

HON. ARTHUR M. DIAMOND (JSC. Ret)

Arthur M. Diamond served as a Justice of the New York State Supreme Court from January, 2004 through March, 2021. Justice Diamond is a graduate of Rutgers University (New Brunswick 1974) where he majored in Political Science and was co-captain of the Varsity Lacrosse team and Hofstra University School of Law (JD 1978). He began his legal career in the Office of Nassau County District Attorney Denis Dillon where he spent eight years and eventually served as Deputy Chief of the Trial Bureau.

His column, *Evidentially Speaking*, appears regularly in the Nassau Lawyer, the official publication of the Nassau County Bar Association. He has lectured extensively on evidence at the Nassau County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, New York County Lawyers Association, the Statewide Judicial Seminars at the New York State Judicial Institute in White Plains, New York, the Second and Third Departments Attorney for the Child panels and the Hofstra University Continuing Legal Education Institute among others. He is co-editor of the Evidence chapter of the *Bench Book for Judges*. During Judge Diamond's time on the bench he served on Chief Judge Lippman's statewide Judicial Advisory Council, a committee of Justices dedicated to improving trial practices in New York courts and in 2015 was appointed to the New York State Advisory Committee on Guardianship Matters. From January of 2015 until his retirement he served as Supervising Judge of Guardianship matters for Nassau County. As a trial judge Justice Diamond focused primarily on the trial of medical malpractice actions. In October of 2021 he was the initial recipient of the Nassau County Bar Association's Gold Gavel Award honoring the justice who best serves as mentor and teacher of other judges.

In 2016 he was named Clinical Instructor at Stony Brook University School of Medicine where he teaches a course he created, *Law and Medicine for Fourth Year Medical Students*. In 2018 he received Stony Brook Medicine's Citizenship Award for outstanding contribution to the medical school. In 2020 he was appointed Clinical Instructor at the Grossman NYU Long Island School of Medicine where he also serves on the medical school's admissions committee. In August of 2021 he was named to the Stony Brook University Hospital Ethics Review Committee. In July, 2022 he was a founding member of Guardianship Access New York (GANY) whose goal is to obtain permanent New York State funding in guardianship cases.

Joseph (Joe) Calcagno

Joe Calcagno is the Head of Healthcare and has 23 years of insurance experience, focused entirely within the Healthcare industry. He has held various underwriting and management roles throughout his career, developing important strategic relationships with brokers and insureds. Prior to joining to Bowhead, Joe was a Vice President at Sompo. At Bowhead, Joe was the Co-Head of Hospital Professional Liability prior to accepting the Head of Healthcare role.

Aaron Lundberg, MSW

Aaron Lundberg is a leading expert in the prevention of abuse within organizational settings. Mr. Lundberg has over 25 years of experience researching the root causes and prevention of abuse within organizations. Mr. Lundberg has assessed, analyzed and consulted on thousands of cases of abuse within a wide range of organizations, including health care organizations, behavioral health facilities, residential treatment centers, foster care organizations, schools, universities, churches, childcare centers, camps, and municipalities. In addition to overseeing operations at Praesidium USA and Chile, he advises the leadership of large-scale human service organizations, insurance carriers and foundations across the U.S. and abroad on the latest trends in abuse prevention.

Jaimee Kass

Jaimee Kass joined TransRe in November 2023 where she handles medical professional liability claims. She has extensive experience handling medical malpractice claims in New York as both a defense attorney and a claims handler. After graduating from Brooklyn Law School, she spent 15 years in private practice defending doctors, health care professionals and facilities accused of medical negligence. Before joining TransRe, Jaimee applied her considerable expertise to the management of primary claims for a leading Third Party Administrator (“TPA”) and a large professional liability carrier in New York.

Bonnita (Bonnie) Boone

Bonnita (Bonnie) Boone is an accomplished insurance executive, broker, and consultant with over 40 years of experience in the industry. She is the CEO and Founder of Pro Vista Risk Consulting LLC, launched in January 2025. Through her firm, Bonnie assists clients and insurance carriers with product development strategy, insurance brokering, program and structural analysis, and emerging risk solutions. Her expertise spans across commercial casualty, property, cyber liability, executive management coverages, and auto lines of coverage.

