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April 22, 2015

- 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Reception hosted by Milberg LLP
- 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Ethical Topics for In-House Counsel
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Michael D. Patrick is a partner in the New York office of the business immigration law firm, Fragomen Worldwide, which he joined as a senior equity partner in 1990. In addition to his acting career at the Inn of Court, Michael performs on his firm's Finance, Global Compliance, Investor (Co-Chair), and Legal Affairs and Risk Management (Co-chair) committees, and plays a role on the Second Circuit's Committee on Admissions and Grievances. When he was in high school at LREI in Greenwich Village, Michael was an active member of the drama department. He did television commercials through college and law school, which supplemented his waitering activities. When he is not acting, Michael hunkers down as an Immigration Columnist for The New York Law Journal and the Metropolitan Corporate Counsel and tries to keep his annual listings in *Best Lawyers in America*, *Super Lawyers* and *Chambers USA: America's Leading Business Lawyers*. Michael thanks his wife, Carol Sedwick, now retired after 33 years as an Associate Director in soap operas, for reading him his lines.

Your Radio Host and Co-Chair

Paul J. Mahoney is an Assistant Deputy Attorney General in the Office of the New York State Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman, where he supervises 50 attorneys and over 250 other staffers investigating and prosecuting criminal and civil fraud and abuse by healthcare providers in the \$40 billion-per-year New York Medicaid program. Paul was previously Chief of the Civil Enforcement Division of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. He has been awarded the *Louis J. Lefkowitz Memorial Award* for outstanding performance by an assistant attorney general by Attorney General Eliot Spitzer and Attorney General Andrew M. Cuomo.

From 1997 to 2004, Paul served as an Assistant District Attorney, later Senior Investigative Counsel, in the Frauds Bureau of New York County District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau. His major prosecutions included a seven-month trial of a securities firm and its principals, several other securities fraud investigations, and numerous other banking, accounting, and financial frauds.

Before joining the District Attorney's Office, Paul was a litigation associate for seven years at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison in New York City with extensive experience in securities litigation, advertising and unfair trade practices, and products liability, and was recognized for *pro bono* work by the Legal Aid Society.

Paul J. Mahoney is a graduate of Cornell Law School and Williams College.

A Fairly Ethical Script Writer, Team Leader
and Commentator

DAVID G. ABRAMS

David G. Abrams is a Special Assistant Attorney General in the New York Office of the Attorney General, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. He is in the Civil Enforcement Unit, where he has worked on a wide-range of matters to recover unlawfully retained taxpayer money. He has also represented the interests of several states on teams comprised of members of the National Association of Medicaid Fraud Control Units, in cases involving nationwide allegations of fraud. In addition to his civil work, he is currently serving as lead prosecutor on a criminal matter.

Prior to joining the Office of the Attorney General, Mr. Abrams was an associate at the litigation boutique Schlam Stone & Dolan LLP, where he specialized in complex commercial litigation. He served as lead associate on matters for some of the largest companies in the world, as well as personally represented basketball legend Julius Erving in a contract dispute matter. He also handled various other cases, including trademark and unfair competition disputes, and claims against a New York City-based developer under the Interstate Land Sales Act.

Prior to joining Schlam Stone & Dolan, Mr. Abrams was an associate at Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, where he primarily handled commercial creditors'-rights cases, as well as general litigation matters.

Mr. Abrams is a 2007 graduate of the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, where he was awarded a Dean's Scholarship and was a Public Interest Law Students Association Summer Stipend recipient. Originally from Chicago, Mr. Abrams briefly returned there during law school, to work as a judicial extern for the Hon. George Lindberg, a U.S. District Court Judge in the Northern District of Illinois. Mr. Abrams is a 2002 graduate of New York University, where he was awarded a Draper Scholarship.

He is admitted in New York state court, as well as the Federal Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York.


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"Working for consumers and investors who have suffered a financial loss or wrong has been very appealing to me. Doing what I can to rectify some of the inequities in the lives of individuals or groups of people is gratifying, particularly in very large, complex cases. . . . I also enjoy cases that are not just about the recovery of monies lost but that also play a role in changing practices that companies engage in that are unfair to consumers and investors."—Ariana J. Tadler, *Lawdragon 500*

In the often opaque and self-interested world of corporate decision-making, Ariana J. Tadler is an antidote — a "leading light" helping individual consumers and institutional investors expose corporate misconduct and secure multimillion-and multibillion-dollar recoveries. A nationally recognized member of the plaintiffs' bar, Ariana has 20+ years of experience litigating and managing the full spectrum of complex securities and consumer class actions, including high-profile, fast-paced cases.

