



## **25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ELLEN P. HERMANSON MEMORIAL SYMPOSIUM**

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### **BIOGRAPHIES**

#### **SYMPOSIUM PARTICIPANTS**

##### **HON. LINDA M. CAPITTI, Judge, NYC Family Court, Kings County; JALBCA Vice President**

Hon. Linda Capitti was appointed as a Family Court Judge in January 2020 and is currently assigned to Kings County Family Court, where she presides in a child protective part. Prior to that, in January 2019, she was appointed as an Interim Civil Court Judge. Previously, Judge Capitti was a court attorney to the Honorable Tandra L. Dawson in New York County Integrated Domestic Violence Court and Bronx County Family Court, where she worked on cases involving domestic violence. Judge Capitti serves as a Vice President of the Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert (JALBCA) and is a member of the Board of Directors. As a two-time breast cancer survivor, Judge Capitti has an inimitable perspective as to the issues that cancer patients and survivors face before, during, and after treatment.

##### **JACQUELINE P. FLUG, Esq., General Counsel, Drizly; JALBCA Co-President**

Jacqueline P. Flug serves as General Counsel at Drizly, the country's leading e-commerce platform for on demand alcohol delivery. She is the Co-President of Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert (JALBCA). Prior to joining Drizly in 2019, Ms. Flug served as General Counsel and Vice President of Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation from 2016-2019 and as General Counsel to the New York State Liquor Authority from 2012- 2016. Ms. Flug served in the Office of the Mayor as the Administrator for the Assigned Counsel Plan for the Appellate Division First Department, a program that provides private counsel for indigent criminal defendants, from 2008-2012. Ms. Flug began her legal career in 2001 as an Assistant District Attorney in Bronx County, where she prosecuted violent felonies and vehicular homicides.

Ms. Flug served as the President of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York (WBASNY) from 2016-2017 and the President of the Bronx Women's Bar Association from 2007-2008. She serves on various Court Committees, including the Judicial Hearing Officer

Screening Committee for the Appellate Division, Second Department and the Central Screening Committee for the Appellate Division, First Department. Ms. Flug proudly served as a coach for Bronx Middle School I.S. 145 in the Thurgood Marshall Junior High School Mock Trial Competition and served on the Board of the National Organization for Women – NYC. Ms. Flug has been a member of JALBCA since 2005, serving on the Dinner Committee, Programs Committee, chairing the Lunch & Learn Programs Committee as well as the Grants Committee, and serving as Vice President.

Ms. Flug received her Juris Doctor cum laude from New York Law School and her B.A. in American Studies from SUNY Geneseo.

**HON. MARGUERITE A. GRAYS, NYS Supreme Court, Administrative Judge, Civil Term, Eleventh Judicial District; Presiding Justice, Commercial Division, Queens County; JALBCA Co-President**

In November 2000, Justice Marguerite A. Grays was elected Judge of the New York City Civil Court, Queens County. She served in that capacity until her election in November 2002 to the New York State Supreme Court, Queens County, where she presently sits. In the Fall of 2005, Justice Grays was selected as one of the first two Justices to preside over the Queens County Commercial Division. Justice Grays is the Presiding Justice of the Queens County Commercial Division, and the former Presiding Justice of the Queens County Residential Foreclosure Part. In 2015, she was appointed as the Deputy Administrative Judge for Civil Matters, Eleventh Judicial District. In 2020, Justice Grays was appointed as Administrative Judge for Civil Matters, Eleventh Judicial District.

Justice Grays serves on various committees and has held numerous officer positions, including: Co-President of Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert; Chairperson of the Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts of the Queens Supreme Court, Civil Term; Immediate Past President of the New York Chapter of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ); and Chairperson of the Board of Trustees for the Queens County Women’s Bar Association (QCWBA). She has also held the position of Past President and Member of the Board of Directors of the Association of Black Women Attorneys (ABWA).

Justice Grays honors include the Women’s Bar Association of the State of New York (WBASNY) Judith S. Kaye Access to Justice Award, the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra Distinguished Alumni on the Bench Award and the John Jay College of Criminal Justice Law Day Alumni Honoree Award.

Justice Grays is a member of Queens County Women’s Bar Association, Metropolitan Black Bar Association, Queens County Bar Association, National Association of Women Judges, the National Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association.

