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Education

Boston University School of Law

Boston, Massachusetts
J.D. 1978

Barnard College, Columbia University

New York, New York
A.B. 1974

Bar Admissions

State of New Jersey, 1978
State of New York, 1980
U.S. Dist. Ct. for the District of New Jersey, 1978
U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Southern Dist. of NY, 1980
U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Eastern Dist. of NY, 1980
Supreme Court of the United States, 1982

Professional Employment

1988-present	Sole Practitioner , Bergen County, NJ
1984-1985	General litigation practice
1978-1983	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chancery, General Equity• Commercial• Construction• Corporate• Family• Guardianship Estate Planning Probate Residential and Commercial Real Estate
1988- present	Arbitrator and Mediator R. 1:40 Mediator and Arbitrator Commercial Arbitration and Mediation Construction Arbitration and Mediation Consumer Arbitration and Mediation Divorce Mediation

Family Mediation including Elder Issues
FINRA Arbitrator

- 1985-1988 **LaFianza & Strull**, Hackensack, NJ
 Partner 9/87 - 9/88
 Associate 9/85 - 8/87
- Family law
 - Corporate
 - Commercial
 - Construction
 - Real estate
 - Personal injury
- 1983-1984 **Friedman, Carney & Wilson**, Newark, NJ
 Litigation Associate
- Family law
 - Construction
 - Computer contracts
 - Insurance fraud
 - Prerogative writ
 - Tort litigation
- 1978 **Prentice-Hall, Inc.**, Englewood Cliffs, NJ
 Editor - Federal Taxes
- Summer 1977 **Kings County District Attorney's Office**
 Brooklyn, NY
 Litigation Intern
- Summer 1976 **NAACP Legal Defense Fund**, New York, NY
 Litigation Intern
- Death penalty
 - Employment discrimination

Reported Cases

A.L. v. P.A., 213 N.J. Super. 391 (App. Div. 1986)
cert. den. 107 N.J. 110 (1987)

Honors and Awards

November 2018	Named as a Bergen County New Jersey Top Lawyer by Bergen Magazine in the field of Alternate Dispute Resolution
June 2017	Named one of Bergen County New Jersey's Top Lawyers by (201)Magazine in the field of Alternate Dispute Resolution.
2007	Joint Legislative Resolution Honoring Linda F. Spiegel The Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey April 2007
2007	Project S.A.R.A.H. Honored as a volunteer attorney by Project S.A.R.A.H. - Stop Abusive Relationships at Home
2001	Women Lawyers in Bergen Attorney Pathfinder and Role Model Honoree
1992	Who's Who in Rising Young Americans
1990	Who's Who in American Law

Publications

Present	Blog, www.SpiegelLawFirm.com
2023	"Elder Care Planning Mediation", ABA e-magazine, Voice of Experience, January 2023 issue, republished in the ABA GP Solo e-Report, May 2023.
2013	"Child Support for the Special Needs Child: What a Divorce Mediator Needs to Know." NJAPM Mediation News, Vol. 18, Issue 1, Fall 2013
1987	"Private Adoption: Caveat Actor," Bergen Barrister
1986	"Ten Tips for Avoiding Successful Ethics Grievances," General Practice Section Newsletter, New Jersey State Bar Association

Professional Positions Held

Arbitration:

Arbitrator, FINRA, 2016 to present

Arbitrator, American Arbitration Association, 1994 to present
Construction Lien Claims, pursuant to The
New Jersey Construction Lien Law

Arbitrator, American Arbitration Association, 7/1988 to present
Commercial/Construction/Consumer panels

Arbitrator, Contract Arbitration, Superior Court
of New Jersey, Law Division, Bergen County

Arbitrator, appointed by Judge Marguerite Simon,
Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division,
Bergen County

Private arbitration practice

Mediation:

Mediator, American Arbitration Association (AAA)

Mediator, AAA - Superstorm Sandy Mediator

N.J. Superior Court, Foreclosure Mediator

N.J. Superior Court, Civil Mediator

N.J. Superior Court, Family Law Economic Mediator

N.J. Superior Court, Custody and Parenting Time Mediator

Panelist, Contract Mediation, Superior Court of
New Jersey, Law Division, Bergen County

Panelist, Matrimonial Early Settlement Panel,
Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division,
Family Part, Bergen County

Private mediation practice

Commissioner:

Condemnation Commissioner, and Chair of the Commission
appointed by the Assignment Judge, Superior Court of New Jersey,
Bergen County

Public Defender:

Assigned Counsel, New Milford Municipal Court
Contract Attorney, Office of the Public Defender,
Passaic County

