

## BIOGRAPHIES

**Paul F. Millus** recently joined the firm of Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C. in an “Of Counsel” position and practices in the Litigation and Employment Law Departments located in Garden City, Long Island, New York and Meyer Suozzi’s New York City Office. 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 civil rights, commercial, constitutional, real estate, employment, tort 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 regularly provides advice to employers and employees concerning their rights and obligations in the workplace including consultation on employee handbooks, discrimination policies, FMLA, FLSA, employment contracts, wage and hour concerns and all manner of workplace issue.

Mr. Millus began his litigation career as a former Special Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York from 1987 through 1989. There he worked with elite attorneys representing the U.S. Government in commercial matters; false claims act cases, civil forfeiture to name a few. He joined the firm of Snitow & Pauley in 1989 and became a partner in Snitow & Cunningham LLP in 1998 which became known as Snitow Kanfer Holtzer & Millus LLP. It was while working with at Snitow Kanfer Holtzer & Millus LLP that represented many municipalities on Long Island including the Towns of Brookhaven, Hempstead, and North Hempstead, the City of Long Beach, and the Counties of Nassau and Suffolk trying numerous cases in state and federal courts. He continued to successfully represent municipalities throughout Long Island as a partner in addition to expanding his private client base.

**Margarett M. Williams** - Margarett Williams, the Assistant Dean for Career Services at Touro Law Center, received her Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Adelphi University, where she graduated *summa cum laude*, and her Juris Doctor from Touro Law Center. For two years, she served as President of Touro Law’s Alternative Dispute Resolution Society. At graduation, she received an award for academic excellence in trial practice and was recognized for her contributions to the quality of student life. Prior to attending law school, Ms. Williams spent 17 years in corporate Human Resources and corporate Training in a \$1.5 billion corporation, now a division of Motorola. During that time, she obtained certification in Human Resource Management from Cornell University. Ms. Williams initially practiced employment law upon graduation from law school, but quickly pursued her interest in family law. She practiced matrimonial and family law at Winkler, Kurtz, Winkler & Kuhn, an AV rated law firm in Port Jefferson Station, New York. She returned to Touro Law Center as the Director of Employer Relations in late 2007 and was promoted to Assistant Dean in July 2010. Ms. Williams continues to practice law as pro bono counsel to unrepresented litigants who qualify for her

services. In February 2012, she was recognized for this work by the Suffolk County Bar Pro Bono Foundation.

As a member of the Committee on Career Advancement and Management at the Association for the Bar of the City of New York, she has given numerous presentations on resumes, cover letters and provided counsel on job searches. She is a member of the Executive Committee of the Alexander Hamilton Inn of Court, a group of distinguished judges and attorneys. She serves as faculty liaison responsible for overseeing the design and implementation of the Inn's programs eligible for continuing learning education (CLE) credits. She is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Theodore Roosevelt Inn of Court, the Association for the Bar of the City of New York, the Society of American Law Teachers, the National Association of Legal Professionals, the New York State Bar Association, the New York State Women's Bar Association, the Nassau County Bar Association, the Suffolk County Women's Bar Association and the Suffolk County Bar Association. Ms. Williams is admitted to practice law in the State of New York, the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York and the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court.

**Hon. Merik R. Aaron** was elected to the Family Court bench in November, 2010. Judge Aaron was elevated to the position of Acting Supreme Court Justice by Hon. Anthony Marano, Administrative Judge for the courts of Nassau County. He served as Acting Supreme Court Justice in the Nassau County Criminal Court located in Mineola, NY and currently serves as Judge in the Nassau County Family Court.

Prior to serving on the bench, Judge Aaron was the Principal Deputy Town Attorney for the Town of Hempstead, NY dealing with matters concerning Municipal Law. In 2006, he was appointed Family Court Judge to fill an interim vacancy on the Nassau County Family Court. His nomination was confirmed by the New York State Senate. In 2007, Judge Aaron returned to his former positions as Principal Deputy Town Attorney for the Town of Hempstead, Village Attorney for the Incorporated Village of Hewlett Harbor, and attorney in private law practice. Judge Aaron had offices in Garden City, Hewlett, and Williston Park, Long Island.

Judge Aaron's legal career began working as a law clerk for *Liotti and Skelos* in Garden City. He then became the General Counsel to *Cliff Data Systems Software Company* in New Jersey. He accepted the position of Deputy Town Attorney for the Town of Hempstead and was promoted to Principal Deputy Town Attorney. He also maintained a private practice concentrating in family, criminal, real estate, and municipal law.

