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Mary Armistead, Esq. is an attorney at the Legal Project as an Equal Justice Works Crime Victims Justice Corps Fellow. She works with victims of human trafficking by providing direct representation, capacity-building, education, and working on policy issues. Mary earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology at Queens University of Charlotte, graduating summa cum laude. She was also a summa cum laude graduate of Albany Law School, where she developed her passion for helping vulnerable immigrant populations through multiple internships, including with the Worker Justice Center, Empire Justice Center, Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York, and in the Family Violence Litigation Clinic and Immigration Project. Following graduation from Albany Law School, Mary held a clerkship at the New York State Court of Appeals for one year before working as the Staff Attorney of the Immigration Law Clinic at Albany Law School for three years. As Staff Attorney, Mary both supervised students and maintained a personal docket in providing legal advocacy services and direct representation to clients eligible for humanitarian immigration relief. Her expertise played a critical role in developing law students' ability to provide legal advocacy services and direct representation to clients seeking U.S. immigration benefits including Special Immigrant Juvenile status, U visas for victims of crime, self-petitions under the Violence Against Women Act for victims of violence or abuse, as well as those seeking relief from immigration detention or Immigration Court proceedings.

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EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate from Albany Union University, Albany Law School - May, 1982
Admitted to the Bar - January, 1983
Admitted to the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York -
September, 1984
Admitted to the Western District of New York - February, 1986
Admitted to the United States Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit - March, 1989

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Clarkson University, Potsdam, New York - Bachelor of Arts in Social Science

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Professional liability, defense work representing attorneys, accountants and real estate
agents being sued for malpractice and/or negligence
Personal injury defense work
Products liability defense work
Property damage defense work
Coverage issues for various insurance companies
Real estate litigation
Real estate practice

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Member of the firm of Corrigan, McCoy & Bush, PLLC - January, 2009 to the present
Member of the firm of Roche, Corrigan, McCoy & Bush, PLLC - January, 2007 to
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Member of the firm of Roche, Corrigan, McCoy & Bush - May, 1985 to December, 2006
Member of the firm of Roche & Wolkenbreit - 1983 to May, 1985
Federal Mediator and Arbitrator for approximately ten years for the United States District
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Hermes concentrates his practice in the areas of administrative and legislative law, health law, government regulation and litigation, advising clients on the requirements of and compliance with State statutes and regulations.

He frequently represents clients before the Legislature and state agencies and appears in administrative proceedings and in the courts. His experience runs the gamut from state contracts to constitutional issues to rate-making to regulatory compliance to minority and women-owned business enterprises. Hermes frequently structures client's business transactions and negotiates contracts. He has handled numerous cases of first impression.

Prior to joining the firm, Hermes served as Assistant Counsel to Governor Mario Cuomo. Before coming to Albany, he was a trial attorney with the Civil Division of the United States Justice Department in Washington, D.C., and judicial clerk to the Hon. John A. MacKenzie, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Hermes has written and lectured on various topics in health law, and administrative and governmental practice.



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Joseph Gerstenzang is an associate at the law firm of Gerstenzang, Sills, Cohn & Gerstenzang. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Boston University. He is a 2011 magna cum laude graduate of Albany Law School, where he served as a Senior Editor of the Albany Law Review. During Law School, he interned at the District Attorney's Offices in Rensselaer, Albany and Schenectady counties.

Mr. Gerstenzang has also lectured across the state about how to handle a DWAI drugs case.

Since joining the firm, Mr. Gerstenzang's practice has focused on the defense of driving while intoxicated and driving while ability impaired by drugs cases.



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Danielle Holley is a Partner who brings a wealth of health law experience to the O'Connell & Aronowitz Health Law practice. She represents and advises a broad spectrum of health care providers and trade associations on operational and compliance issues, fraud and abuse, HIPAA, litigation and regulatory matters. Danielle has also guided health care providers through a number of complex re-organizations and affiliations, with a particular emphasis on representing clinical laboratories, long-term care facilities, and physician group practices. She routinely advises her clients on how to navigate the complex maze of federal and state laws and the assists in structuring those corporate arrangements.

Danielle has a unique perspective that she brings to her clients. This is in part due to her clinical ethics fellowship that she completed at Albany Medical College after graduating from law school and obtaining her M.S. in Bioethics at the Alden March Bioethics Institute at Albany Medical Center simultaneously.