Ariana is also renowned for being one of the nation's leading authorities on electronic discovery in plaintiffs' litigation — an area she and Milberg helped pioneer. She chairs Milberg's E-Discovery Practice Group, has authored numerous publications on E-Discovery, and is regularly invited to speak on a variety of litigation- and discovery-related topics to educate the bench and bar. Ariana is actively involved in the development of the law and best practices, including amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and various pilot programs.

An AV[®] Preeminent rated (Martindale Hubbell's highest rating) lawyer, Ariana has been recognized by several prominent legal industry rating organizations, including *2014 Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* as "a leading light in the plaintiffs' Bar" and a "fearless and tenacious" advocate who wins praise for her in-depth e-discovery knowledge and efficient approach. Clients also praise her ability to "navigate all the e-discovery issues." For four years in a row, *Lawdragon* included her in its select list of 500 Leading Lawyers in America, describing her as "one of the nation's most talented plaintiff-side securities litigators" and crediting her with building Milberg's "team of lawyers and technologists armed with the necessary hardware and software to provide a solid and reliable service." *Benchmark Litigation* has also included her in its 2014 Top 250 Women Litigators in the U.S. and she was named in Super Lawyers 2014 "Top 50: Women Lawyers" in the New York Metro-area.



PRACTICES

Securities Litigation
Consumer Litigation
E-Discovery
Institutional Investors

EDUCATION

B.A., Hamilton College, 1989
J.D., Fordham University School of Law, 1992

BAR ADMISSIONS

New Jersey, 1992
New York, 1993

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REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Steering Committee, ***In re Target Corporation Customer Data Security Breach Litigation***. Representing consumers in a class action accusing Target Corp. of failing to protect customers from a massive data breach during the holiday shopping season.
- Interim Lead Counsel, ***Frito-Lay North America, Inc. "All Natural" Litigation, In re ConAgra Foods, Inc., Bevans v. General Mills, Inc., and In re Kellogg v. General Mills***. Representing a class of consumers in a series of cases involving the alleged misrepresentation of GMO food products as "all natural"; the case involves front-line legal issues, cutting-edge discovery negotiations and complex disputes and motions.
- Lead Counsel, ***Ener1 v. PricewaterhouseCoopers***. Recently represented an alternative energy company in its claims of negligence against one of the Big 4 accounting firms. Case has settled on confidential terms.
- Co-lead Counsel, ***Ironworkers District Council of Philadelphia & Vicinity Retirement & Pension Plan v. Andreotti***. Representing a pension fund in a stockholder derivative action brought on behalf of E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company seeking relief due to the former and present members of DuPont's board of directors' and executive officers' breaches of fiduciary duties, misrepresentations, and corporate waste relating to its infringement of Monsanto's patent, which resulted in a trial and \$1 billion judgment and involved an order for sanctions.
- Special Discovery Counsel, ***Republic of Colombia, et al. v. Diageo North America, Inc.*** Represented the government of Colombia, serving as Special Discovery Counsel, in its pursuit of claims alleging smuggling and illegal sales of alcohol by several international companies for violation of United States RICO statutes and other common law claims. Engagement encompassed identifying relevant information responsive to defendants' requests, confirming and guiding preservation practices, and interviewing and collecting data from more than 100 custodians in 23 Colombian Departments (Colombia's equivalent to our States in the U.S.). Team also reviewed and produced data in the ongoing litigation, and was tasked with ensuring compliance with the various privacy laws of Colombia and the United States with regard to personal data, controlled data and the transfer of sensitive information — all hot topics in the area of E-Discovery today.
- Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel (court-appointed), Lead Counsel and Executive Committee Member, ***Initial Public Offering Securities Litigation***. Represented investors in 310 securities class actions alleging a market manipulation scheme involving hundreds of initial public offerings and 55 prominent defendant investment banks. Through aggressive litigation, plaintiffs' counsel obtained a settlement totaling \$586 million. This case is notable for the unique strategies that were employed to manage this mammoth litigation. Milberg was at the forefront of dealing with complex discovery issues and crafted innovative tools to streamline the process. As a member of the court-appointed Plaintiffs' Executive Committee and as a court-appointed liaison counsel, Ariana oversaw the efforts of approximately 60 plaintiffs' firms in combating some of the most well-respected defense firms in the nation. The case was so large and included such extensive discovery that it required its own off-site headquarters, including approximately 100 personnel from various firms dedicated solely to the prosecution of the matter and supervised and managed, in substantial part, by Milberg personnel.
- Lead Counsel, ***In re MicroStrategy Securities Litigation***, one of three cases litigated in the Eastern District of Virginia (a/k/a the "Rocket Docket") in less than four years. Negotiated settlements valued at more than \$150 million.

