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After graduation from high school, Christine did not take the usual route to college. Instead, she attended a certificate program at the renowned Alvin Ailey American Dance Center. After several years of dancing with small modern dance companies, Christine attended Columbia University, School of General Studies. In 1993, she graduated from Columbia with a dual major in history and political science.

Christine then went on to attend Albany Law School. During law school, she participated in the moot court program and completed an internship with the U.S. Attorney's Office. At the end of her second year of law school, Christine went to work at Dreyer Boyajian, LLP as a law clerk. Upon graduation, Christine went to work at the firm as an associate. Shortly after, she was offered a position by Schenectady County District Attorney Robert M. Carney. At the Schenectady County District Attorney's Office, Christine began as the DWI prosecutor and then moved to the general felony bureau. Several years later, she became the sex crimes/child abuse prosecutor and was then promoted to become the first Bureau Chief of the Special Victims Unit. In that role, Christine helped establish the Schenectady County Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team which collaborated with child protective workers and police officers as well as community leaders.

In 2004, Mayor Brian U. Stratton appointed Christine to the position of Schenectady City Court Judge, and she then won election to that position for a full ten-year term. As a City Court Judge, she taught town and village justices at various training programs. She also served as Acting County Court Judge and Acting Family Court Judge. In November 2010, Christine was elected as Schenectady County Family Court Judge and was thereafter designated an Acting Supreme Court Justice. In November 2012, she was elected to the Supreme Court for the Fourth Judicial District of New York. She was the second woman ever elected to that office and the first female Democrat. In April 2014, Governor Andrew Cuomo appointed Christine to the Appellate Division, Third Department as an Associate Justice.

In the past, Christine has served on the board of directors of the Capital District Women's Bar Association (CDWBA) and the Schenectady County Bar Association (SCBA). She also is a member of the New York State Bar Association and its



Committee on Courts of Appellate Jurisdiction. For the past several years, Christine has served on the Statewide Advisory Committee on Attorneys for Children. She has received the Hon. Judith Kaye award from the CDWBA, the lawyer of the year award from the SCBA and recognition from the NYSBA for supporting pro bono efforts and access to justice. Christine enjoys teaching at continuing legal education events and mentoring law students. Christine loves spending time with her husband and two daughters, ages 15 and 11.



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Amy P. Conway, Esq. is the Chief Motion Attorney for the Appellate Division, Third Department. Before working in the Motion Department, she served the Court as the Deputy Administrator of the Civil Appeals Settlement Program, Deputy Director of the Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commissions, Staff Attorney at Attorney Grievance Committee and as an Appellate Court Attorney in the Court's Law Research Department. She currently serves on the Third Department's Committee on Character and Fitness. She graduated cum laude from Albany Law School in 1998 and was a member of the Albany Law Review. Prior to attending law school, she was a paralegal in the litigation department at the law firm of Roemer and Featherstonhaugh, P.C. in Albany, New York.



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Clerked for Judge Matthew J. Jasen, New York State Court of Appeals, practiced law with a New York law firm involved in antitrust and unfair competition litigation. Authored a book and numerous articles on antitrust and unfair competition. Active in the Litigation Section and the Committee on Antitrust and Unfair Competition of the ABA. Member of advisory group to the American Law Institute Restatement of the Law of Unfair Competition. Member of the New York State Law Revision Commission. Editor, *Model Jury Charges in Business Torts Cases*. One of seven nominees for the New York Court of Appeals in 1998 as selected by the State Commission of Judicial Nomination.



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- Appointed Deputy Clerk of the Court by Presiding Justice Karen K. Peters on September 6, 2017
- Has served as Chief Appellate Court Attorney since February 2015
- Oversees and supervises the Court's Law Research Department, which includes approximately 20 attorneys and administrative staff
- Prior to becoming Chief Appellate Court Attorney, served as Appellate Court Attorney (1997-1999), Law Clerk to Associate Justice E. Michael Kavanagh (1999-2012) and Law Clerk to Associate Justice Leslie Stein (2012-2015)
- Graduated from Siena College (1994) and cum laude from Albany Law School (1997)
- Member, Albany Law Review.