Due to her experience in ethics and care for the elderly or disabled, Danielle actively advises clients on the ethical and legal requirements related to delivery of health care services and consent issues, as well as guardianship and other advanced care planning.

Danielle serves on the Board of Directors of the Cerebral Palsy Associations Guardianship Corporation, and is a member of the Institutional Review Board at Albany Medical Center, where she is also an Assistant Adjunct Professor. She is also a frequent writer and lecturer on health-related legal and bioethical issues.

Danielle has been named to the Upstate New York Rising Stars list by Super Lawyers from 2015–2018, which acknowledges attorneys under 40 years old and in practice 10 years or less.

Education

Albany Law School – JD

Albany Medical College, MS in Bioethics

University of Virginia, BA in Political Philosophy, Policy and Law

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David P. Miranda, a Partner with the firm, is an experienced trial attorney whose intellectual property law practice includes trademark, copyright, trade secret, false advertising, and patent infringement, as well as licensing, and internet related issues. He has litigated cases in federal district courts, state courts, the International Trade Commission, and the Trademark Trial and Appeals Board; and has successfully appeared before the Federal Circuit, Second Circuit, Ninth Circuit and New York Court of Appeals.

In 2006 Mr. Miranda obtained a \$7.8 million jury verdict in a copyright infringement and trade secret misappropriation case in U.S. district court. Since 2007, Mr. Miranda has been selected by his peers as a “Super Lawyer” by *Thompson Reuters*, in the area of Intellectual Property Litigation. Mr. Miranda commenced some of the first domain name dispute proceedings before the World Intellectual Property Organization and was counsel in one of the first New York cases determining the enforceability of online agreements.

In June 2016 Mr. Miranda completed his one year term as President of the New York State Bar Association, with 74,000 members, the largest voluntary state bar association in the nation. He previously served as President of the Albany County Bar Association, Secretary of the New York State Bar Association and in the House of Delegates for the ABA and NYSBA. He also served as General Counsel and on the Board of Directors of the Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce, and is a recipient of the Capital District Business Review’s “40 Under Forty” award for community service and professional achievement. In May of 2016 he received the Dean’s Medal from Albany Law School for his contributions to the legal profession and law school community. In 2009, Mr. Miranda was appointed to the Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commission for the Third Judicial District of the State of New York. In 2002, Mr. Miranda was appointed by Hon. Judith Kaye, then Chief Judge of New York’s Court of Appeals, to the statewide “Commission on Public Access to Court Records.”



Mr. Miranda serves as an arbitrator of intellectual property law disputes with the American Arbitration Association, and National Arbitration Forum and has rendered decisions regarding disputes involving such famous trademarks as McDonald's, Amazon.com, Bausch & Lomb, Target, 3M, US News, Citigroup, and ChevronTexaco. He is listed with the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York as a court approved mediator, arbitrator and early neutral evaluator.



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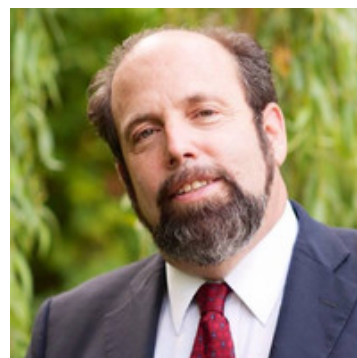
Kelleena M. Richards is a Senior Attorney for the NYS Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS). She received a B.S. magna cum laude from Virginia Commonwealth University and earned her J.D. at Albany Law School.

Ms. Richards is responsible for conducting Administrative Reviews on indicated reports of child abuse and neglect. To date, she has reviewed over 75,000 child abuse and neglect reports for 32,000 indicated subjects. Ms. Richards also trains those who are required by law to report child abuse and neglect and has created several training programs designed for specific professions (e.g., Paramedics, Day Care Providers).

Ms. Richards is also an Adjunct Instructor at Hudson Valley Community College where she teaches Criminal Procedure and Public Personnel Administration.



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Thomas E. Schimmerling is an attorney with a significant concentration of his legal practice in the field of personal injury law. After obtaining his Bachelor of Arts degree from Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York, he received his Juris Doctor degree from the Syracuse University College of Law in 1976.

Mr. Schimmerling is a member of the Torts and Insurance Practice and Litigation Sections of the New York Bar Association and the American Bar Association, where he is a member of the Professional Liability Committee. He is also a member and former Section Chair of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and a member of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association.