HONORS & RECOGNITIONS

- Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America
- ALM: 2014 Women Leaders in the Law (2014)
- Benchmark Litigation: Star (2015)
- Benchmark Top 250 Women Litigator (2014)
- Benchmark Plaintiffs Litigation: New York Litigation Star (2011-2014)
- Chambers Global Guide: Leading Lawyers in E-Discovery (2015)
- Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business (2014)
- Lawdragon 500 (2009-13)
- Martindale Hubbell AV[®] Preeminent (highest rating)
- Super Lawyers "Top 50 Women Attorneys in New York Metro Area" (2014-2015)
- Super Lawyers (2010-14)
- The Fellows of the American Bar Foundation (2012)
- MFY, Partners in Justice Award (2010)

- Development School for Youth Honoree (2013)
- Women's Venture Fund Highest Leaf Award (2011)
- Manhasset Lacrosse Hall of Fame (2008)
- AVENUE Insider Legal Elite New York City's Top Women Securities Law Attorneys (2011-2012)

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ENGAGEMENTS

- American Association for Justice, Member
- American Bar Association, Member
- American Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Cardozo Data Law Initiative, Board of Advisors
- Bloomberg BNA, eDiscovery Board of Advisors
- Federal Bar Council, Member
- Georgetown University Law Center Advanced E Discovery Institute, Advisory Board and Planning Committee Member
- Fordham Law Small to Midsized Law Firm Advisory Council
- MFY Legal Services Inc., Board Member and Past Chair (2008-2010)
- National Association of Women Lawyers, Member
- New York County Lawyers Association, Member
- The New York Inn of Court, Vice President
- New York State Bar Association, Member
- National Association of Consumer Advocates
- New York Women's Bar Association, Member
- The Sedona Conference® (the leading "think-tank" on e-discovery), Board of Directors; Chair Emeritus (and Past Chair, 2007-2012), Steering Committee for Working Group 1 on Electronic Document Retention and Production
- Seventh Circuit, Electronic Discovery Pilot Program
- Southern District of New York, Advisory Committee of the Judicial Improvements Committee
- Milberg Client Development and Marketing Committee, Chair
- Milberg Hiring, Diversity, Technology, and Women's Committees, Member

Your Extremely Ethical Reporter

Lisa C. Cohen - Lisa plays the role of Rhonda Reporter, a role that for which she will undoubtedly be nominated for an Oscar (if they gave Oscars for radio work). She relishes her work in re-writing the scripts of others and then in making numerous mistakes in performing the re-written scripts. Watch for her subtle mispronunciation of the word "prosecutorial" and her dreamy expression when the name Harry Connick is mentioned. But it is her steely glare at the term "misconduct" that will have the audience cheering for more. When not on the radio, Lisa can be found at:

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Reporter and Immigration Attorney

Marta A. Izak started her career in performing for the Inn of Court in 2013, with the widely heralded ethics panel entitled, "When First We Practice to Deceive." She also presented in the 2014 Inn of Court production, "Loot and the Law." This year, as the reporter for Vignette #3, she is excited to present two interesting yet perplexing scenarios involving international criminal investigations, for your listening and viewing pleasure. In her spare time, Marta is an Immigration Associate Attorney with Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, LLP, where she works on employment- and family-based nonimmigrant and immigrant petitions, including petitions for intracompany transferees, treaty investors, and individuals with extraordinary ability. Her clients include companies in the advertising, media, investment, software and technology, and real estate industries, as well as nonprofit organizations.

Prior to joining Fragomen, Marta served as an Attorney Advisor to over 30 immigration judges at the New York Immigration Court, as part of the U.S. Department of Justice Attorney General's Honors Program, and served with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services with the Newark Asylum Office.



