

# **BIOGRAPHY FOR THOMAS SCIACCA**



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### Current employment

- Member/Manager, LAW OFFICES OF THOMAS SCIACCA, PLLC, New York, NY (May 2007 – Present)
  - Practice focused on the following areas:
    - Trusts & Estates
    - Estate planning
    - Estate planning for the LGBT community
    - Estate planning for people with disabilities
    - Surrogate's Court proceedings
    - Surrogate's Court litigation
    - Article 81 Guardianship proceedings
    - Appeals within the above areas
- Assistant Adjunct Professor, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, New York, NY (January 2006 – Present)
  - Diploma Program in Paralegal Studies. Teaches following seminars:
    - Trusts & Estates
    - Federal Income Taxation
    - Research & Writing
    - Ethics
    - Introduction to the Law
  - o Certificate Program in U.S. Law and Methodologies. Teaches following semester-long classes:
    - Intro to U.S. Law and Methodologies
    - U.S. Private Law
    - Survey of Wills, Trusts & Estates
- Instructor, PACE LAW SCHOOL NEW DIRECTIONS PROGRAM, New York, NY / White Plains, NY (September 2012 – Present)
  - Teaches seminar in Trusts & Estates Law.

### Bar admissions

- New York February 2004
- New Jersey December 2003
- Florida May 2011

## Education

- University at Albany, State University of New York. B.A. awarded in August 1999. Double major in Political Science & English.
- Pace University School of Law. J.D. awarded May 2003. Distinctions:
  - o Graduated cum laude
  - o Executive Productions Editor, Pace Law Review
  - Note published at 23 Pace L. Rev. 313 (2002)
  - Student Bar Association President
  - Julian Hyman Memorial Scholarship for excellence in Trusts & Estates
  - Dean's Scholar (tutor in academic support program)
- New York University School of Law. LL.M. (Taxation) awarded May 2010.

## Bar associations

- LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York (LeGal). Student member while in law school, active member since May 2003. Activities include:
  - Member of Judiciary Committee since 2005.
  - Member of Solo/Small Firm committee 2010-2012.
- New York State Bar Association (NYSBA). Student member while in law school, active member since September 2003). Empire State Counsel Award for *pro bono* service. Activities:
  - Trusts & Estates section
  - o Elder Law section
- Florida Bar Association. Active member since May 2011.
- American Bar Association (ABA). Active member since December 2011. Activities include:
  - Webinar speaker for topics including estate planning for the LGBT community
  - Solo, Small Firm, and General Practice Division
  - Law Practice Management Section