He is listed in the "Who's Who In American Law" and lectures frequently to Bar and Trial Lawyers Associations. His advice and counsel is sought by attorneys from across the country. Mr. Schimmerling is a regular participant in the New York State Bar Association's "Hot Tips from the Experts" program, where he lectures other attorneys on personal injury topics.

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Robert Schofield is a partner in Whiteman Osterman & Hanna's Labor and Employment Law, Education, and Litigation, Arbitration and Mediation Practice Groups. His areas of expertise include public sector labor and employment issues, education law, and general litigation, as well as State Court practice. Mr. Schofield has been with Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP since 2000.

REPRESENTATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Negotiation and administration of public and private sector collective bargaining agreements.
- Representation of public, private, and corporate clients in labor, employment, and commercial lawsuits and arbitrations.
- Advise clients regarding daily employment decisions such as hiring, discipline, and termination of employees; draft employment contracts, personnel policy manuals and other employment related documents; and work with employers to ensure compliance with federal and State statutes such as the Americans with Disabilities Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, and others.
- Representation of municipalities on a full range of labor and employment matters.
- Representation of school districts on all manner of school and employment law matters and in tax certiorari litigation.
- Representation of public libraries and library systems in full range of legal issues, including funding litigation, construction projects, employment matters, governance issues, and creation of new library districts.
- Representation of multiple *FORTUNE* 500 companies in discrimination cases and commercial disputes.
- Representation of a *FORTUNE* 100 manufacturing company in a nuisance action against a neighboring industry.

AFFILIATIONS

Mr. Schofield is a past President of the Albany County Bar Association and the Albany County Bar Foundation. He is a member of the House of Delegates of the New York



State Bar Association, and a past member of the State Bar's Committee on Attorney Professionalism. He has served as the President of the NY Capital Chapter of the Labor and Employment Research Association, an organization of practitioners and arbitrators in the labor-management community. He is a member of the New York State School Boards Association Council of School Attorneys.

Mr. Schofield is a member of the City of Albany's Industrial Development Agency and of the Boards of Capital Region Chamber of Commerce and its subsidiary, the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce, where he also served as co-chair of its Leadership Tech Valley Program. He previously co-chaired the former Capital Leadership Program and was a member of the Capital Leadership Class of 2002. In 2007, he was named one of the Capital Region's "40 Under Forty" by *The Business Review* newspaper. In 2008, Mr. Schofield was appointed to the City of Albany's Comprehensive Plan Review Board and in 2011 to its Community Advisory Committee on Sustainability. In 2010, Mr. Schofield was awarded the New York Library Association's Outstanding Advocate of Libraries Award. He has served on the Board of Habitat for Humanity of the Capital District and currently serves as a Director of the Plattsburgh College Foundation.

BACKGROUND/EDUCATION

Prior to joining the Firm, Mr. Schofield was the law clerk to the Hon. Justices Bernard J. Malone, Jr. and Joseph Harris of the New York Supreme Court, and previously served as an Appellate Court Attorney for the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department. Mr. Schofield graduated, *magna cum laude*, from Syracuse University College of Law, where he was an editor of the *Syracuse Law Review*. He holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, as well as a Bachelor of Arts degree from Plattsburgh State University. He is admitted to practice in New York and in the United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of New York, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court. He has been listed in the upstate editions of *Best Lawyers in America* and *New York Super Lawyers*.



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Jeffrey is the President of O'Connell & Aronowitz. Primarily a health care attorney, he is also an accomplished litigator in health care, commercial and employment cases. In his national health law practice, Jeffrey has represented providers and their trade associations for over 35 years. His clients include hospitals, clinical laboratories, alcohol and substance abuse providers, behavioral health providers, nursing homes, home health care agencies, adult care facilities, DME and respiratory suppliers, physician practices, and ancillary health care practitioners. His clinical laboratory clientele, in particular, is nationwide, and he is regularly tapped to speak at national conferences and forums on issues affecting clinical laboratories.

Jeffrey practices in all federal and state courts, and before all federal and state health care regulatory agencies. He has successfully represented the New York State hospital industry in two appeals before the United States Supreme Court and actively represents clients in all types of healthcare litigation, including criminal, civil and administrative fraud and abuse investigations; Medicare, Medicaid and private insurer audits, and commercial litigation. He also represents providers in professional discipline and regulatory enforcement matters.