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Evan S. Fensterstock's practice focuses on complex commercial litigation and white collar defense in state and federal courts. Evan has represented companies and individuals on both the plaintiff's side and the defense side in a wide range of industries including financial services, securities, hospitality, and gaming. He has handled disputes involving breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, misappropriation of trade secrets, dissolution, malpractice, negligence, defamation, false light invasion of privacy, fraud, conspiracy, and internal investigations. Evan has participated in authoring and teaching CLE presentations in the areas of Research Strategies, Election Law, and Trial Practice.

Evan also devotes his time to pro bono work. He is the coordinator of Kasowitz's Holocaust Survivor Representation Pro-Bono Project, which helps Holocaust survivors recoup pensions and payments from the German government for work performed in ghettos during World War II. He also worked at the Lenox Hill Neighborhood House with the Health Care Access Project to help low income seniors choose a Medicare Part D plan. In 2013, he received the Legal Aid Society Pro Bono Publico Award for his service to Hurricane Sandy victims and initiating interest at Kasowitz in unemployment insurance benefits cases leading to the Unemployment Insurance Project.

During law school, Evan interned for the Honorable Raya S. Dreben in the Massachusetts Appeals Court, the Honorable Charles T. Spurlock in Suffolk Superior Court, and the Legal Division of the Massachusetts Department of Correction in Boston, Massachusetts. In 2007, he was elected Vice-Magister of the Bradlee Inn Chapter of the International Legal Honor Society Phi Delta Phi, and in 2008 he received the Phi Delta Phi Balfour Scholarship for outstanding service to Bradlee Inn.

Notable Representations

- A trust owning 24 percent of AriZona Iced Tea in connection with AriZona Iced Tea's inter-owner dispute and the largest corporate dissolution case in New York.
- The founder and chairman of an international gaming and racing

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PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial Litigation

EDUCATION

- New England School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2009)
Executive Literary Editor, *New England Law Review*
- Bowdoin College (B.A., 2006)
Class President

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Connecticut, 2009
- New York, 2010

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, 2010
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, 2010

company in a defamation, false light invasion of privacy, and conspiracy action brought by a competitor in Maryland state court. In September 2013, the claims against this individual were dismissed.

- Gibraltar Private Bank & Trust in an action against its former parent company, Boston Private Financial Corporation, concerning the interpretation and implementation of a stock purchase agreement.
- Hilton Worldwide in an action alleging trade secret misappropriation and corporate espionage brought by Hilton's competitor, Starwood Hotels & Resorts, and in a grand jury investigation conducted by the United States Attorney's Office (S.D.N.Y.) relating to the same underlying facts.

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Biography

Laurel is an associate in the complex commercial litigation practice group.

Education and Professional Background

- Columbia Law School, J.D., 2012 (Senior Editor, *The American Review of International Arbitration*)
- University of Vermont, B.A., Psychology, 2009
- Admitted to practice: New York, 2013; U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York; U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Activities and Affiliations

- Member: New York State Bar Association, New York City Bar Association, The New York Inn of Court, New York County Lawyers Association

Publications and Presentations

- "The Complaint," *Commercial Litigation in New York State Courts*, 2 N.Y.Prac., Com. Litig. in New York State Courts Ch. 6 (3d ed.), September 2014 (co-author)
- "Loot and the Law," The New York American Inn of Court, CLE Presentation, April 2014 (co-presenter)
- "[From Revlon to Galaviz: Judicial Treatment of Forum-Selection Clauses in Corporate Charters or Bylaws](#)," *V&E Securities Litigation Insights*, Issue 10, Spring 2013 (co-author)

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Jeffrey E. Gross

Jeffrey Gross is a partner in the New York office of Reid Collins & Tsai LLP. Jeff has represented clients in a wide variety of high-stakes, complex commercial litigation through trial. He has represented clients in diverse matters and industries, including cases arising from financial frauds, business and partnership disputes, technology and intellectual property matters, and employment matters. Jeff received his J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he was an Arthur Littleton Legal Writing Instructor. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Virginia, where he was an Echols Scholar.

