

**MARGARET GARRETT, BSN, MED, JD, CPHRM, FASHRM.** Meg Garrett, a Villanova University, College of Nursing graduate, was a Navy Nurse during the Vietnam Era. Currently she is responsible for designing, implementing and overseeing all aspects of The Johns Hopkins Health System Risk Management Program/Department. This includes six major United States hospitals, Johns Hopkins Homecare, Community Physicians, long-term care facilities, eight international hospitals and numerous clinics. In addition, she is responsible for development of an integrated approach to risk management and patient safety across the organization. She is an active member of many Hopkins Boards, in her role of Patient Safety, Ethics and Risk Management expert. She is the senior Legal Counsel for patient care and regulatory issues. She advises leaders, nursing medical staff on risk concerns, complex patient care matters, and legal and regulatory matters. She has a proven track record for preparing and coordinating Joint Commission and other regulatory surveys. She is a valued member of the executive leadership team. She oversees the attorney on-call program and mentors junior attorneys and risk managers. She provides educational programs in The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and School of Nursing. In addition, she is adjunct faculty at the University of Maryland School of Law and mentor to over 200 law students in the past thirty years. She is a founding member of the American Association of Nurse Attorneys. She is a national and international speaker on risk management, nursing, patient safety and healthcare law issues.

**Carolyn Reinach Wolf** is an Executive Partner in the law firm of Abrams, Fensterman, Fensterman, Eisman, Formato, Ferrara, Wolf & Carone, LLP and Director of the Firm's Mental Health Law practice. She is the only attorney in the country with a family-focused mental healthcare practice. Supported by a team of expert clinicians, she specializes in guiding families through the complex landscape of legal issues that impact loved ones with serious mental illness and/or substance abuse issues. She also represents institutions, such as major hospital systems, community hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and outpatient programs, consulting on matters including capacity, mental hygiene law, end of life decision making, development and ongoing functioning of ethics committees, advance directives and institutional review boards. She also represents mental health and healthcare professionals, and higher educational institutions. A New York Times profile of her is available [here](#).

Ms. Wolf's expertise encompasses mental hygiene law, including retention and treatment over objection psychiatric cases; mental health warrants; capacity determinations; informed consent and medical treatment cases; confidentiality and release of records matters; interaction with law enforcement in family matters, health care facilities and institutions of higher education; Kendra's Law applications (Assisted Outpatient Treatment Orders); Article 81 and 17-A guardianship proceedings; civil and criminal litigation and negotiation specific to mental health issues; consultation and advice in navigating the mental health system and legal interventions in the inpatient and outpatient treatment settings as well as mental health issues in the higher education setting.

Ms. Wolf is immediate Past President of the National Behavioral Intervention Team Association (NaBITA), a membership association serving more than 1,500 professionals in schools, colleges and workplaces whose role is to support individuals in need of mental health intervention and to minimize the potential for school and workplace violence. She is also a frequently invited speaker and consultant to healthcare and mental health organizations, as well as institutions of higher education, specifically university counseling centers and administrators, and professional associations throughout the country regarding mental health law issues and many of the above-mentioned topics. She has been selected to the New York Super Lawyers list since 2013.

Ms. Wolf holds a J.D. from Hofstra University School of Law, an M.S. in Health Services Administration from the Harvard School of Public Health and an M.B.A. in Management from the Hofstra University School of Business. She is admitted to practice in New York State and Federal Courts as well as the U.S. Supreme Court. In addition, Ms. Wolf is an adjunct professor at Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University, teaching "Law and Psychiatry." Prior to practicing law, Ms. Wolf was a hospital administrator and Director of Hospital Risk Management.

#### Bar Admissions

New York

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. District Court Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court Southern District of New York

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces

U.S. Court of Appeals Federal Circuit

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

## Education

Hofstra University School of Law, Hempstead, New York - J.D.

Harvard University, School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts -M.S.

- Major: Health Services Administration

Hofstra University School of Business, Hempstead, New York - M.B.A.

- Major: Management

University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland-B.A.

**Jonathan D. Rubin** is Senior Partner at Kaufman Borgeest & Ryan LLP. Jonathan's practice areas include Medical Malpractice Defense, Long Term Care and Nursing Home Defense, Health Care, Products Liability Defense and General Liability Defense Litigation. Mr. Rubin represents hospitals, nursing homes, physicians and health care professionals in civil litigation matters in state and federal courts. Mr. Rubin has given numerous presentations on topics including the litigation of complex medical malpractice matters and a variety of risk management issues for a wide variety of health professionals. Mr. Rubin also has particular expertise in the defense of mental health providers and has lectured extensively in this area including multiple times at the national ASHRM (American Society for Healthcare Risk Management) conferences as well as presenting at The New York State Psychological Association Convention, the NAATP (National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers) conference, and other conferences across the country.