Justice Grays is a graduate of John Jay College of Criminal Justice and Hofstra University School of Law.

**HENRY M. GREENBERG, Esq., Shareholder, Greenberg Traurig, LLP**

Hank Greenberg is a Past President of the New York State Bar Association, the largest voluntary state bar association in the nation. A former Counsel to the New York State Attorney General, General Counsel to a major New York State agency and federal prosecutor, Hank has handled numerous high-profile matters. He concentrates his practice on civil litigation, criminal and civil investigations, and regulatory and administrative law.

From 2007 to 2010, as Counsel to New York's Attorney General, Hank worked on some of the Department of Law's most significant litigation and public policy initiatives. He also served as General Counsel for the New York State Department of Health (1995 to 2000), where he was the chief legal advisor to the Commissioner of Health and administered an office of more than 100 attorneys engaged in virtually all aspects of administrative law.

Amongst the other government posts he has held, Hank served as Counsel to the Lieutenant Governor of New York State (1995), an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) for the Northern District of New York (1990 to 1995), and law clerk to then Associate Judge (later Chief Judge) Judith S. Kaye of the New York Court of Appeals (1988-1990). As an AUSA, he prosecuted numerous federal criminal cases, including white collar crime and public corruption.

In 2014, the State Commissioner of Education appointed Hank to serve as Fiscal Monitor for the troubled East Ramapo School District in Rockland County. Two years earlier, the Commissioner appointed Hank special investigator to conduct a complete review of the Education Department's processes for receiving, reviewing and investigating reports of alleged improprieties involving student assessments. In both investigations, Hank delivered reports with recommendations to the State's Board of Regents that resulted in significant regulatory reforms.

Hank holds leadership positions on a number of professional committees and other bodies. In June 2020, he was appointed by the Hon. Janet DiFiore, Chief Judge of the State of New York, to serve as chair of the Commission on the Future of New York's Courts. He is counsel to the New York State Commission on Judicial Nomination, which nominates New York's Court of Appeals Judges and chairs the Third Department Judicial Screening Committee. He also is a member of The American Law Institute, State Judicial Screening Committee, New York State Judicial Institute on Professionalism in the Law, and Advisory Group of the New York State and Federal Judicial Council. He is vice chair of Statewide Programming for The Historical Society of the New York Courts, Life Fellow of the New York Bar Foundation, and Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

Hank received his J.D. at Syracuse University College of Law (*cum laude*) and B.A. from the University of Chicago (with honors).

Hank is a frequent lecturer and has been published numerous times on a wide range of legal subjects, including constitutional law, administrative law, criminal procedure, trial and appellate practice, health law, legal history and judicial philosophy.

**HON. JUDY H. KIM, Justice, NYS Supreme Court, New York County, Civil Term; JALBCA Secretary**

Justice Judy H. Kim was elected to the Civil Court of the City of New York, New York County on November 8, 2016, and took office on January 1, 2017. She currently serves as a Justice of the Supreme Court in the New York State Supreme Court, New York County and presides over cases in the City IAS Part. Prior to joining the judiciary, she served as associate counsel in the Bureau & Estates Litigation Section of the New York Liquidation Bureau's Legal Division from 2008-2016. She also spent several years in private practice, first at Kennedy Lillis Schmidt & English – a boutique maritime/admiralty law firm – and then at Snitow Kanfer Holtzer & Millus LLP, where she specialized in commercial litigation, employment discrimination, and matrimonial matters.

Justice Kim is the Secretary of the Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert (JALBCA). She has been a member of JALBCA since 2016 and has served on its Dinner Committee, Programs Committee, Survivors Committee, and the Grants Committee. Justice Kim also serves on the board of the Korean American Community Foundation (KACF), which provides grants and organizational development support to nonprofit groups working to address the most pressing needs in the Korean American community and beyond. She has also served on the boards of the Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY), Korean American Lawyers Association of Greater New York (KALAGNY) and the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA).

Justice Kim received her Juris Doctor cum laude from Tulane School of Law and her B.A. in American History and Political Science from the University of Pennsylvania.

**BURTON N. LIPSHIE, Esq., Special Counsel, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP**

Burt Lipshie has been the Managing Attorney of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP's Litigation Practice Group since 1977. Prior to joining Stroock, he was an Assistant District Attorney in New York County and a member of the Appeals Bureau. Mr. Lipshie also served for six years as Principal Law Clerk to a New York State Supreme Court and Appellate Term Justice.