Bonnie is a seasoned professional with hands-on experience in commercial insurance underwriting and brokerage. Her knowledge base also consists of captives and reinsurance across various industries, including manufacturing, financial institutions, public entities, biotech, healthcare systems, academic medical centers, long-term care, and managed care.

Sharon Scheuermann

Sharon Scheuermann is a Senior Vice President in the National Healthcare Practice at Risk Strategies, a national specialty insurance brokerage firm, and serves as a producer and team leader. Her primary role is new business development. She is also responsible for managing client relationships and coordinating services and resources provided.

Sharon has over 34 years of insurance brokerage and consulting experience. Her professional experience began as an Account Manager at a regional broker in the Midwest. She moved to NY in 1993 and began working on healthcare business at Johnson & Higgins (J&H) and later held a similar position at Alexander & Alexander (A&A). Sharon joined Marsh to establish the Healthcare Placement Group where she managed a team of brokers responsible for one of the largest healthcare books of business in the industry. She also served as a client executive for healthcare accounts at Marsh. Sharon has extensive experience developing insurance and alternative risk financing programs for all types of healthcare organizations including hospitals, physician groups, managed care and senior living organizations.

Sharon earned a Bachelor of Science degree in finance from Saint Louis University. She holds a Chartered Property & Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) designation. Sharon is a member of the American Society for Healthcare Risk Management (ASHRM), Association of Healthcare Risk Managers in NY (AHRMNY) and LeadingAge New Jersey & Delaware. Additionally, Sharon serves on the AHRMNY Board and the AHRMNY Publications Committee.

Rhonda DeMeno, RN, BS< MPM, A-IPC, CPHRM

Rhonda has over 30 years of extensive senior living experience as a health care risk manager, regulatory compliance expert and operations leader. She has also served as an operational leader in acute care, home health, hospice, and managed care provider settings.

Rhonda has authored many professional industry communications and is a frequent speaker at industry events focusing on infection control, regulatory compliance and disaster response and preparedness.

Role at WTW - Rhonda is currently the Senior Vice President of Risk Control Services for WTW Senior Living Center of Excellence. Her responsibilities include providing support and resources to senior living clients, to assist in risk reduction methods to improve safety and operational performance outcomes.

Education and Credentials - Rhonda is a Registered Nurse holds a and a master's degree in public health management from Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Rhonda holds an A-IPC certification from the certification board on infection prevention and control. In addition, she is a Certified Professional in Healthcare Risk Management (CPHRM) through the American Hospital Association.

Caryn Lilling, Esq.

Caryn Lilling is a founding partner of Mauro Lilling Naparty LLP, the largest law firm in the Northeast that handles appeals and litigation strategy. As part of her practice, Caryn serves as coordinating counsel on damages strategy in catastrophic injury cases throughout the country. Caryn has earned Martindale Hubbell's highest peer review rating of AV®, having been designated as Preeminent™ in appellate practice. The firm has also been recognized by the New York Law Journal as the seventh largest women-owned firm in New York State.

Adam Bobkin, Esq.

Adam Bobkin is a partner of Mauro Lilling Naparty LLP and practices primarily in the firm's Damages Mitigation and Litigation Strategy practice groups. As a team leader in the Damages Mitigation practice, Adam manages a caseload of high exposure cases venued around the country offering his expertise in the body of developing law concerning collateral sources and the best methods for attacking life care plans in personal injury and medical malpractice actions. Adam is often involved in matters with limited liability defenses and significant future medical damages claims. In these cases, Adam has successfully pressured plaintiffs through defense experts, targeted discovery, and pre-trial motions.

Robin Webster, MHA, BSN, RN, CPHRM, CPPS

Robin is a certified professional healthcare risk manager and certified patient safety professional with a bachelor's degree in nursing and master's degree in healthcare administration. She has over 25 years of medical professional liability experience, including two years of international insurance experience working in London. She is passionate about healthy literacy and plain language. She completed the Health Literacy Specialist Certificate Program administered by the Institute for Healthcare Advancement. She regularly provides education on how health literacy initiatives can not only enhance health equity and social justice, but they can also protect healthcare organizations and practitioners from medical professional liability.

