

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Patrick M. Connors is a Professor of Law at Albany Law School where he teaches New York Practice and Legal Ethics. He was an Adjunct Professor of Law at Syracuse University College of Law where he taught Professional Responsibility from 1991 to 1999.

He received his B.A. degree from Georgetown University and his J.D. degree from St. John's Law School, where he was an editor of the Law Review and research assistant to Professor David D. Siegel.

Upon graduation from St. John's in 1988, Professor Connors served as a personal law clerk to Judge Richard D. Simons of the New York Court of Appeals until 1991. From 1991 until May of 2000 he was an associate and then member of the litigation department at Hancock & Estabrook, LLP, in Syracuse, New York.

Commencing with the January 2013 supplement, Professor Connors became the author for Siegel, New York Practice (5th ed.). In addition, he is the author of the McKinney's Practice Commentaries for CPLR Article 22, Stay, Motions, Orders and Mandates, Article 23, Subpoenas, Oaths and Affirmations, Article 30, Remedies and Pleading, and Article 31, Disclosure. He also authors the Practice Commentaries for the New York Rules of Professional Conduct (available on Westlaw; in progress) and several articles in the Surrogate's Court Procedure Act. He is also the author of the New York Practice column and the annual Court of Appeals Roundup on New York Civil Practice, which are published in the New York Law Journal. From 1992 through 2003, he was a Reporter for the Committee on New York Pattern Jury Instructions ("PJI"), the panel of New York State Supreme Court Justices that drafts and oversees the frequent revisions of the standard jury charges in civil cases. His publications have been cited in over 130 reported cases.

He is a member of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Professional Ethics. He served on the New York State Attorney Grievance Committee for the Fifth Judicial District from 1997 until 2000. He was the Reporter for the New York State Bar Association's Special Committee on the Code of Judicial Conduct, which published a report recommending substantial amendments to New York's Code of Judicial Conduct. He was also the Reporter for the New York State Bar Association's Task Force on Non-lawyer Ownership of Law Firms. He is a member of the Office of Court Administration's Advisory Committee on Civil Practice and served as a member of the New York State Bar Association's CPLR Committee from 2003 through 2007.

Professor Connors is a frequent lecturer at continuing legal education seminars on recent developments in New York Practice, professional ethics and legal malpractice. He has also served as an expert witness and consultant on issues pertaining to attorney ethics, legal malpractice, and civil procedure.

In the Fall of 2015, Professor Connors will be a Visiting Scholar in Residence at Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center.

Mae Avila D'Agostino is a United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York. At the time of her appointment in 2011, she was a trial attorney with the law firm of D'Agostino, Krackeler, Maguire & Cardona, PC. Judge D'Agostino is a 1977 magna cum laude graduate of Siena College in Loudonville, New York. At Siena College Judge D'Agostino was a member of the women's basketball team. After graduating from College, she attended Syracuse University College of Law, receiving her Juris Doctor degree in May of 1980. At Syracuse University

College of Law, she was awarded the International Academy of Trial Lawyers award for distinguished achievement in the art and science of advocacy.

After graduating from Law School, Judge D'Agostino began her career as a trial attorney. She has tried numerous civil cases including medical malpractice, products liability, negligence, and civil assault.

Judge D'Agostino is a past chair of the Trial Lawyers Section of the New York State Bar Association and is a member of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Judge D'Agostino has participated in numerous Continuing Legal Education programs. She is an Adjunct Professor at Albany Law School where she teaches Medical Malpractice. She is a past member of the Siena College Board of Trustees, and Albany Law School Board of Trustees. She is a member of the New York State Bar Association and Albany County Bar Association.

William J. Dreyer has been practicing law for 45 years. A graduate of Bowdoin College and New York Law School, Mr. Dreyer served as a Captain, JAGC, in the United States Army, where he defended and then prosecuted court-martial cases. He later became an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York and also served as Chief Assistant from 1976 to 1980.

Mr. Dreyer left the United States Attorney's Office in 1980 and entered private practice with the law firm of Harvey & Harvey where he tried complex criminal and civil cases. In 1987 he founded the Albany-based law firm of Dreyer Boyajian LLP where he concentrates his practice in the areas of white collar crimes and public corruption cases. He is listed in the first and all subsequent editions of the Best Lawyers in America and has received the highest possible peer review rating in legal ability and ethical standards from Martindale Hubbell. He was recently awarded the 'Lifetime Advocate' by the New York State Trial Lawyers Association for an enduring commitment to excellence in the art of trial advocacy for more than 40 years.

Mr. Dreyer is a charter member of the Albany Law School American Inns of Court and has served on various merit selection panels for the appointment of United States magistrates and bankruptcy judges. He is also a founding member and past President of the Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association and is a frequent lecturer at seminars and CLE programs for the New York State Bar Association and other organizations in the area of federal and state civil and criminal practice and ethics and civility. Mr. Dreyer has been a member of the CJA Committee since 2000 and served on various panels, including the CJA Committee's Advisory Group for the Second Circuit Court of Appeals and the Justice Breyer Committee. He is also a member of the Federal Bar Council and in 2006, was invited by the American Bar Association to address the Judiciary of Thailand in Bangkok on Public Corruption and White Collar Prosecutions in the United States.