Widely regarded as an expert on New York procedure, Mr. Lipshie has served as both an educator to, and an advocate on behalf of, the New York State Court System. Each year he is invited by the New York State Office of Court Administration, and its Judicial Institute, to teach New York procedure at its annual seminars for Justices and Judges throughout the state, as well

as the seminars for Law Clerks and Court Attorneys. He also lectures each year to newly elected judges. Mr. Lipshie also serves as regular outside counsel to the Association of Law Secretaries to the Justices of the Supreme and Surrogates' Court in New York City, and the Association of Supreme Court Justices of the State of New York.

Mr. Lipshie is an Adjunct Professor of Legal Writing and New York Practice at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. In 1999, after nine successive graduating classes awarded him "The Outstanding Adjunct Professor" award, the school renamed the award the "Burton N. Lipshie Outstanding Adjunct Professor Award." He has been given the award again by eight other graduating classes. Mr. Lipshie is co-author of *New York Civil Practice Before Trial* published by James Publishing Co., and has written articles and book chapters on procedural issues.

Mr. Lipshie received his law degree at Columbia Law School (*cum laude*) and bachelor of science degree at Columbia University.

**PRISCILLA MARTINEZ, MPhil, PhD, Principal Investigator, Drink Less for Your Breasts; Scientist, Alcohol Research Group/Public Health Institute**

Priscilla Martinez received a BA from Mills College, and an MPhil in International Community Health and a PhD in Epidemiology at the University of Oslo, in Norway. She completed her post-doctoral fellowship at UC Berkeley and the Alcohol Research Group. She is currently a scientist at the Alcohol Research Group/Public Health Institute in Emeryville, CA and the Principal Investigator of the Drink Less for Your Breasts campaign. Drink Less for Your Breasts is an ongoing, evidence-based social media campaign to raise awareness among young women that alcohol use is a breast cancer risk factor. Her other current research explores alcohol-related racial/ethnic health disparities in the U.S., and alcohol use and mental health during the Covid-19 pandemic. She is also Co-Director of the National Alcohol Survey, and a lecturer at the UC Berkeley School of Public Health.

**PAUL F. MILLUS, Esq., Member, Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C.**

Paul Millus practices in Meyer Suozzi's Meyer Suozzi's Litigation and Employment Law Departments located in both its Garden City, Long Island and New York City Offices. Mr. Millus has been involved in all aspects of state and federal litigation throughout his legal career handling a variety of litigated matters from inception, motion practice, trial and appeals. Mr. Millus has tried both jury and non-jury matters dealing with a wide range of issues from commercial, constitutional, real estate, employment, and Surrogate's Court matters. If the matter needs to be tried before a judge or a jury in state or federal court, Mr. Millus stands ready to do so in almost any area of the law. Mr. Millus also concentrates his practice in the area of commercial litigation involving disputes between shareholders and members and all members of complex commercial litigation.

Among other successes, Mr. Millus has successfully represented multiple Long Island municipalities in upholding the constitutionality of a variety of Town Ordinances; obtained dismissal in Federal Court by summary judgment of claims brought by teachers against the school district where they worked that their First Amendment rights of free speech had been violated by the district; and successfully tried numerous cases to verdict in the Federal Court in the Eastern District of New York involving claims of discrimination in the workplace based on race, national origin, sex, gender, and age.

Mr. Millus also regularly provides advice to employers concerning their rights and obligations in the workplace. As a commentator on various news and current event programming for Fox News, Fox Business, CNN, CNBC and Fox News Radio, he has opined on the legal issues of the day. Mr. Millus has published and lectured on cutting edge issues focusing on commercial litigation, employment law, federal practice and trial practice for the NYS Bar Assoc., Nassau County Bar Assoc., the N.Y.C. Bar Association and the Inn of Court.

Mr. Millus began his litigation career as a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the E.D.N.Y. from 1987 – 1989. He joined Snitow & Pauley in 1989 and became a partner in Snitow Kanfer Holtzer & Millus, LLP in 1998 until joining Meyer Suozzi in 2012. Mr. Millus is rated “AV” by Martindale-Hubbell – the highest level of professional excellence and ethics confirming that Mr. Millus is recognized for the highest levels of skill and integrity in the practice of law. Mr. Millus is active with various bar organizations in and around New York City and Long Island. He is the Former Chair of the Federal Courts Committee of the Nassau County Bar Association, present Chair of the Labor & Employment Committee of the NCBA, Past President of the Theodore Roosevelt American Inn of Court, a member of the Eastern District Association of former Assistant and Special Assistant U.S. Attorneys, and is a member of the Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center Board of Governors. He obtained his J.D. at the Creighton University School of Law and his B.A. at Fordham University.