In the area of Employment Law, Jeffrey obtained a \$15.4 million jury verdict for an individual plaintiff in a sexual harassment trial, which, at the time, was the largest verdict in the country for an individual plaintiff in an employment discrimination case. He also recovered over \$23 million for clinical laboratories from the New York State Department of Health in two lawsuits, due to the State's collection of excessive license fees, and over \$8 million for an individual clinical laboratory from a major health insurance company for wrongful denials of claims. Jeffrey has also successfully represented shareholder interests in major class action litigation.

Formerly in charge of litigation for the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene, Jeff was also an Adjunct Professor of Law for Union College's graduate program in Health Care Administration. He has been listed in the publication *The Best Lawyers in America* for over 20 years and also consistently been listed in the Upstate New York Super Lawyers list, a distinction earned by less than 5% of attorneys in the state.



Education

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Patricia J. Shevy is the founder of The Shevy Law Firm, LLC, of Albany, New York. Tricia focuses her practice exclusively in the areas of estate planning and administration and elder law/special needs planning.

Tricia believes in the teamwork approach and regularly works with her clients and their investment advisors, bankers, insurance agents and accountants to ensure that the plan meets the client's long term objectives.

Tricia is an active member of the New York State Bar Association- Member of the Continuing Legal Education Committee, Trusts and Estates Section (Chairperson of the Continuing Legal Education Committee and former Chairperson/active member of the Life Insurance and Employee Benefits Committee) and Elder Law and Special Needs Section (Co-Chair of the Publications Committee and Co-Chair of the Board of Editors of the Elder and Special Needs Law Journal). She is also a member of the Albany County Bar Association and National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.

Tricia's past public service includes serving on the Boards of Directors of Childs Nursing Home, Albany County Correctional Facility for Children's Benefit, Rensselaer County Housing Resources Corporation and the Watervliet City School District Board of Education, serving as president for 3 years. Currently, Tricia is on the Board of Directors and Treasurer of The Bus Stop Club, Inc., a support program for the siblings of chronically ill children.

Tricia earned a Bachelor of Science in Management-Finance from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 3 years. Following graduation from RPI in 1994, Tricia received her Juris Doctor, cum laude, from Albany Law School of Union University in 1997, where she was a member of the Justinian Society.

Tricia routinely lectures to small groups regarding estate tax planning, long term care planning, estate planning issues for parents of disabled children as well as the unique issues of estate planning for non-traditional families and small business owners. Tricia was honored with the opportunity to teach all attorneys applying for admission to



practice by the New York State Board of Law Examiners the basics of powers of attorney, health care proxies and trusts. Tricia also regularly lectures and writes for continuing legal education programs offered by the New York State Bar Association.

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Michelle has been a principal of Cioffi • Slezak • Wildgrube P.C. (formerly Carpenter & Cioffi, P.C.) since 2004, and has been with the firm since 1999. Prior to joining Cioffi • Slezak • Wildgrube P.C., Michelle worked for a general practice firm that provided a broad foundation for her practice which now concentrates in the areas of estate planning and administration, corporate and business law, and real estate.

Michelle frequently lectures for the New York State Bar Association and the Schenectady County Bar Association on real estate and estate planning issues. Michelle is also a panel member of the Legally Speaking Program for The Legal Project. Through this program, she presents seminars on estate planning and elder law issues to community groups and is a frequent lecturer for the Albany Guardian Society.

Michelle is a member of the Committee on Character and Fitness for the Fourth Judicial District and the Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commission for the Third Department. She currently serves on the boards of directors of the Federation of Bar Associations, Fourth Judicial District (Past President), Our Ability Alliance (Treasurer), and the Capital Region Chamber Foundation (Secretary/Treasurer). In addition, Michelle serves as Secretary of the New York State Bar Association's Real Property Law Section. Michelle is a member of the Schenectady County Bar Association's Real Estate Practice Committee and is an appointed trustee for the John Alexander Trust Memorial Scholarship which is administered through the Schenectady County Bar Association.

From 2016-2018, Michelle will serve as Co-Chair of the NYSBA President's Membership Challenge. If you are interested in joining the New York State Bar Association, please reach out to her!

Michelle was the recipient of the Schenectady County Bar Association's first Young Lawyer Award, the Schenectady County Bar Association's 2012 Lawyer of the Year Award, and the New York State Bar Association's 2013 President's Pro Bono Award.



Michelle holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Rutgers College and a Juris Doctor from the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law. She resides in Niskayuna, New York, with her husband, Drew Lochte, and Flopsy, the family pup (who sometimes hangs out at the office).