Alan Goldberg has been a partner in the Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP litigation and appellate practice groups since January 1999. Before joining Whiteman in 1994, he was an associate for three years with Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering in Washington, D.C. From 1989 to 1991, Mr. Goldberg served for two years as law clerk to the Honorable Walter E. Black, Jr., Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland. He is a graduate of New York

University School of Law and Brown University. Mr. Goldberg has experience in all aspects of federal and state litigation, on both plaintiff and defense sides, and has represented clients in federal preemption, contract, sales, product and pharmaceutical liability, personal injury, environmental, employment and civil rights matters.

The Honorable Deborah H. Karalunas obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Cornell University in 1978 and graduated cum laude from Syracuse University College of Law in 1982. At the College of Law, Karalunas was a member of the International Law Review, Moot Court and the Justinian Honor Society. Following law school, Karalunas clerked for United States District Court Judge Howard G. Munson in the Northern District of New York. In 1983, Karalunas joined the law firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King in Syracuse, New York where she later became a partner. In 2002 Karalunas was elected to serve as a Supreme Court Justice in the 5th Judicial District. She presides over a panoply of civil cases including personal injury, commercial, intellectual property, constitutional and environmental. In 2007 Karalunas was appointed presiding justice of Supreme Court, Commercial Division, Onondaga County.

Justice Karalunas is an active member of various bar associations. In addition to serving as chair of several committees and sections, she served on the Board of Directors of the Onondaga County Bar Association and the Central New York Women's Bar Association. Justice Karalunas also was the President of the Central New York Women's Bar Association and Presiding Member of the Judicial Section of the New York State Bar Association. She currently serves on the Onondaga County Bar Foundation. Karalunas lectures frequently for state and local bar associations on many substantive law and trial practice topics. She also teaches New York Civil Practice at Syracuse University College of Law.

Mr. Katz is a shareholder in Menter, Rudin & Trivelpiece, P.C., a member of the firm's Board of Directors and manager of its Litigation practice group. Mr. Katz handles complex commercial litigation in federal and state courts, in matters involving creditors' rights, lender liability defense, limited liability companies and partnerships, contract disputes, employers' rights under non-competition and confidentiality agreements, and contested commercial foreclosure actions. He has tried cases to juries and judges, argued before appellate courts and presented matters to arbitrators and mediators. As a business litigator, his work includes problem solving activities including negotiating settlement agreements in the context of the business disputes he handles. Mr. Katz also provides litigation support to the firm's Business Restructuring and Bankruptcy practice group in complex matters arising under and in connection with cases filed under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

In February, 2013 he was named to the permanent Commercial Division Advisory Council by Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman of the State of New York. The purpose of the Council is to ensure that New York State resolves commercial disputes in ways that benefit the business community and the state's economy.

Mr. Katz is Vice Chair of the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section of the New York State Bar Association. He is also Vice President of the CNY Region of the Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association having previously served as its Secretary and as co-chair of its committee on Continuing Legal Education. Mr. Katz is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Volunteer Lawyers Project of Onondaga County, Inc.

David E. Peebles is a United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of New York. At the time of his appointment in 2000, he was a partner in the law firm of Hancock & Estabrook, LLP.

Judge Peebles earned a Bachelor of Aerospace Engineering degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1972 and a J.D. degree from Syracuse University in 1975, both with Honors. After serving as an Assistant Onondaga County District Attorney, he was law clerk to United States District Judge Howard G. Munson in the Northern District of New York. He joined the law firm of Hancock & Estabrook, LLP in 1978 and remained there until his judicial appointment, rising to serve as Chair of the firm's Labor and Intellectual Property Departments and as a member of its Executive and Practice Management Committees.

Judge Peebles is a Director of the Onondaga County Bar Association and has been a board member of several charitable and community organizations. Additionally, he has been a lecturer, and has authored articles, for several programs of the New York State and Onondaga County Bar Associations.

He is also an accomplished musician, having performed on trumpet with the Atlanta Symphony and the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra.

John Powers is a Partner and civil litigator at Hancock Estabrook, LLP in Syracuse who practices in both federal and state court. He previously practiced with Arent Fox, LLP in Washington D.C. and served as a Federal Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable Frederick J. Scullin, Jr., former Chief Judge of the United District Court for the Northern District of New York.

Mr. Powers received a law degree from Syracuse University College of Law, summa cum laude, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs.

Mr. Powers regularly presents on topics relating to federal and New York State civil procedure. He currently serves as a Trustee of the NDNY Federal Court Bar Association, and a member of the Onondaga County Bar Association's Judicial Committee and Pro Bono Long Range Planning Committees.