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EDUCATION

Albany Law School, Albany, New York
Juris Doctor, May 1979

Union College, Schenectady, New York
B.A. English, June 1976, Cum Laude

Vincentian Institute, Albany, New York
June 1972

LEGAL LICENSING/EXPERIENCE

Admitted to New York State Bar, January, 1980

Admitted to United States District Court, Northern District of New York,
January, 1980

Admitted to US Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit, November, 2003

Admitted to Florida Bar, 1983 [Retired]

Elected New York State Supreme Court Justice, 3rd Judicial District for term commencing January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2019; appointed to the Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo as an Additional Justice on April 15, 2014; and appointed as an Associate Justice on September 8, 2016

Lynch & Lynch, Partner – September 1989 to December 31, 2005

Albany County Attorney – June 1995 to December 31, 2005

New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division - February 1981 to August 1989
Law Clerk to Hon. Leonard A. Weiss
Counsel, Albany County IDA (part-time) - February 1992 to June 1995



Assistant Albany County Attorney (part-time) - September 1989 to January 1992

Assistant Albany County District Attorney - January 1980 to February 1981

OTHER POSITIONS

Chair, Board of Trustees - The Hon. Francis Bergan Law Library, Albany County Courthouse - Appointed Chair in April 2015

Appellate Division Third Department Representative on the Advisory Committee of Bar Admissions - 2015 to date

AWARDS

Recipient of the Harold E. Koreman Award from the New York State Trial Lawyers Association Capital Region Affiliate on October 4, 2016.

Recipient of the Hon. Edward S. Conway "Judicial Excellence Award" from the Capital District Trial Lawyers Association on June 15, 2017

PERSONAL

Married to Margaret Comard Lynch. We have two children, Kyle and Conor, and reside in Loudonville, New York. Kyle and her husband, Aaron DePaolo, live in Saratoga County.



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Prior to joining Whiteman Osterman & Hanna as senior counsel to the Firm, Bernard J. Malone, Jr. served in a variety of notable public service positions. From 2005 through 2012 he was a member of the Appellate Division of New York State Supreme Court, serving on the First Department in Manhattan and the Third Department in Albany. He had been an elected trial level Supreme Court Justice since 1998. For the fifteen years prior to that he was an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, where he specialized in both civil litigation and criminal prosecution.

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Mr. Mills is a partner at the Firm. His practice is limited to representing clients in the field of personal injury litigation, with a focus on cases involving construction accidents, automobile accidents, medical malpractice, products liability, school and municipal law, civil rights and general negligence. Mr. Mills also has an extensive appellate practice and has briefed and argued cases in the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court, the New York State Court of Appeals and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Mr. Mills currently serves as the President of the Capital District Trial Lawyers Association and as the Vice President of the Federation of Bar Associations of the Fourth Judicial District. In 2013 Mr. Mills was appointed by Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman to serve a three-year term as a member of the Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commission (IJEQC) for the Fourth Judicial District. In 2011 Mr. Mills was appointed by the Appellate Division, Third Department as a member of the Committee on Character and Fitness for the Fourth Judicial District for a term of five years.

Mr. Mills is an active member of the Albany County, Saratoga County and New York State Bar Associations, and he is a frequent lecturer at continuing legal education seminars for local bar associations and national organizations.

Prior to entering into private practice, Mr. Mills worked for two years as an Assistant Court Attorney for the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court in the Third Judicial Department. He is admitted to practice in all New York State Courts, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals and all United States District Courts in New York State.

Mr. Mills received his B.A. from Colgate University, where he graduated cum laude with a major in Economics, and he received his J.D. from Albany Law School, where he graduated magna cum laude. While at Albany Law School, Mr. Mills was a winner of the Karen C. McGovern Senior Prize Trials Moot Court Competition and was an octo-finalist of the Domenick L. Gabrielli Appellate Advocacy Moot Court Competition. During law school, Mr. Mills also served as a judicial intern to Appellate Division, Third Department Justice Edward O. Spain, New York State Supreme Court Justice Joseph



C. Teresi and Acting New York State Supreme Court Justice Thomas J. McNamara. Mr. Mills also served as a Board Member of the Journal of Science and Technology, where he published the article “Mainstreaming the Alternatives: When Complementary and Alternative Medicines Become Westernized.”



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Scott provides business litigation services to local, statewide, national, and international corporate clients in the areas of contract law, construction law, and labor and employment law. He regularly represents individuals in shareholder/corporate disputes and litigation involving restrictive covenants (non-compete agreements), as well as complex civil litigation concerning catastrophic personal injury, property damage, or economic loss.

Scott Paton joined the firm as a principal in 2003, and focuses his practice upon business litigation, appellate practice and complex commercial litigation.

Regarding his business litigation practice, Mr. Paton provides services to local, statewide, national and international companies in the areas of labor and employment law, restrictive covenants (i.e. non-compete agreements), misappropriation of trade secrets, unfair business practices, and shareholder disputes. A significant part of Mr. Paton's practice is devoted to providing advice and counsel concerning business strategies designed to avoid litigation, as well as representing clients when litigation becomes necessary.

Mr. Paton's appellate practice stems from his experience clerking with the Appellate Division, Third Department, and has led to considerable appellate advocacy before all appellate divisions of the New York Supreme Court, the New York Court of Appeals, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Mr. Paton's appellate practice includes the representation of both appellants and respondents, as well as amici curiae.