Mr. Rubin has also represented physicians and other medical professionals in disciplinary actions before the New York State Department of Health and Department of Education. He has authored several articles related to health care issues and was an Assistant District Attorney in the New York County District Attorney's office where he prosecuted and tried a broad scope of felony cases, conducted all aspects of jury trials, pre-trial hearings, motions, research, plea bargaining, grand jury presentations, investigations, arraignments, bail applications and preparation of witnesses. He also participated and directed in long-term multiple county investigations of narcotics trafficking.

Mr. Rubin is a former President of AHRMNY (The Association for Healthcare Risk Management of New York), the New York chapter of ASHRM, and a member of the New York State Bar Health Law section.

Practice areas: medical malpractice, nursing home and long term care, disciplinary proceedings and professional licensing, healthcare law, food, drug and medical device litigation, miscellaneous professional liability, general liability, premises liability, and products liability defense

Education: George Washington University Law School – J.D.

Bar and Court Admissions: New York, District of Columbia, U.S. Districts Courts – Southern and Eastern Districts of New York

**Patricia A. Bomba, MD, MACP** is vice president and medical director, geriatrics, for Excellus BlueCross BlueShield, part of a family of companies that finances and delivers vital health care services to about 1.6 million people across upstate New York.

A nationally and internationally recognized palliative care and end-of-life expert who designs and oversees the implementation of community projects, Bomba is passionately focused on educating the medical community, and the public at large, with a goal of improving the quality of life for seniors and their families.

Bomba served on the Institute of Medicine's committee that produced *Dying in America: Improving Quality and Honoring Individual Preferences Near the End of Life* and currently serves on the National Academy of Science, Engineering & Medicine Roundtable on Quality Care for People with Serious Illness. She chairs the MOLST Statewide Implementation Team and the National Healthcare Decisions Day New York State Coalition, serves as eMOLST Program Director and is a member of the Medical Society of the State of New York Ethics Committee.

New York state's representative on the National POLST Paradigm Task Force, a multistate collaborative, Bomba chairs the Policy Committee. In addition to serving as a New York State Delegate to the White House Conference on Aging, she served as a member of the American Board of Internal Medicine Primary Palliative Care Committee and the Review Committee of the National Quality Forum's "Framework and Preferred Practices for a Palliative and Hospice Care Quality" project.

After attending Immaculata College in Pennsylvania and the University of Virginia School of Medicine, Bomba completed her residency training in internal medicine at the University of Rochester. She is a clinical assistant professor of medicine at the University of Rochester and the State University of New York Upstate Medical University.

Bomba is board-certified in internal medicine and geriatrics and spent most of her career in private practice, caring for frail elders and their families and caregivers.

**Marianne Walker** oversees the Risk Management Department and provides legal services and support for Greater Hudson Valley Health System (GHVHS) in New York State. She selects, monitors, and supervises outside counsel for all professional and general liability claims, oversees the System's insurance portfolios, and provides legal services and support to all members of the System.

Ms. Walker also established and oversees the GHVHS Enterprise Risk Management program, including education, training and legal guidance for the System hospitals, the Graduate Medical Residency Program, and the GHVHS captive Medical Group. She is a member of the Bio-Ethics Consultation committee, and legal liaison to the Ethics Committee and Institutional Review Board. She also provides education and training to physicians, advanced practice professionals and nurses on advance directives, medical orders for life sustaining treatment (Molst and Emolst), and patient rights.

Ms. Walker is a graduate of Misericordia School of Nursing (AAA), Pace University School of Nursing (BSN), and Pace University School of Law (JD); she is also a Certified Professional Healthcare Risk Manager (CPHRM). Before coming to GHVHS, Ms. Walker was an ED nurse for fifteen years and practiced regulatory, litigation and healthcare law for sixteen years. Ms. Walker has spoken at numerous forums and participated in panel discussions on various topics in the Healthcare Industry.

**Timothy McDonald, MD JD**, is the President for the Center for Open and Honest Communication at the MedStar Institute for Quality and Safety and a Professor of Law at Loyola University – Chicago. Tim is a physician-attorney whose research has focused on the principled approach to patient harm with an emphasis on reporting of patient safety events, the use of simulation and human factors analysis, the provision of emotional first aid to affected health care team members and providing open and honest communication following harm events. His federally funded research has focused on all of these domains and their impact on improving the quality of care while mitigating medical liability issues, including the establishment of teaching methodologies for all levels and professions in health care and law. He has published over 100 articles and chapters on patient safety and medical liability and received numerous national and international Patient Safety awards including the American College of Medical Quality's Founder's Award, the Institute of Medicine – Chicago Patient Safety Award, and the Medically Induced Trauma Support Services [MITSS] Hope Award.

**John K. Walpole** is Area Senior Vice President at Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. Denver, CO. Mr. Walpole has 24 years of experience focused exclusively on the provision of risk management services to the healthcare industry. He is recognized for his expertise in integrating the Risk Management function into a healthcare organization's clinical and operational processes.