Dana Taylor, MHA, CPHRM, CPPS

Dana has master's in healthcare administration and certifications in both healthcare risk management (CPHRM) and patient safety (CPPS). She's also a TeamSTEPPS Master Trainer. She is an experienced risk manager with over 20 years of combined clinical risk management and administrative experience in academic health center and community hospital settings. She has extensive experience in practice administration, patient relations, performance improvement, patient safety, and risk management.

Robin Lynch, MSN, RN, CHSE, CPPS

Robin is the Manager of Quality, Risk & Patient Safety at Med-IQ. Robin was awarded her Master of Science in Nursing Education from the State University of New York Institute of Technology and her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Texas in Austin. Robin holds certifications in simulation education, patient safety, and human factors in healthcare. She has presented at national and regional risk, patient safety, and simulation conferences and developed custom client content on topics including clinical debriefing, care transitions, workplace violence, diagnostic accuracy, transgender healthcare, curriculum design, and change management. Robin served as contributing author of ASHRM's Failure Mode & Effects Analysis (FMEA) Playbook and an item writer for the Institute for Healthcare Improvement Human Factors in Healthcare certification exam. Most recently, she designed a hybrid workshop on facilitating effective root cause analysis from a human factor lens.

Michael R. Callahan

Michael R. Callahan brings an unparalleled level of healthcare consulting experience. Formerly a healthcare attorney for over 40 years, he provides consultative services, educational programs and thought leadership in his role as Senior Consultant. His areas of focus include hospital/physician relations, medical staff bylaws and policies, peer review policies and investigations, privileging and credentialing issues, National Practitioner Data Bank guidelines and reporting standards, EMTALA standards, accreditation compliance, medical staff integration and hospital/medical staff disputes.

Michael is recognized as a national expert involving all aspects of the federal Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005. He was the former Chair of the AHLA Medical Staff Credentialing and Peer Review Practice Group and is a current AHLA Fellow and member of the Fellows Coordinating Committee.

Tina H. Weinstein, Esq.

Tina Weinstein, RN (inactive), Esq., Vice President - Risk and Loss Prevention, Counsel for Montefiore Einstein Health System, in coordination with her exceptional Risk Management team is responsible for oversight of the system's risk management, insurance programs and alternative risk financing program as well its insurance partners and outside litigation teams. During her tenure at Montefiore she has been part of the leadership teams responsible for acquisitions and mergers- focusing on due diligence, ROI opportunities. Ms. Weinstein developed the System's a shared Risk Management service model-across hospitals, restructured risk management operations to establish a data driven approach to analyze professional liability claims, work under the auspices of a Patient Safety Organization, established a system-wide early settlement program, in coordination with the Office of Court Administration, to effectively manage mediation and early-stage claims, and has identified and implemented cost-saving opportunities to reduce insurance-related expenses across the system. Ms. Weinstein was a member of the Technical Expert Panel (TEP) for the Measure of Informed Consent for a national research study co-sponsored by CMS & Yale. Ms. Weinstein and her Risk Management Team lead Montefiore's effort at

becoming a member of a Patient Safety Organization and the development and implementation of the system's Patient Safety Evaluation System.

Ms. Weinstein's has worked in the hospital environment since 2004 developing patient safety, risk management and quality infrastructure and improvement programs. Prior to 2004 Ms. Weinstein (nee Sernick) worked for one of the big three international accounting/consulting firms where she focused on regulatory health care consulting. Prior to that, Ms. Weinstein practiced law as a litigator at prominent New York City medical malpractice defense firms. Before practicing law, she practiced as a registered nurse. Ms. Weinstein earned her BS degree in nursing from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh, and her JD degree at Brooklyn Law School.

She has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the New York Women's Bar Association Foundation and is the past Chair of the United Hospital Fund's New Leadership Group and its Distributing Committee. She is a member of the, New York State Bar Association and Health Law Committee of the New York City Bar Association. In addition she served on the Board of Directors of Summer on the Hill, a not for profit learning enrichment program.