Mr. Paton also has considerable experience in complex commercial litigation, having represented clients in both Federal and State courts, as well as in arbitration proceedings commenced under the Federal Arbitration Act. Such disputes routinely include the areas of construction law, intellectual property litigation, securities litigation and proceedings commenced under Article 78 of New York's Civil Practice Law and Rules.



Mr. Paton's litigation practice is not limited to the representation of companies and businesses, but includes the representation of individuals facing restrictive covenants, allegations of unfair competition and business torts, as well as complex civil litigation involving catastrophic personal injury, property damage or economic loss.

Mr. Paton's court admissions include: the State of New York; 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals; U.S. District Courts in the Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts.



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Alan J. Pierce is a partner in the Litigation Practice and Leader of the Appellate Practice. He has more than 20 years of litigation experience, concentrating on appellate practice, insurance coverage, defamation and civil and commercial litigation. Mr. Pierce has handled numerous appeals in his career, appearing before the New York State Court of Appeals, all four Departments of the State's Appellate Divisions and in the Second, Fourth and Eleventh United States Circuit Courts of Appeals. He has served as trial and appellate counsel in successful actions for defamation and insurance bad faith. Mr. Pierce has authored several publications on appellate practice and insurance coverage, and lectures on behalf of the NYSBA and the Office of Court Administration on appellate advocacy and insurance coverage litigation. Prior to joining the Firm, he served as Confidential Law Clerk to the Hon. Richard D. Simons, New York State Court of Appeals.



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After attending Marist College, Erica graduated cum laude from Albany Law School in 2006. Upon graduation, she went to work for the Albany litigation firm, Carter, Conboy. She joined the Appellate Division, Third Department as an Appellate Court Attorney in 2008 and, in 2010 became the confidential law clerk to the Hon. Christine M. Clark. In February 2016, Erica became the Managing Attorney of the Clerk's Office.



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Rob joined Maynard, O'Connor, Smith, & Catalinotto in 1997 and was named a partner in 2004. Prior to joining the firm, he served as Law Clerk to Hon. Irad S. Ingraham, New York State Supreme Court Justice for Chenango County. Through that experience, he gained extensive exposure to trial practice and the intricacies of New York State civil practice rules and regulations.

Rob concentrates his practice on representation of defendants in a wide variety of personal injury litigation matters, including premises liability, motor vehicle accidents, construction site litigation, medical malpractice, and municipal law. In addition, he also frequently assists insurance carriers in resolving coverage disputes. He is chair of the firm's appellate department, supervising a group of attorneys concentrating in appellate practice. His other practice areas include commercial litigation, civil rights, and employment law.

He is admitted to practice in the State of New York, the U.S. District Court for the Northern and Western Districts of New York, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the U.S.

Every year between 2012 and 2018, Rob was honored by Super Lawyers magazine and included in its annual issue acknowledging outstanding Upstate New York attorneys, and was recognized for his successes in the categories of both "Personal Injury Defense: General" and "Appellate Practice".

Rob is a graduate of LeMoyne College and past President of the Capital Region chapter of the LeMoyne College Alumni Association. Rob received his legal degree from Albany Law School and is a former president of the Albany Law School National Alumni Association.

Hon. Leslie Stein
New York State Court of Appeals



Leslie E. Stein, Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals, was born in New York, New York in 1956. She received her B.A., Phi Beta Kappa, from Macalester College and her J.D., Magna Cum Laude, from Albany Law School. Judge Stein began her legal career as the law clerk to the Schenectady County Family Court Judges. She then became associated with the Albany law firm of McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., where she practiced matrimonial and family law, and became a partner in the firm. While a practicing attorney, Judge Stein was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. She began her judicial career as an Albany City Court Judge and Acting Albany County Family Court Judge. She was then elected to the New York State Supreme Court, Third Judicial District for a term commencing January 2002. She served as the Administrative Judge of the Rensselaer County Integrated Domestic Violence Part from January 2006 until February 2008, when she was appointed a Justice of the New York State Appellate Division, Third Department. In October 2014, Judge Stein was nominated by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to serve as an Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals and her nomination was confirmed by the New York State Senate on February 9, 2015.

Judge Stein is a past co-chair of the NYS Unified Court System Family Violence Task Force. She was a founding member of the New York State Judicial Institute on Professionalism in the Law and chaired the Third Judicial District Gender Fairness Committee from 2001 - 2005. She has also served on the Executive Committee of the Association of Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, as an officer of the New York State Association of City Court Judges, and as a member of the Board of the New York Association of Women Judges. Judge Stein has lectured and developed curricula for continuing legal education of attorneys and judges on multiple topics. She has a long history of involvement in various state and local bar associations and in a number of other professional and civic organizations. She resides with her husband, Mark R. Sonders, in Albany, New York.