Mr. Walpole has worked closely with the American Hospital Association and The Joint Commission in standards development and compliance.

Mr. Walpole developed and implemented a broad range of risk management products and services ranging from clinical and operational consultations to educational programs/seminars to publishing. In addition to providing consultations to healthcare organizations around the country, Mr. Walpole has served as faculty on numerous ASHRM, AHA, JCAHO and ASHE sponsored events.

He is currently responsible for oversight of all client risk programs. These services include but are not limited to: clinical consultations, operational consultation, accreditation support and mock surveys, regulatory compliance, seminars and conferences, carrier relations and the overall management of the myriad of healthcare risk exposures.

**Dana Siegal, RN, CPHRM, CPPS** is the Director of Patient Safety and Interim Assistant Vice President for CRICO Strategies, a division of The Risk Management Foundation of the Harvard Medical Institutions. She evaluates the risk profiles of academic medical centers, community hospitals, and physician practices across the country assessing where current vulnerabilities exist, and making recommendations for prioritizing action plans. Additionally, she provides leadership to the data governance and analysis of the CRICO Strategies National Comparative Benchmarking System (CBS) – a database of nearly 400,000 medical malpractice claims from across the country used for research and development of risk and patient agendas. Her specific areas of expertise include Diagnostic, OB, EHR, Communication, Radiology and Emergency Medicine.

Following 15 years as a clinician in Emergency Medicine, Ms. Siegal has been involved in the quality and risk management aspects of healthcare for over 25 years, including NCOA initiatives for large HMOs, and clinical and financial risk management for physician practice groups (IPAs and PHOs). Ms. Siegal has many years of front-line experience in hospital Risk Management and Peer Review, overseeing all aspects of incident reporting and sentinel event management, including root cause analysis, apology and disclosure, credentialing, physician peer review, staff and media intervention, and litigation preparation and support.

An experienced educator, and author of numerous article and publications on patient safety, with an additional background in theater arts, Ms. Siegal is known for her dynamic presentations on risk, error reduction and patient safety including data analysis and case studies from medical malpractice claims and building a culture of safety for patients and providers. She is an RN, a Certified Professional in Healthcare Risk Management (CPHRM), and a Certified Professional in Patient Safety (CPPS). She is also certified as an educator in TeamSteps Team Training. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Society for Improvement in Diagnostic Medicine (SIDM) and the American Society for Healthcare Risk Management (ASHRM) Journal Peer Review board.

**Susan Kendig, JD, WHNP-BC, FAANP** is an attorney and women's health nurse practitioner with over thirty years of experience in health care. Her primary areas of focus include patient safety, primary care, and clinical integration, including Patient Safety Organization (PSO), ACO and Medical Home initiatives. She is currently a Women's Health Integration Specialist with SSM Health – St. Mary's Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri; and serves as Policy Director for the National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health (NPWH). Prior to joining SSM Health she was a teaching professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, where she led the Women's Health Nurse Practitioner program for almost two decades. Active in public service throughout her career, Sue serves as the appointed Vice Chair of Missouri's Women's Health Council. She was a gubernatorial appointee to the Missouri Patient Safety Commission, the Missouri Task Force on Prematurity and Infant Mortality, and the Missouri Health Connection Board of Directors. At the national level, Sue served on the CMS Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee (MEDCAC) as a patient advocate. Sue is a current member of the Council on Patient Safety in Women's Health Care and co-led the development of the Council's Maternal Mental Health, Post-Partum Basics, and Transition to Well Woman Care Patient Safety Bundles, and contributed to the Obstetrical Care for Women with Opioid Use Disorder Patient Safety Bundle. She is also a member of the Women's Preventive Services (WPSI) Advisory Panel, which guides this collaborative interdisciplinary effort to develop, review, update and disseminate recommendations for women's preventive health care services. Locally, she is honored to support health initiatives within the St. Louis region through service on the St. Louis City Board of Health and Hospitals, and the Board of Directors for Generate Health.

**Michael Giordano** is the Principal Security Architect for DynTek Services, Inc, where he is responsible for helping clients develop risk management and cyber security strategies and solutions. Michael is a seasoned technology executive with a proven record of success in enabling security across the entire spectrum of information technology including enterprise architecture, advanced infrastructure, and audit compliance. His extensive cross functional background enables him to view challenges and opportunities from a customer's perspective.

His key positions have included IT management for a prominent NYC civil engineering firm as well as global technical leadership and architecture for one of the world's largest advertising firms. In these and other roles, Michael has directed a variety of transformative technology initiatives, led the deployment of integrated global networks, and overseen compliance efforts from both a private and public sector perspective.

Michael's approach to risk management is based on aligning technology investments to organizational priorities through a customized controls-based methodology and strategic understanding of business objectives. His overriding goal is to develop optimized workflows for the effective production and consumption of actionable threat intelligence.

He attended the University of Hartford where he studied Computer Science.