**LARRY NORTON, MD, FASCO, FAACR, Senior Vice President, Office of the President; Medical Director, Evelyn H. Lauder Breast Center; Deputy Director for Clinical and Translational Science, MSK Comprehensive Cancer Center; and Norna S. Sarofim Chair of Clinical Oncology, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center**

Dr. Larry Norton is Senior Vice President, Office of the President; the Medical Director, Evelyn H. Lauder Breast Center; the Deputy Director for Clinical and Translational Science, MSK Comprehensive Cancer Center; and the Norna S. Sarofim Chair of Clinical Oncology at Memorial Sloan Kettering. He is also a Professor of Medicine, Weill Medical College of Cornell University, an Adjunct Professor at the Cold Spring Harbor laboratory, and a Member of the MIT Laboratory for Financial Engineering. Dr. Norton is the Founding Scientific Director of the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. He has served on or chaired numerous committees of the

National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences and has served as President of the American Society of Clinical Oncology among other leadership roles.

Dr. Norton has dedicated his life to the eradication of cancer by activities in medical care, laboratory and clinical research, advocacy, journal editing, and government. His research is broad, but he is best known for mathematical modeling in therapeutic (including paclitaxel and trastuzumab) and diagnostic (including BRCA1) development. He co-invented the Norton-Simon Model of cancer growth, which has broadly influenced cancer therapy, and more recently the self-seeding concept of cancer metastasis and growth. He has been the Principal Investigator of a highly productive NCI Program Project Grant in Models of Human Breast Cancer, has authored more than 430 published articles and many book chapters, and has trained dozens of oncologists, many of whom are now in leadership positions.

Among many honors, he received ASCO's Karnofsky and Bonadonna Awards, the McGuire Lectureship at the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium, MSK's Whitmore Award for Clinical Excellence, the Columbia University's Gold Medal for Outstanding Achievement in Medical Research, the Thomson Reuters Highly Cited Researcher Certificate, the Susan G. Komen Foundation's Scientific Achievement and Brinker Awards, the BCRF's Rose Award, the Cold Spring Harbor Double Helix Medal, and election to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

**HON. ROBERT R. REED, Justice, NYS Supreme Court, Commercial Division, New York County**

Born and raised in Compton, California, Justice Robert R. Reed graduated from Stanford University in 1981, with an A.B. in Political Science, and received his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1984. Elected to a 10-year term on the New York City Civil Court in a county-wide election in November 2007, Justice Reed was inducted in January 2008 and assigned initially to serve as an Acting Family Court Judge in Bronx Family Court. After sitting in Bronx Family Court for just over two years, Justice Reed was assigned in February 2010 to Bronx County Civil Court. In February 2012, Justice Reed began sitting in New York County Civil Court. In 2014, Justice Reed began serving as an Acting Justice of the Supreme Court, presiding over a general individual assignment part in New York County Supreme Court, Civil Branch. Justice Reed was elected a Supreme Court Justice in 2016. In October 2020, Justice Reed was assigned to the Supreme Court's Commercial Division.

Prior to taking the bench, Justice Reed practiced law for 23 years. From 1984 to 1988, Justice Reed served as an associate first at Carpenter Bennett & Morrissey in Newark, New Jersey, and later with Sive, Paget & Riesel, P.C., in Manhattan. He joined the New York State Attorney General's Office under the Honorable Robert Abrams in 1988 and stayed until 1993, serving as Assistant Attorney General in the Litigation and Criminal Prosecutions Bureaus before becoming Deputy Bureau Chief of the Civil Rights Bureau. Justice Reed returned to private practice from



1993 through 2007, serving in senior positions at Williams & Harris LLP and Bryan Cave LLP, before a brief stint exploring solo practice. During his years in law practice, Justice Reed acted as a neutral with the New York County Supreme Court Commercial Division ADR Program, as a neutral with the Eastern District of New York Early Neutral Evaluation and Mediation Panels, and as a mediator for the Southern District of New York Mandatory Mediation Panel.