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EDUCATION

- › University of Pennsylvania Law School, 1998
Arthur Littleton Legal Writing Instructor
Associate Editor, Journal of International Economic Law
- › University of Virginia, B.A. 1995
Phi Beta Kappa
Echols Scholar

NOTABLE REPRESENTATIONS:

- ▮ *Obtaining \$60M jury verdict on behalf of FDIC in a fraud case concerning sub-prime pools of equipment leases*
- ▮ *Representing two sureties in a billion dollar case against JPMorgan Chase arising out of the Enron bankruptcy, leading to settlement after a four-week jury trial*
- ▮ *Prosecution of \$500 million fraud claims on behalf of a European bank against two large U.S. banks relating to a foreign exchange rogue trading scheme*
- ▮ *Representation of minority shareholders in judicial dissolution and breach of fiduciary duty claims against majority shareholders of closely-held businesses, leading to favorable settlements*
- ▮ *Representation of parties in injunction proceedings concerning non-competes and trade secret litigation.*
- ▮ *Representation of staffing company in multi-year litigation over development of custom software program. Other technology and IP disputes include representing apparel company in Lanham Act proceedings against competitors and representation of*

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

- › New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania (inactive)
 - › U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Southern, and Western Districts of New York and the District of New Jersey
 - › U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second and Third Circuits
 - › United States Supreme Court
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development phase biotech company in dispute with investors over convertible debt secured by the company's patents.

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

- | *Social Media and Employment Litigation, Strafford webinar series, August 8, 2012.*
 - | *Re-Thinking Privilege Logs in the Age of E-Discovery, New York Law Journal, July 11, 2011.*
 - | *The Future of E-Discovery: "Predictive Coding" and Computer-Assisted Document Review, May 17, 2011, CLE presentation available for download at www.lawline.com.*
 - | *Preservation, Cost-allocation, and Cooperation: An Exploration of E-Discovery Issues in the Hypothetical Case of In re Bugacide, New York Inn of Court, March 2011.*
 - | *Second Circuit Rules That Arbitrators Must Decide Whether to Consolidate Multiple Proceedings, NYSBA Commercial & Federal Litigation Section Newsletter, Spring 2009, Vol. 15 at pp. 5-7.*
 - | *"Circuit Explores 'Wagoner' Rule on Corporate Management Fraud, New York Law Journal, March 5, 2009.*
 - | *Preparing for a Rule 26f Conference, CLE presentation available for download at www.lawline.com, 2009.*
 - | *Solicitation or Shrewd Tactics: The Ethics of Speaking for Ex-Employees, New York Law Journal, December 8, 2008, p.4.*
 - | *The Needle in the Electronic Haystack: Preserving, Searching, and Producing Relevant Documents in the Age of Electronic Discovery, November 2008. Hudson Valley Bank CLE series*
 - | *E-Discovery: One Year of the Amended Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, 64 N.Y.U. Ann. Surv. Am L. 201 (2008).*
 - | *Comparing the Utility of Keyword and Concept Searches, 7 Digital Discovery & Electronic Evidence, 188-90 (2007).*
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He also maintains a [blog](#) on litigation and technology issues.

Before joining Reid Collins & Tsai LLP, Jeff was a Partner at Vandenberg & Feliu LLP and Special Counsel to Cooley LLP. He has been recognized by Martindale Hubbell with the highest “AV” rating.

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RCT WINS \$40M JURY VERDICT FOR FRAUD AGAINST CREDIT SUISSE

A Texas jury on Friday awarded a Highland Capital Management LP-managed entity \$40 million, finding the Dallas-based hedge fund was defrauded by Credit Suisse AG units about the value of Las Vegas real estate underlying a \$540 million refinancing loan...

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Experience

- Prosecuted major executives of a \$40 billion a year company who were involved in the theft of more than \$150 million from a public company. Initiation of the investigation, along with subsequent management of all case work, including taking pleas, supervising the investigation, and trying one of the cases in question, resulted in an account's permanent barring from practicing accounting, the recovery of hundreds of millions of dollars, and the conviction of three individuals.
- Initiated and led the investigation of money laundering and fraud at the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, which involved senior officers and individuals from 70 countries worldwide. Through investigation and prosecution of officers and individuals, team recovered \$1.6 billion, and directly recovered \$650 million for victims of the fraud. Prosecution caused the bank to be closed.
- During securities fraud case, initiated and supervised the investigation and prosecution of 17 individuals involved in the corruption of a stock brokerage firm. Commitment to prosecuting the appropriate individuals led to the conviction of all 17 in question and the supervision of several hundred subsequent prosecutions that arose out of the initial fraud case.
- Led the investigation and conducted the prosecution of individuals involved in bank

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fraud in Caracas, Venezuela. Used bank documents and knowledge of fraud and money laundering to demonstrate that the individuals in question were guilty of fraud.