Pool Attorney, Office of the Public Defender,
Bergen County

Pool Attorney, Office of the Public Defender,
Essex County
Pool Attorney, Office of the Public Defender,
Appellate Section

Court Appointments:

Special Medical Guardian. Appointed by Judge Escala as a special medical guardian for a woman at Bergen Regional Medical Center

Special Fiscal Agent. Appointed by Judge Marguerite Simon as Administrator and then as special fiscal agent in an especially contentious Will litigation, Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Bergen County

Administrator. Appointed by Judge Marguerite Simon as Administrator in a Will contest between siblings, Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Bergen County

Temporary Guardian. Appointed by Judge Marguerite Simon for incapacitated person in nursing home, during pendency of litigation between family members, Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Bergen County

Counsel for Alleged Incapacitated Persons. Appointed by Judges O'Halloran, Lesemann, Moses, Simon, Escala, Koblitz, Doyne and Contillo.

Counsel for Minor in application by the minor's father for withdrawal of funds from the Surrogate's intermingled account. Appointed by the Honorable Sybil R. Moses, P.J.S.C., Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Probate Part, Bergen County

Guardian of the Person and Property of an Incapacitated Elderly Woman. Appointed by Order of the Honorable Marguerite Simon, P.J.S.C. Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Probate Part, Bergen County, as guardian of the person and property of an elderly woman with no family. Appointed by Order of the Honorable Bonnie J. Mizdol, A.J.S.C. Superior Court of New Jersey, Bergen County, as guardian of the person and property of an elderly woman with no family

Bar Association Memberships and Professional Affiliations

American Bar Association
Bergen County Bar Association
New Jersey State Bar Association
Women Lawyers in Bergen County

American Arbitration Association
Bergen County Mediators Peer Consultation Group
Marie Garibaldi American Inn of Court for ADR
New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators

Bar Association and Professional Affiliations Activities

Bergen County Bar Association:

Elected positions:

1989-1994 Trustee

Appointed positions:

2021-2022 Co-Chair, Continuing Legal Education Committee
2014-present Co-Chair Alternate Dispute Resolution Committee
2011-present Co-Chair Construction Law Committee
1995-2003 Editorial Board, Bergen Barrister
1993-present Representative of the Family Law Committee on
 the Bergen County Youth Services Commission
1995-1999 Co-Chair, Continuing Legal Education Committee
1991-1994 Editor-in-Chief, Bergen Barrister
1990-1994 Editorial Board, Bergen Barrister
1990-1991 Hearsay and Sections Editor,
 Bergen Barrister

Committee assignments:

Alternate Dispute Resolution, Civil Practice, Construction Law,
Continuing Legal Education, Elder Law, Estate Planning &
Administration, Family Law, Juvenile Practice, Probate Litigation
& Guardianship and Real Property.

Publications and seminars:

Author, Family Law Section, D-Day Digest

BCBA: Panelist, Top Tips for Advocates Appearing in Mediations
and or Arbitrations, 4-16-2024

BCBA: Speaker and Panelist, Some Frequent Issues in Residential Home Constructions, June 4, 2020

Moderator: A Primer on Construction Drawings and Related Contract and Litigation Issues, BCBA seminar, 11/16/2016.

Moderator: Overview of the Court's Mediation & Arbitration Programs & the Statutory Foundations for Private Mediation and Arbitration, BCBA seminar, 5/21/2015.

Moderator: Arbitration of Construction Disputes, BCBA seminar, 12/11/ 2014.

Moderator: Top Ten (Maybe More) Contract Provisions in Construction Contracts - From an Owners and Contractor's Perspective, BCBA seminar, 9/11/2014

Moderator: Substance Abuse: Get Juveniles into Treatment, BCBA seminar, 7/24/2013.

Moderator: Human Trafficking and the 2014 Super Bowl, BCBA seminar, presented on 12/12/13.

Speaker & Panelist: Hot Topics in Construction Law, BCBA seminar. Presented arbitration of lien claims component, 5/ 9/13.

Panelist: NJ Consumer Fraud Act and Home Improvement Contractors - Navigating the Minefield, BCBA seminar 4/18/12.

Speaker: What Can Mediation Do for Your and Your Client. Presented the ethics component of the seminar, BCBA 4/6/11.

Special Editor, Children of Bergen County, Bergen Barrister, Fall, 2003.

Moderator: Qualified Medical Child Support Orders - QMCSO. Presented 6/27/96, BCBA.

Speaker: Residential Construction Liens. Presented 3/26/96, BCBA.

Speaker: Hot Tips to Avoid Successful Ethics Grievances. Presented, 12/5/95 BCBA.