Justice Reed is an Executive Committee Member of the NAACP Mid-Manhattan Branch, a long-time member (and former Board Member) of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association, a long-time member of One Hundred Black Men, Inc., a Trustee of Park Avenue United Methodist Church, a member of the NYS Unified Court System's Statewide ADR Advisory Committee, and Chair of the Board of Trustees of the New York County Courts Public Access Law Library. He is a former Board Member of the Children for Children Foundation and of the New York League of Conservation Voters. Justice Reed is also a member of the New York State Bar Association, the New York City Bar (Special Committee to Encourage Judicial Service), the New York County Lawyers Association, the Association of Black Women Attorneys, the New York Women's Bar Association, the Asian American Bar Association of New York, the Korean American Lawyers Association of Greater New York, the Jewish Lawyers Guild, the Puerto Rican Bar Association, the Dominican Bar Association, the Haitian American Lawyers Association of New York, the Caribbean Attorneys Network, Judges & Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert (JALBCA), the National Bar Association Judicial Council Division, the National Association of Women Judges, the Judicial Friends Association, Inc., the Association of Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, the Supreme Court Justices' Association of the City of New York, Inc., and the Board of Justices of the First Judicial District.

**SHOSHANA ROSENBERG, ScD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Population Health Sciences, Division of Epidemiology, Weill Cornell Medical College**

Dr. Rosenberg received her BA from Binghamton University, completed a Master of Public Health degree at NYU and a Doctor of Science degree in Epidemiology at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Following an NCI post-doctoral fellowship in Cancer Prevention, a joint program between the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, she was appointed to the faculty of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Harvard Medical School as an Instructor and then an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Department of Medical Oncology. In May 2021, she joined the faculty of Weill Cornell Medical College as an Assistant Professor of Population Health Sciences.



## **SYMPOSIUM PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**HON. LINDA CAPITTI, Judge, NYC Family Court, Kings County; JALBCA Vice President**

See Judge Capitti's bio in Symposium Participants section, above.

**AMY D. CARLIN, Esq., Partner, LaRocca Hornik Rosen & Greenberg LLP**

Amy Carlin is a partner at LaRocca Hornik Rosen & Greenberg LLP. She has extensive transactional and litigation experience in a wide variety of practice areas. She counsels individuals and corporations on general business, corporate, and contract matters including drafting and negotiating asset purchase agreements, corporate and business documents, employment, non-competition, and confidentiality agreements, licenses, distribution agreements, and commercial and residential leases.

A graduate of Brandeis University and the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Amy has a broad range of experience litigating before state, federal, and appellate courts and arbitration panels and has handled complex commercial, contract, employment and non-competition, shareholder and corporate governance, real estate, landlord and tenant, construction, and matrimonial disputes.

Amy is a member of the Committee on State Courts of Superior Jurisdiction of the New York City Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association and is admitted to practice law in the State of New York and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

**HON. JUDY H. KIM, Justice, Supreme Court, New York County, Civil Term; JALBCA Secretary**

See Justice Kim's bio in Symposium Participants section, above.

**DESIREE LASALLE, Esq., Assistant General Counsel, Ferrero USA, Inc.; Member of JALBCA Board of Directors**

Desirée LaSalle, who joined JALBCA in 2018, serving as a committee member, and joined JALBCA's Board in 2020, received a Juris Doctor from New York University's School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from Boston University. She is an Assistant General Counsel at Ferrero USA, Inc.

Desirée is a skilled litigation counsel with extensive experience representing consumer product companies and employees in the food and beverage, construction, and technology industries in complex commercial class actions, multidistrict litigations, and regulatory matters. She advises sophisticated clients on FDA regulatory interpretation and compliance, and state consumer protection statutes, successfully disposing of non-functional slack fill, manufacturing process, country of origin, All Natural, health, dangerous ingredient, inaccurate labeling, and green claims. In that capacity, her food and beverage practice provides her with opportunities to help manufacturers fend off copycat complaints, alleging that their non-functional slack fill fills its

product containers. She also negotiates settlements with little to no cash payments for distributors, retailers, and major herbal supplement manufacturers in labeling, marketing, and advertising suits affecting the food, beverage, alcohol, and supplement industry.

