidence: Demonstrative Evidence and Voluminous Records - Divorce Proceedings,
November 1985
Valuation of the Closely Held Business and Cross-Examination of the Expert
Witness, 1987
Fault: Grounds in a Contested Matrimonial, Spring 1987
The Private Practitioner as Law Guardian: Update 1987, November 1987
The Contested Custody Trial, September 1988
A Substantive Review of Custody and Mock Custody Trial Demonstration, 1988
Motion Practice, CPLR Discovery, and Rules of Evidence for the Family Court Hearing
Examiner, Nov. 1988
The Practice of Matrimonial Law: A Lesson in Reality, Pretrial and Trial Strategies and
Tactics of a Contested Custody Trial, February 1988
Law Guardian' Role in a Contested Trial, March 1989
The Contested Custody Trial, April 1989
Settlement of a Medium EDL Divorce, April 1989
Presenting the Plaintiff's Financial Case - A Divorce Trial, May 1989
Thorny Problems in Small Business Valuations, June 1989
Preparation and Trial of a Contested Custody Case, March 1990
Planning a Successful Trial Strategy, May 1991
Trial Advocacy, May 1992
Pretrial Strategy and Settlement of a Matrimonial Case, February 1993
The Milonas Rules: A Glass Half Empty or Half Full, October 1993
Matrimonial Practice As We Knew It No Longer Exists, June 1994
O'Brien, Elkus, McSparron Revisited, 1998
Custody and Relocation, 2002
Corsanti: A Step Forward, A Step Backward, 2003
Custody Trials Involving Teenagers, 2004
Valuation Methods, and Charges and Creative Settlements, 2005
Matrimonial Intake - Motion Practice - Settlement, November 2005
Oral Stipulations, Pitfalls And Remedies, March 2006
A Parenting Plan - Removing Children as Pawns in Divorce, September 2007

PUBLICATIONS AND INTERVIEWS

- "Fairer Split of Assets Aids Marital Splits," Buffalo Courier-Express,
April 25, 1982
- "Divorce New York Style," Buffalo Spree Magazine, Winter 1982
- "A Sensitive Touch to Divorce," Buffalo Spree Magazine, 1983
- "Divorce is not Disaster," Buffalo Spree Magazine, Fall 1983
- "Divorce Law Changes Strive for Equity," Buffalo Evening News,
December 10, 1984
- "Do-It-Yourself Divorce, Not a Good Idea," Buffalo Evening News,
January 14, 1985
- "Domestic Relations Data, Progress and Pretrial Folio," February 1985
- "Divorces Decline As More Are Fought," Buffalo Evening News, March 1985
- "Rules On Child Support Pay Are Changing," Buffalo Evening News,
October 6, 1985
- "Making Parents Pay Up," Buffalo Evening News, October 11, 1985
- "Law, Order and a Message," Buffalo Evening News (Magazine),
April 23, 1989
- "Matrimonial Law in New York State - An Overview," Public Forum,
WBEN Radio, August 1989
- "Child Support Standards Act - The Effect in New York State," AM Buffalo
Television, Feb. 1, 1990
- "Child Sexual Abuse-A Legal and Social Problem for the 1990s," AM Buffalo
Television, Feb. 26, 1990
- "Enforcement of Child Support Guidelines," WKBW Television,
March 14, 1990
- "The Law School Belongs in Downtown Buffalo," Buffalo Evening News,
February 1993
- "Contributions of Matrimonial Lawyers - Civic Pride," Buffalo Evening News,
June 1994
- "The Britney Spears Dilemma, Annulment or Divorce" August 2004
- "New York's Divorce Laws or High Button Shoes" Bar Bulletin, March 2005
- "Internet Seduction," Buffalo Evening News, February 28, 2006
- "No Fault Divorce - The Time Is Now," Bar Bulletin, March 2006
- "Litigation - Mediation - Collaborative Law?," September 2007
- "Same-Sex Couples Could Benefit From A Prenuptial Agreement."
Buffalo News, September 2008
- "Gay Divorce, Straight Divorce" - The Sandy Beach Show, October 9, 2008
- "Gay Marriage, Gay Divorce - Uncharted Waters." Bar Bulletin,
November 2008
- "The Divorce Handbook - A Chess Match You Cannot Afford to Lose - For
Women Only," Jan. 2009
- "The Divorce Handbook - For Women Only" - The Sandy Beach Show, Feb. 2009
- "Western New York Tonight" - Tammie Lee Demler, LTV Channel 22, Oct. 2009

“No-Fault Divorce Law was Long Overdue” – The Buffalo News, Sept. 5, 2010
“No-Fault Divorce Law was Long Overdue” – EC Bar Bulletin, Oct., 2010
“Same-Sex Couples have Some Major Decisions to Make” – The Buffalo News,
July 24, 2011

HONORS

“New York Super Lawyers” 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012
“Who’s Who in Law Western New York”, Business First, Buffalo Law Journal,
2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
“Best Lawyers in America”, 1983-2012 (One of 125 Matrimonial and Family Law
Lawyers Throughout The U.S. To be Included for Every Year)
“Martindale-Hubbell” – Highest Rating A/V

EDUCATION

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| <i>Juris Doctor; University of Buffalo Law School, Buffalo, New York</i> | 1960-63 |
| <i>Bachelor of Arts, University of Buffalo, Buffalo, New York</i> | 1956-60 |

SKILLS

- Settlement of highly complex custody/access cases under New York State Law
- Settlement of highly complex divorce cases under New York’s Equitable Distribution Law
- Trial of highly complex divorce custody/access cases under New York State Law
- Trial of highly complex divorce cases under New York’s Equitable Distribution Law