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BIOGRAPHIES

Richard H. Dolan

Richard H. Dolan is a Senior Partner of Schlam Stone & Dolan LLP. Mr. Dolan received his B.A. from Yale University in 1972, and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School with a J.D. in 1975.

Following graduation from law school, he practiced law as an associate with Simpson Thatcher & Bartlett in New York until May 1979, when he became an Assistant United States Attorney, Civil Division, for the Eastern District of New York. As an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Mr. Dolan tried many major, civil actions in which the Government was a party, including medical malpractice, aviation, forfeiture, government contracting and other matters. In May 1982, he resigned that position to resume the private practice of law, and soon thereafter became a member of the Firm.

Since returning to private practice, Mr. Dolan has concentrated on complex commercial litigation, and also has represented clients in connection with corporate governance, antitrust, securities, telecommunications, bankruptcy and sports and entertainment litigation and appeals. Mr. Dolan also represents clients in negating and drafting agreements in a wide variety of commercial contexts. He is admitted to the bars of New York, Massachusetts and Hawaii and a number of federal courts around the country.

Herbert Eisenberg

Herbert Eisenberg is a member of the firm of Eisenberg & Schnell, LLP. His practice is devoted to representation of employees in all aspects of employment law with a focus on litigation involving employment discrimination, equal pay, sexual harassment and employment contracts. He has arbitrated securities industry employment disputes, litigated employee benefit claims under ERISA, fraud claims in the employment context and has handled both public and private sector union-side collective bargaining matters.

Mr. Eisenberg is a frequent speaker at conferences on various aspects of employment law, litigation, mediation and appellate advocacy. He has taught employment law as an adjunct professor at New York Law School. He sits on the Executive Board of the National Employment Lawyers Association ("NELA.") He is a past President of the National Employment Lawyers Association, New York Chapter, ("NELANY") and was a member of its Executive Board for seventeen years. He is formerly co-chair of the Labor and Employment Law Committee of the New York County Lawyer's Association. Mr. Eisenberg has been listed in Best Lawyers in America for over a decade and has been listed as a Superlawyer for many years. He is a Fellow in the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers.

Mr. Eisenberg is a graduate of the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School (1983) and the State University of New York at Binghamton (1979).

Meredith J. Jones

Meredith J. Jones is the General Counsel of the New York City Economic Development Corporation and the New York City Industrial Development Agency. NYCEDC's mission is to encourage economic growth in each of the City's five boroughs by strengthening the City's competitive position and facilitating investments that build capacity, generate prosperity and catalyze the economic vibrancy of City life as a whole. NYCEDC engages in real estate development, property management, and construction infrastructure development. It also provides advice to businesses in, or seeking to locate in, the City through its Client Coverage department. NYCIDA programs provide companies with access to triple tax-exempt bond financing and tax benefits to acquire or to create capital assets, such as purchasing real estate, constructing or renovating facilities, and acquiring new equipment.

Immediately before joining NYCEDC and NYCIDA, Jones was Special Counsel to Gray Cary Ware & Friedenrich (now DLA Piper), located in the firm's the Palo Alto, California office, where she engaged in a financial transactional practice. Prior thereto, Jones was Chief of the Cable Services Bureau of the Federal Communication Commission in Washington, D.C., involved in multichannel video and telecom competition issues. Before joining the FCC, Jones was General Counsel to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Washington, D.C., which includes the National Weather Service and is the nation's trustee for marine mammals and anadromous fish and the lead agency for oceanic and atmospheric issues. Jones was Senior Counsel to financial and equity components of the Bechtel group of companies in San Francisco, California and was a partner in a San Francisco law firm. Jones began her legal career in the City at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton.

Jones is a graduate of the Yale Law School and Swarthmore College. She is a member of New York County Lawyers' Association and of the Transportation Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Lisa C. Cohen

Ms. Cohen is one of Schindler Cohen & Hochman. Her experience includes trials, arbitrations and appellate work in a wide variety of complex commercial areas, including: banking, credit and default swap issues, commercial fraud, contracts, insurance intellectual property, patents, securities, subprime issues, suretyship, and RICO. She also has extensive experiences in disputes involving issues of foreign law, particularly Brazilian and Russian law, and she routinely counsels foreign clients who have U.S.-based litigation.

Ms. Cohen has written several articles on litigation and arbitration, and she was an invited speaker at the Second Circuit Judicial Conference and at the Annual Meeting of the New York State Bar Association Real Property Law Section. As a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York she has served on the Litigation Committee and on the Trademark Committee. She has also served on the Subcommittee on Cyberspace for the American Bar Association. Ms. Cohen belongs to the Federal Bar Council, where she serves on the Second Circuit Court Committee, the New York State Bar Association, and the New York chapter of the American Inns of Court. She was recently honored by an invitation from the Second Circuit to serve on its Judicial Conference Planning Committee. Ms. Cohen was named a New York Super Lawyer by *Law & Politics Magazine*. Before forming Schindler Cohen & Hochman LLP, she practices with Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP.

Robert L. Herbst

Bob Herbst has been trying civil and criminal cases to juries for more than 35 years. He grew up on the criminal side of the court as a federal prosecutor in Chicago and Philadelphia, where he specialized in major economic crime and public corruption cases, and as Executive Assistant District Attorney in Brooklyn, New York, where he headed the Investigative Bureau and supervised all of that office's investigations and prosecutions of white collar crime and official corruption. Since 1983, Mr. Herbst has been in private civil litigation and criminal defense practice, specializing, on the civil side, primarily in civil rights, employment and housing discrimination cases and class actions in the federal and state courts. He has more than 25 years' experience representing victims of police, corrections and other municipal or state misconduct; sexual harassment and other forms of sex or gender discrimination; race, ethnic, and disability discrimination, and consumer and securities fraud. His experience also includes cases involving malpractice, defamation, false allegations of child abuse, inadequate premises security, commercial, banking and real estate disputes, products liability, and intellectual property. Mr. Herbst has actively represented his clients in mediation and arbitration as well as in court, and often counsels employees prior to, and in an effort to avoid, litigation.