Recognized by Super Lawyers as a “Rising Star” for her contributions in the field, Desirée has also pioneered and been an integral part of the creation and development of food and beverage industry teams at several firms, including Law 360’s Food & Beverage firm of the year, Winston & Strawn LLP, and Alston & Bird LLP, where she served as Of Counsel.

Desirée is admitted to the United States District Courts for the Southern, Northern, Western, and Eastern Districts of New York and the United State Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, among other courts; has written and spoken extensively on topics such as non-functional slack fill, labeling, litigation and the law, and advertising claims and issues for alcohol manufacturers; and worked for Borough President James Oddo, during the period that he served as a councilman.

**JASON LASALLE, Systems and Training Specialist at Alston & Bird LLP**

Jason LaSalle is currently the Systems and Training Specialist at Alston & Bird LLP. He is certified by NYU's School of Engineering for Immersive Design and 3D App Development by Unity. He is a proud member of JALBCA with over 20 years of Information Technology expertise and leadership.

**SANDRA LESPINASSE, Esq., Principal Law Clerk; JALBCA Vice President**

Sandra Lespinasse currently serves as principal law clerk to the Honorable Troy K. Webber at the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Judicial Department. She graduated from Binghamton University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy. She then received her J.D. from Boston College Law School. She is admitted to practice law in New York.

Sandra is a Vice President of JALBCA. She joined JALBCA in 2010 and served as Assistant Secretary from May 2013 through May 2017. She also is a member of the Board of Directors of Citizens Union, the Citizens Union Local Candidates Committee, the Democratic Leadership for the 21st Century, Community Service Society and the New York County Lawyers’ Association. In addition, Sandra is co-captain of Team JALBCA for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, a position she has held for the past 10 years.

**RIAN SILVERMAN, Esq., Court Attorney; Member, JALBCA Board of Directors**

Rian Silverman currently serves as Court Attorney to the Honorable Karen B. Wolff at the Richmond County Family Court. She graduated from Rutgers College-Rutgers University, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Political Science. She received her Juris Doctor from Hofstra School of Law. She is admitted to practice in New York and New Jersey. Previously, Rian was an associate at Vaslas, Lepowsky, Hauss & Danke, LLP, a medical malpractice defense firm. She has also been a volunteer small claims arbitrator in Richmond County Civil Court. She is

currently a member of the Staten Island Gender Fairness Committee and the Richmond County Family Court's Equal Justice in the Courts Committee as well as its historical subcommittee.

Rian joined JALBCA in 2019, serving as a Programs Committee member, and joined JALBCA's Board in 2020. She is also a member of the Staten Island Women's Bar Association, Richmond County Bar Association, and Columbian Lawyers' Association of Brooklyn.

**VIRGINIA K. TRUNKES, Esq., Partner, Gordon & Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP; JALBCA Vice President**

Virginia K. Trunkes is a partner at Gordon & Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP, in the firm's construction practice group. She advocates on behalf of developers; apartment building, brownstone and condominium unit owners; cooperative boards of directors; construction managers, contractors and subcontractors; and design services professionals in negotiating their business contracts and adjacent-owner license access agreements. As former Chair of the New York City Bar Association's Construction Law Committee, Virginia has a broad overview of all issues implicating construction projects, including insurance and regulatory issues, which inform her practical approach in negotiating parties' respective obligations.

When complex disputes do arise, and when alternative dispute resolution cannot be achieved, Virginia litigates in state and federal courts, where she advocates fiercely on her clients' behalf. Common litigation issues include any and all construction disputes, including construction and design defects, bond claims, mechanic's liens, delay and lost productivity claims, and claims arising from force majeure events. In addition to her construction specific litigation experience, Virginia has handled civil matters ranging from contractual breaches, fiduciary obligations, licenses, the right to access, boundaries (trespass and encroachment), Zoning Lot Development Agreements, and interpretation of and compliance with administrative regulations. When not practicing law, Virginia performs volunteer work with organizations such as the Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert, where she serves as a Vice President and member of the Board of Directors, the Westchester Women's Bar Association, where she co-chairs the Corporate and Commercial Committee, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the White Plains Bar Association.

Prior to entering private practice at prominent Manhattan law firms, Ms. Trunkes served as a court attorney at the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, First Department. She is a graduate of Brooklyn Law School J.D. and the State University of New York at Buffalo.