Arbitration

- Secured an arbitration award of more than \$14 million for a New York stock exchange client, which was the third largest award in stock exchange history. Understanding of the situation—that the defense was planning the catch the complainant in a lie and use the lie to discredit the entirety of his story—allowed analysis of the matter and its possible solutions, which in turn made it possible to obtain the unprecedented award.
- Won \$8.02 million claim for client in AAA arbitration, which was the full amount of claims.

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Internationally Ethical Prosecutor

Larissa Payne is a Deputy Regional Director for the New York City Region Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in the Office of the New York State Attorney General's Office. She supervises the Attorneys and other staffers who work in Medicaid Fraud's New York City Criminal Unit who investigate, prosecute and resolve healthcare provider fraud, abuse and neglect cases for the over \$55 billion dollar a year New York State Medicaid Program. Larissa was previously a Special Assistant Attorney General, prosecuting complex criminal fraud cases to include enterprise corruption, months long multi-defendant fraud trial and the Pedro Espada Investigation.

Prior to joining the Attorney General's Office, Larissa was the Deputy District Attorney for Riley County, a senior associate at two law firms. The last specializing in complex plaintiff litigation focusing people getting run over by trains – yes she literally had a country music song as her job. Larissa had the first case which recognized the tort of spoliation in Kansas. Before running around railroad tracks conducting lots of depositions and motion practice, Larissa focused her efforts on toxic tort litigation.

She began her legal career as a US Army JAGC officer, serving in various vacation spots such as Fort Hood Texas, Kuwait and the Persian Gulf. The ads said they would show her the world, however; she notes they neglected to specify what parts. But she will be the first to admit getting to go to work every day in combat boots and camouflage pajamas was pretty awesome. Larissa was the first woman JAGC to deploy to combat zone. She received the noble patron of armor and meritorious service medal for her service among other awards.

Larissa is a graduate of the University of Kansas School of Law and the University of Virginia.



Shawn J. Rabin is a partner at the law firm of Susman Godfrey L.L.P. who works out of New York City, but tries cases for plaintiffs and defendants in state and federal courts across the country. His past experience includes handling antitrust, securities, patent, breach of contract, dram shop, fraud, class action, and other complex business disputes. Rabin handles all aspects of a case- from evaluating claims before a complaint is filed to securing final judgments. Mr. Rabin is a strong believer in litigating efficiently and cost effectively no matter whether he is working by the hour, on a fixed fee, or contingency fee. Unlike lawyers who follow similar outlines for every case, Mr. Rabin's creativity and knowledge of what works often provides him with the extra margin needed to succeed. Mr. Rabin graduated with Honors from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service with a major in International Politics and Security. Mr. Rabin obtained his J.D. from the University of Texas, where he received the distinctions of Chancellor and Order of the Coif. Mr. Rabin also served as an Associate Editor of the *Texas Law Review*. After law school, Mr. Rabin clerked for the Honorable Juan R. Torruella of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. Mr. Rabin began practicing law in Dallas, Texas and moved to New York City in late 2009 to help open Susman Godfrey's New York City office.



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Carlos Ramos-Mrosovsky

Associate

Carlos is a senior associate in our international arbitration group, based in New York.

Practice

Disputes

About

Carlos represents clients in commercial and international investment disputes before a diverse range of arbitral institutions, and before United States federal and state courts. He has also advised clients on issues of US constitutional and administrative law, and on US economic sanctions. Carlos' clients include leading international energy, mining, and infrastructure companies, as well as sovereign governments.

In his active pro bono practice, Carlos has represented Iraqi refugees seeking resettlement in the United States, as well as individual plaintiffs in federal civil rights actions challenging unlawful government seizures of private property. Working with Oxfam America, he has advised civil society organizations on the responsible management of natural resources in developing countries.

Carlos is a member of the International Section of the American Bar Association, the American Society of International Law, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the New York State Bar Association, the ICC Young Arbitrators Forum and the New York American Inn of Court.

Recent deals/Highlights

Some of Carlos' recent and more significant matters include:

- representing a ConocoPhillips subsidiary in an ICSID arbitration against Ecuador arising from the expropriation of investments in several oil fields;
- representing the Federative Republic of Brazil in an international money laundering and asset recovery action in federal district court;
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