He is currently an adjunct professor of Family Law at *Touro Law Center* and has been an adjunct professor at *Nassau Community College* teaching family living since 1975. In 2000, he was named the "Outstanding Adjunct Professor at Nassau Community College." Judge Aaron is the past-president of the Nassau County Science Educational Leadership Association, New York State Science Educational Leadership Association, and National Science Educational Leadership Association. He is a life member of the New York Academy of Sciences.

Judge Aaron serves as the Treasurer of the *Touro Law Center Alumni Association* executive board. Judge Aaron is admitted to practice law in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Washington D.C. and Minnesota. He is also admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, U.S. District Courts in New York and New Jersey, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, Armed Forces, and U.S. Court of Claims. He is a member of the Nassau County Bar County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association. He is a member of the Jewish Lawyers' Association and the Columbian Lawyers' Association. He was selected to become a member of the grievance committee of the Nassau County Bar Association and was the past chairman of the Bar Association of Nassau County's fee conciliation committee.

Judge Aaron received his J.D. from *Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center* in 1992. He received his doctorate in Administration from *Nova Southeastern University* in 1982. He obtained his Professional Diploma and Certificate of Advanced Studies in Administration from *Hofstra University* in 1974 and 1973 respectively. He received his Master's Degree in 1971 and his Bachelor's Degree in 1969 from *Long Island University*.

Prior to becoming an attorney, Judge Aaron taught biology, chemistry and physics, then became Science Department Chairman, Assistant Principal and Director of Curriculum for several Long Island public schools.

Judge Aaron has won numerous awards: Hon. William J. Gitelman Award Outstanding Service to the Legal Profession (The Nassau Lawyers Association of Long Island, Inc.); Outstanding Science Supervisor in Nassau County (Nassau County Science Educational Leadership Association); Professional Excellence Award for Science Supervision in New York State (New York State Science Educational Leadership Association); Outstanding Science Supervisor in United States (Prentice Hall Publishers and National Science Educational Leadership Association); Professional Excellence Award (Adjunct Faculty Association of Nassau Community College). He is listed in current editions of *Who's Who In America*, *Who's Who in American Law*, and *Who's Who in Finance and Business*.

**Virginia K. Trunkes** is an attorney with Snitow Kanfer & Holtzer, LLP, practicing primarily commercial, employment and real estate litigation and appellate practice. Ms. Trunkes' previous employment was with the Appellate Division, First Department, from which she developed a clear insight into litigation with an ability to predict the ultimate outcome of motions and appeals.

Virginia is currently serving on the Committee on State Courts of Superior Jurisdiction at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York where she is the Chair of the Breakfast Series Subcommittee; on the New York State Bar Association's Commercial and Federal Litigation Section; and as co-chair of the Corporate and Commercial Committee at the Westchester Women's Bar Association. Virginia has authored and co-authored many legal articles on various litigation subjects, including several in the *New York Law Journal*, and has presented at and created and executed Continuing Legal Education classes on appellate practice and the Uniform Rules for NY State Trial Courts, as well as other areas.

Virginia graduated magna cum laude from the State University of New York at Buffalo, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Psi-Chi, and from Brooklyn Law School, where she was a Richardson Scholar and received the CALI Award for Excellence.

**Colleen Baktis** is a graduate of Touro Law Center's May 2012 class. She obtained her undergraduate degree from Hofstra University in Business Administration. During her time at law school, Colleen took an interest in criminal law and pursued various internships in the criminal law field including both state and federal levels. She is currently employed as a law graduate at Nassau Legal Aid Society.

**Rahat Amad** graduated from St. John's University Suma Cum Laude. She is currently a third year law student at Touro Law Center where she is the Article Editor of International Law Review, Vice President of International Law Student Association and the Service Justice of Phi Alpha Delta, International Law Fraternity. She is interest in Criminal Law and Civil Litigation. In her first summer of law school, she worked with the NYPD Legal Bureau in the Civil Enforcement Unit, in the previous summer she worked with the Kings County District Attorney's office in the Money Laundering Bureau, and she is currently working at the United States Attorney's Office in the Eastern District with the Criminal Division.

**Lynn Merkal** Lynn Markel graduated from the University at Buffalo Summa Cum Laude. She is currently a second year law student at Touro Law School where she is a member of Touro's Moot Court Honors Board, Staff Member of the Journal of Race, Gender, and Ethnicity, a Teaching Assistant, conducting weekly review for first year students, as well as the Secretary of the Women's Bar Association. Lynn is passionate in the area of Criminal Law. In her first summer of law school, she interned for The Exoneration Initiative, working on complex non-DNA exonerations cases, focusing on the problems proven to cause wrongful conviction. Lynn will be interning with the Nassau County District Attorney's office in the Spring 2013 semester.