Ms. Weinstein lectures on risk management, patient safety, healthcare regulatory and medical malpractice issues throughout the United States. She has also taught courses in Healthcare Risk Management, as a guest lecturer at the New York University School of Continuing and Professional Studies and taught a legal nurse consulting course for Pace University. She co-authored, "An Integrated and Forward-looking Approach to Risk Management in Healthcare", Risk Management Quarterly, Sernick, T and Knight, A., Spring 2010 and "A Risk Manager's Practical Guide To Bringing a Forward-Looking Approach to a Hospital Risk Management Program", Sernick-Weinstein, Risk Management Quarterly, Winter 2011.

Abbi Schenkel

Abbi Schenkel has been with Montefiore Medical Center for 8 years and has worked to build the current clinical Risk Management program, as well as leading the system-wide implementation of Pascal Metrics, Montefiore's Patient Safety Organization. Abbi has been integral in the drafting and enactment of, and training on the Montefiore Health System Patient Safety Evaluation System policy. She received her J.D. from Brooklyn Law School and her B.A. in Philosophy, Politics, and Law from Binghamton University. Prior to her work at Montefiore, Abbi specialized in adoption, reproductive justice, and family law matters.

Hon. Lewis J. Lubell, J.S.C.

Judge Lubell has been a Justice of the Supreme Court since 2006. Before his appointment, Judge Lubell practiced as a trial attorney litigating complex medical malpractice, products liability and aviation disaster cases. He is a Justice of the Supreme Court in Westchester County, and is the Districtwide Coordinator for General Civil Matters in the 9th Judicial District.

Betsy D. Baydala, Esq.

Betsy is a partner at Kaufman, Borgeest & Ryan, LLP practicing in the fields of Medical Malpractice, particularly focusing on Healthcare Law, and Privacy and Data Security.

Betsy is a Certified Information Privacy Professional/United States (CIPP/US) and handles healthcare-related cyber liability matters. Betsy has counseled healthcare clients on cyber issues, including

HIPAA/HITECH and regulatory compliance, pre-breach risk assessments and best practices. She is also well-versed in breach response measures and regulatory investigations at the federal and state levels. Betsy has experience representing major metropolitan area medical centers, podiatrists, psychologists, chiropractors, dentists, nurses, home health care attendants and various other health care professionals. Betsy handles all aspects of litigation and has tried cases to verdict.

As a member of the healthcare law group, Betsy has experience reviewing and negotiating multimillion-dollar managed care contracts. She has also handled reimbursement and coverage disputes under managed care contracts. In addition, she has successfully defended life, health and disability claims brought against employee benefit plan administrators under ERISA.

Christopher DiGiacinto, Esq.

Christopher is a partner whose practice focuses on the defense of professional liability claims including those brought against hospitals, nursing homes, physicians and health care professionals in civil litigation matters in state and federal courts in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. Christopher has also represented physicians and other medical professionals in disciplinary actions and class action litigation and has obtained several defense verdicts in high exposure cases involving professional liability claims.

Christopher has particular experience in the defense of radiologists and has lectured extensively in this area including a lecture at the 2015 American Society for Healthcare Risk Management Annual Conference entitled: "Case Studies and Strategies for Defending Claims Against Radiologists". Christopher has lectured extensively on topics including: Defending Physicians at Depositions, Accountable Care, Liability Risks for Accountable Care Organizations, Technology Social Networks and the Law, and Finding Preserving and Utilizing Social Media in Healthcare Litigation. Christopher has also lectured on Litigation of Complex Medical Malpractice Claims at Pace University where he served as an instructor for the nurse paralegal certificate course. He has also served as an instructor for the New York City Bar Association CLE programs concerning litigation techniques.

Christopher has published several articles, including: "Recordkeeping and the Legal Defense of Mental Health Care Professionals: 'The Ugly, The Bad and The Good'" *PLUS* October 2009; "Hotel and Hospitality Risk Management," *DRI: The Voice*, May 2011; and "Strategies for Defending Malpractice Cases Against Radiologists," *AHRMNY The Risk Management Quarterly*, Spring 2011; "Potential Liability Risk and Solutions for Accountable Care Organizations," *AHRMNY The Risk Management Quarterly*, Summer 2013.