

## **NY American Inn of Court: White Collar Team Bios (10/22/14)**

### **Laurie Brecher**

Laurie Brecher is a litigator who has focused her practice on white-collar criminal and regulatory enforcement defense and prosecutions, internal investigations, and complex federal and state civil litigation. She served as an AUSA in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of NY, holding several positions, including Chief of the General Crimes Unit and Senior Trial Counsel of the Securities & Commodities Fraud Task Force. After her government service, she was Deputy General Counsel, Litigation & Regulatory for Pitney Bowes, Inc. Prior to her government service, she was a litigation associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore, and Howard, Darby & Levin. She was also honored to have served as a law clerk to the Hon. Jon O. Newman, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

### **Robert Caliendo**

Robert Caliendo is a criminal defense attorney with Sercarz & Riopelle, LLP. In April of 2014, Mr. Caliendo was one of the attorneys who represented a lawyer in a public corruption case involving allegations of fraud and kickbacks in real estate development projects financed through HUD and the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development. Following a three week trial the defendant was acquitted on all charges. More recently, he was one of the attorneys who represented at trial in federal court a former New York City Police Officer accused of conspiring to rob drug dealers. He joined the firm in 2013 after practicing law for nearly a decade in the Bronx County District Attorney's Office. Mr. Caliendo has given CLE's on a variety of topics, and has guest lectured at Adelphi University on Long Island and at the New York City Police Academy. He is a member of the White Collar Crime Committee of the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and is a member of the New York Inn of Court.

### **Ratko Caricic**

Ratko Caricic works in-house at BNP Paribas and specializes in Capital Markets transactions. Ratko graduated from Brooklyn Law School, where he was a member of the Moot Court Honor Society.

### **Glenn Colton**

Glenn Colton is currently the Chair of the White Collar and Government Investigations practice at Dentons, an AmLaw 20 firm. Earlier in his career Glenn served for approximately a decade as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York. Glenn has been a member of the New York Inn of Court since its inception.

### Elizabeth Daitz

Elizabeth Daitz is the Director of Civil Matters in the NYPD Legal Bureau, where she oversees civil litigation involving the Department and its members of service. Elizabeth was previously a Senior Counsel at the New York City Law Department, defending the City and its employees in federal civil rights cases ranging from wrongful conviction to class actions challenging municipal policies. She is a 2005 graduate of St. John's University School of Law, and has been a member of the Inn for the past four years.

### Lauren R. Fox

Lauren Fox is an associate at Leader & Berkon LLP and her practice is focused on commercial and securities litigation and arbitration. Lauren is an active member of the New York City Bar's Committee on International Law and is on the Advisory Council for Bottom Line NYC. This is Lauren's second year on the Inn's White Collar Team.

### Elsbeth Gibb

Elsbeth Gibb is in her fourth year as an associate at Louis F. Burke, P.C. Elspeth's practice is focused on commodity and complex financial product litigation. Elspeth runs the firm's Internet and social media marketing initiatives. She used her SEO skills to get the Louis F. Burke, P.C. website to the front page of google search results. Over the summer, her article on the recently passed French mass action law was published in UIA Magazine. In addition to practicing law Elspeth is in charge of volunteer events for the Metro-NYC Chapter of the Ohio University Alumni Association, and won the Ohio University Alumni Association's Community Service Award. Elspeth has also been trained in stand-up comedy and improv. She has performed at Gotham Comedy Club and other venues throughout the city. This is Elspeth's second year responsible for the white collar team's powerpoint and multi-media and first year as comedy consultant.

### Chris Lyon

Chris Lyon is an associate attorney practicing with the law firm Heidell, Pittoni, Murphy & Bach, LLP. He specializes in defense litigation work in the areas of medical liability and risk management, commercial litigation, and general liability. Prior to joining HPM&B, Chris interned with Judge Xavier Rodriguez of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas and worked as a student attorney with Greater Boston Legal Services. Chris has continued to have an interest in the area of White-Collar Crime and is happy to be a part of the White Collar team this year.

### Allison Menkes

Allison Menkes has been an associate at De Feis O'Connell & Rose, P.C. since 2009 where she specializes in white collar criminal defense, regulatory enforcement actions and commercial litigation. She graduated from Cornell University in 2007 and from the Georgetown University Law Center in 2007.

### Keely Rankin

Keely Rankin practices white collar and securities litigation at Dechert LLP. She represents clients in connection with internal investigations, as well as government investigations by a number of different agencies including the SEC, the CFTC and the FERC.

### Jared Rosen

Jared Rosen is an Executive Agency Counsel at the New York City Business Integrity Commission, an agency tasked with eliminating organized crime influence, anti-competitive practices and corruption from the trade waste and wholesale market industries. Previously, Mr. Rosen was an Assistant Counsel at the Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor, a bi-state agency created to eliminate corruption and unfair hiring practices in the Port of New York/New Jersey. Mr. Rosen graduated from Cornell University in 2005 with a B.S. in Industrial & Labor Relations and received his law degree in 2010 from Brooklyn Law School.

### Melinda Sarafa

Melinda Sarafa is Associate General Counsel at Select Equity Group, L.P., a registered investment adviser, where she has primary responsibility for overseeing insider trading compliance policies and procedures. Prior to joining Select Equity Group, Melinda represented hundreds of individuals and businesses in federal, state and international investigations, enforcement actions, trials and appeals, and handled a wide array of sensitive and high-profile cases. She established her own firm, Sarafa Law LLC, in 2006, and was previously a partner at white collar and civil litigation firm Zuckerman Spaeder LLP. Her experience also includes several years of practice at the criminal defense firm of Brafman & Ross in New York, New York, and as an Assistant Federal Public Defender in Houston, Texas. She clerked for two federal judges, the Honorable Carolyn Dineen King of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and the Honorable Jerry Buchmeyer of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas. Melinda earned her law degree, with distinction, from Stanford Law School (1995), and her undergraduate degree, *summa cum laude*, from Princeton University (1989). She is a Director of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and has served as co-chair of NACDL's White Collar Crime Committee. She is admitted to practice in New York and Texas and speaks Mandarin Chinese.

Steven Tugander

Steven Tugander is a Trial Attorney in the New York Field Office of the United States Justice Department's Antitrust Division. Mr. Tugander is a 1986 graduate of the State University of New York at Stony Brook, and a 1989 graduate of Hofstra Law School where he was a member of the Law Review. He has been employed with the Antitrust Division since 1989, and has investigated and prosecuted numerous criminal antitrust and fraud cases affecting various industries in jurisdictions located throughout the Northeast. Mr. Tugander has served on the Executive Committee of the New York State Bar Association's Antitrust Law Section since January 2000. He served as Chair of the Section from January 2005 through January 2006, having previously served as Vice-Chair and Secretary of the Section. Mr. Tugander has been an active member of the New York American Inn of Court since its inception.