Mr. Herbst is a graduate of Princeton University and the Yale Law School. He has taught trial practice to law students, government and private lawyers, and federal judges. He has repeatedly been selected as one of New York's SuperLawyers and is widely-known as one of New York City's leading, most experienced and successful private civil rights and employment trial lawyers. He has served on the Executive Board of the New York affiliate of the National Employment Lawyers Association (NELA/NY) and the Advisory Board of NYU's Center for Labor and Employment Law. He has been an active private pilot for more than 30 years.

Education

J.D., Yale Law School, 1972

B.A., Princeton University, 1969

Magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Jurisdictions Admitted to Practice

New York

Pennsylvania Bar

Supreme Court of the United States

Second Circuit Court of Appeals

Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals

Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals

Eastern District of New York

Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Robert L. Herbst

Professional & Bar Association Memberships

Yale Law School Association

Vice President, Executive Committee (2006 – Present)

Association of the Bar of the City of New York

Member, Committee on Legal Referral Service (2005 – Present)

Member, Committee on International Human Rights (2000 – 2002)

Member, Committee on Federal Legislation (1985 – 1987)

Member, Committee on Criminal Justice Operations (1982 – 1985)

National Employment Lawyers Association of New York

Executive Board of Directors (2004 – 2006)

**Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Panels of the Southern and Eastern
Districts of New York**

(representation of indigent criminal defendants in the federal courts) (1983 –
2001)

New York County Lawyers Association (1985 – 1988)

Member, Committee on Women and the Law (1985 – 1987)

Jeffrey A. Dougherty
Special Assistant Corporation Counsel – New York City Law
Department
2005 – Present

Jeffrey practices in the Special Federal Litigation Division of the New York City Law Department. His practice focuses on civil rights litigation arising under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Jeffrey defends the City of New York and its employees in federal civil rights cases primarily alleging violations of the Fourth Amendment, the First Amendment, and the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. Jeffrey recently prevailed at a jury trial in the Southern District of New York, successfully defending members of the NYPD against allegations that the officers used excessive force while effectuating an arrest. He is also one of the lead attorneys defending the City in a series of consolidated cases arising from events related to the 2004 Republican National Convention.

Education

Villanova University School of Law

J.D. 2002 (Externships with the Hon. Gregory M. Sleet, Federal District of Delaware; and the U.S. Attorney's Office - Eastern District of Pennsylvania)

Pennsylvania State University

B.A. 1998 with Honors (Schreyer Scholar, Class of 1922 Scholarship)

Previous Legal Employment

Thompson Wigdor & Gilly, LLP – New York, New York

Associate 2004-2005

Kaufmann Feiner, LLP – New York, New York

Associate 2002 – 2004

Professional Activities

New York American Inn of Court – Barrister (February 2009 – Present)

Small Claims Court Arbitrator – New York County (January 2009 – Present)

Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition – Judge (2010)

Edward O' Toole

Edward O'Toole is an Associate at Biedermann, Reif, Hoenig & Ruff, P.C. Mr. O'Toole received his J.D. degree with Honors from St. John's University School of Law in 2007. He received a B.S. degree from St. John's University, in 2000. Prior to attending law school, Mr. O'Toole spent several years working in Europe as a Regional Director for an international travel company. Having resided and studied in Zurich and Fribourg, Switzerland, Mr. O'Toole speaks fluent German and French. Mr. O'Toole is active in the defense of German and Swiss manufacturers in products liability actions and multi-national insurance companies in claims and subrogation matters, as well as cross- border litigation.

Education

St John's University, School of Law, J.D. - 2007

St. John's University, B.S. - 2000

Past Employment Positions

International Travel Company, Regional Director

Languages

German

French

David G. Abrams

David G. Abrams is an associate at Schlam Stone & Dolan LLP, where he specializes in complex commercial litigation. He has worked on a wide variety of cases, including a \$500 million contract-dispute case involving Fortune 25 companies, which required extensive international travel and discovery management. He has handled various other cases, including trademark and unfair competition disputes, general breaches of contract, and claims against a major 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 creditors'-rights cases, as well as other, general commercial 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. During law school, he was a judicial extern for the Hon. George Lindberg, U.S. District Court Judge, N.D. Ill., Chicago, IL. Mr. Abrams is a 2002 graduate of New York University, where he was awarded a Draper Scholarship.

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

Michael T. Phillips II

Following in the tradition of Fensterstock & Partners, Michael has worked on prominent terrorism cases, including America's first terrorism trial by military commission since 9/11. He worked on the first trial of a Guantanamo Bay detainee with Lieutenant Commander Charles Swift, lawyer of the landmark Supreme Court case *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*. Additionally, Michael has also worked for President Clinton, supporting the Clinton Foundation's HIV/AIDS Initiative and conducting hands-on research for Clinton's autobiography *My Life*.

Legal Experience

Fensterstock & Partners LLP - Associate (2008-Present)

Education

Emory University School of Law, J.D., (2008): Dean's List; American Constitutions Society Convention Scholarship

King's College, University of London, M.A., (2006): Master of Arts Degree with Distinction in International Relations

New York University, B.A., (2004): The College Prize in Political Science; The University President's Award for Leadership

Membership and Associations

New York American Inn of Court, Vice President for CLE (2009 - Present)

New York County Lawyers Association

American Constitution Society

Admitted: NY