Marie Garibaldi American Inn of Court for ADR:
Executive Committee 2023 to present

Women Lawyers in Bergen County:

Elected positions:

1987-1989	President
1984-1987	Vice President
1983-1984	Secretary
1996-2003	Director at Large
1994-1995	Director at Large
1991-1992	Director at Large
1989-1990	Director at Large

Appointed positions:

Editor-in-Chief - WLIB Newsletter
Chair - SWAG, Seasoned Womens Attorney Group
Member - Website Committee

Publications and seminars:

2003 - Present.

Editor-in-Chief, Women Lawyers In Bergen Newsletter

WLIB SWAG &CLE:

Moderator: SWAG meeting on “Of Counsel”, What is it and what opportunities are available? January10, 2022.

Moderator and Panelist WLIB Ageism and Diversity - What is Ageism and What you Can Do About It. April 21, 2021.

Facilitator and presenter: SWAG meeting on Ageism and Diversity, January 11, 2021.

Moderator and Panelist: Guardianships of the Elderly: How to Advise Your Clients on the Appropriate Legal and Ethical Issues, as well as Levels of Care, June 7, 2017.

Moderator: Ethics and Your Aging Client, November 18, 2016.

Moderator and Presenter: Divorce and the Special Needs Child, October 30, 2013.

New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators:

2023 - Present, Member of the Board of NJAPM and Newsletter Editor

2024 - Speaker, NJAPM, The Ethics of Ghostwriting

2024 - 5 Questions About Civil Mediation

Bergen Peer Group

Sole Speaker: Mediating a Construction Dispute, Learning a New Language, March 2, 2022

New Jersey State Bar Association:Committees:

Alternate Dispute Resolution, Family Law

American Bar Association:

ABA Publications:

Elder Care Planning Mediation, ABA e-magazine, Voice of Experience, January, 2023, republished in the ABA GP Solo e-Report, May 2023.

Committees:

Alternate Dispute Resolution, Family Law, GP & Solo Practice and Senior Lawyers Division, Co-Vice Chair of the ABA SLD ADR Committee 2024.

Supreme Court Appointments

2012-2016	Reappointed for another 4 year term to the District IIB Fee Arbitration Committee
2013-2016	Fee Arbitration Panel Chair
2010-2011	Chair of District IIB Fee Arbitration Committee
2009-2010	Vice Chair of Committee
2008-2011	Panel Chair
2007-2011	Supreme Court of New Jersey, District Fee Arbitration Committee, District II-B
1992-1996	Supreme Court of New Jersey, District Ethics Committee for Bergen County, District II-B South

Community Involvement

2007- Present
Steering Committee Member, Bergen County,
Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative

2004 Chair, Bergen County Youth Services Commission
 2003 Co-Chair, Bergen County Youth Services Commission
 2001-2002 Co-Vice Chair, Bergen County Youth Services Commission
 1993-Present Representative of the Family Law Committee of the Bergen County Bar Association to the Bergen County Youth Services Commission
 Free Legal Consultation to victims of domestic violence provided through Jewish Family Service Project Sarah
 Jean Robertson Women Lawyer's Scholarship Foundation, Inc. - Founder and Past Chair

Community Seminars

2021 **NJ State Bar Foundation** presented via Zoom on Estate Planning, Wills and Living Wills to attendees at the Hohokus Library.

2019 **NJ State Bar Foundation** presented on Elder Law and Wills at the River Vale Library.

2019 **New Jersey State Bar Foundation** Family Law 101, sole presenter on March 26, 2019 at The Displaced Homemakers Center@ The Bergen One-Stop.

1997 **Bergen County Bar Foundation** seminar on Family Law. Seminar topics included custody, alimony, child support, equitable distribution, grounds for divorce and court procedures from filing of the Complaint to the granting of the Final Judgment of Divorce and post-judgment problems.

1996 **The Career and Life Counseling Program** at the Bergen Workforce Center. Seminar entitled "Divorce The Law and You" which focused on the issues of divorce law, the role of the attorney and court procedures.

Democratic Leaders Monthly Breakfast. Program entitled, " Ethics, Politics and the Legal Profession". Spoke on attorney ethics specifically citing cases of attorneys who are or were public officials and the ethical violations which resulted in sanctions and/or disbarment.

Teaching Positions

- 1978-1981 **Institute for Legal Assistant and Paralegal Training**
Instructor, Legal Research and Writing
Developed the curriculum in legal research and writing for the Institute
- 1979 **Institute for Legal Assistant and Paralegal Training**
Instructor, Civil Procedure
- Fairleigh Dickinson University, Rutherford Campus**
Guest Lecturer, Women and the Law
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