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BAR ADMISSIONS

New York State (2002)

U.S. District Court, S.D.N.Y. (2002)

U.S. District Court, E.D.N.Y. (2002)

U.S. District Court, N.D.N.Y. (2005)

U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit (2003)

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

Senior Associate at the Law Offices Of Michael S. Ross; and previously, employed at the law firm of LaRossa & Ross. Practice is concentrated in criminal law and the representation of attorneys in ethics and professional responsibility matters. Represents clients in a wide variety of criminal and civil matters, including extradition, narcotics, money laundering, mail/wire fraud and OCCA claims. Represents attorneys and law firms under investigation by disciplinary authorities and other government agencies, facing allegations of escrow/IOLA theft, insurance fraud, litigation misconduct and illegal solicitation. Provides guidance to lawyers concerning the day-to-day practice of law, on issues such as attorney advertising, conflicts of interest, fee sharing and fee disputes. Represents disbarred and suspended attorneys seeking reinstatement, and assists law school graduates in the admissions process.

EDUCATION

Benjamin N. Cardozo School Of Law, J.D. (2001)

University of Maryland, B.A. (1997)

Blechner College, Israel, One-Year Program (1993-1994)

PROFESSIONAL, ACADEMIC AND OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Member, New York State Bar Association, currently serving on the Committee on Attorney Professionalism.

Member, New York County Lawyers' Association, founding member, and currently serving on the Board of Advisors of the Institute of Legal Ethics.

Member, New York County Lawyers' Association, currently serving on the Institute of Legal Ethics' Task Force to advise on the "ABA Commission on Ethics 20/20."

Member, New York County Lawyers' Association, currently serving on the Committee on Professional Discipline.

Member, Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Member, Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers.

Member, Brooklyn Bar Association.

Member, POWArts - Professional Organization of Women in the Arts.

Member, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, Acquisitions' Committee, Young Collectors Council.

Patron, American Folk Art Museum.

Panel Chairman, Discipline Panel, Zeta Beta Tau National Fraternity.

Committee Member, Legal Affairs & Insurance Oversight Committee, Zeta Beta Tau National Fraternity.

Advisor/Coach, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Trial Advocacy And Mock Trial Program (1999 to 2006).

PARTICIPATION IN  
PROFESSIONAL, ACADEMIC AND OTHER PROGRAMS

PANELIST: "This Really Happened: A Review Of Real Work Ethical Issues 2010," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the Practicing Law Institute, New York City, July 28, 2010.

LECTURER: "Need-To-Know Changes - An Overview Of Significant Changes To New York's Ethics Rules," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the Bay Ridge Lawyers Association, Brooklyn, New York, May 26, 2010.

PANELIST: "A Funny Thing Happened To Me On The Way To The Court: A Review Of Real World Ethical Issues," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York City Bar Association, New York City, March 25, 2010.

FACULTY MEMBER: "Reaction, Learning, Behavior & Results," Zeta Beta Tau National Fraternity, Regional Conclave & Leadership School, 2010, Providence, Rhode Island, February 19-21, 2010.

LECTURER: Bridge-The-Gap II, Ethics and Skills Program, Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the Practicing Law Institute, New York City, February 16, 2010.

PANEL CHAIR: "Valentine's Day Ethics - The Ethical Pitfalls Of Social Networking," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York County Lawyers' Association, New York City, February 11, 2010.

LECTURER: "The Art Of The Deal - What Every Art Lawyer Should Know About The New Ethics Rules," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Art Law Committee, New York City, February 8, 2010.

PANELIST: "Media & The Legal Profession," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York State Bar Association, Committee on Attorney Professionalism and the Committee on Media and the Law, Annual Meeting Program, New York City, January 28, 2010.

LECTURER: "In My Lawyer I 'Trust' - The Holy Grail Of Attorney Ethics," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York State Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section, Annual Meeting Program, New York City, January 28, 2010.

LECTURER: "What Every New Attorney Must Know About Ethics," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the Practicing Law Institute at Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, New York, January 24, 2010.

PANELIST: Orientation Program for Newly Admitted Attorneys to the Appellate Division, First Judicial Department, Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the Appellate Division, First Judicial Department, New York City, January 6, 2010.

PANELIST: "What Every Attorney Must Know About Ethics," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the Practicing Law Institute, New York City, December 16, 2009.

PANEL CHAIR: "From Holiday Cheers To Lawyers Fears: How To Avoid The 'Ethical Pitfalls' At The Holiday Party," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York County Lawyers' Association, New York City, December 10, 2009.

LECTURER: "The Art Of The Deal - What Every Art Lawyer Should Know About Attorney Ethics," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York State Bar Association, Committee On Fine Arts, New York City, November 18, 2009.

PANELIST: "A More Practical And Ethical Point Of View On Providing Pro Bono Services," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York County Lawyers' Association, Kirkland & Ellis, New York City, October 27, 2009.

LECTURER: "Need-To-Know Changes To New York's New Ethics Rules," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the Tort Law Section Committee, New York County Lawyers' Association, New York, New York, October 21, 2009.

PROGRAM CHAIR & PANELIST: Conference On Legal Ethics, "In My Defense - What's Truth Got To Do With It ... What Lawyers Need To Know When Answering To A Higher (Ethical) Authority," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by The Institute Of American & Talmudic Law, New York City, September 24, 2009.

PANELIST: "Film & Ethics," 2009 Orientation Program - Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, sponsored by New York State Bar Association, Committee on Attorney Professionalism, New York City, August 27, 2009.

PROGRAM CO-CHAIR & PANELIST: "What Every Attorney Must Know About Ethics," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the Practicing Law Institute, New York City, August 10, 2009.

PANELIST: "This Really Happened: A Review Of Real World Ethical Issues," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the Practicing Law Institute, New York City, July 29, 2009.

LECTURER: "Attorney Ethics 101 - Avoiding Ethical Problems In Your Day-To-Day Practice ... Changes In The New Ethics Rules," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York County Lawyers' Association, New York City, July 17, 2009.

SPEAKER AND FACULTY MEMBER: "Risky Business - Creating A More Ethical And Responsible Future," Zeta Beta Tau National Fraternity, 2009 National Convention & Leadership School, Cleveland, Ohio, July 9-12, 2009.

PANELIST: "What Every Attorney Must Know About Ethics," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the Practicing Law Institute, New York City, April 15, 2009.

LECTURER: "How To Avoid Ethical Pitfalls In Your Day-To-Day Legal Practice - A 2009 Update," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York County Lawyers' Association, New York City, April 4, 2009.

FACULTY MEMBER: "Small Wins: A Blueprint For Large Change" - Creating A More Ethical And Responsible Future - Zeta Beta Tau National Fraternity, Regional Conclave & Leadership School, 2009, Providence, Rhode Island, February 27-28, 2009.

LECTURER: "Extra, Extra, Hear All About It ... New Rules For New York Lawyers," An Overview Of Significant Changes To New York's New Ethics Rules, Effective April 1, 2009, Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the Bay Ridge Lawyers Association, Brooklyn, New York, February 25, 2009.

PANELIST: "Is There A Place For Ethics In Art," Panel Lecture presented as part of the Masters In Art Business Administration Program at The Sotheby's Institute of Art, New York City, February 11, 2009.

PANELIST: Orientation Program for Newly Admitted Attorneys to the Appellate Division, First Judicial Department, Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the Appellate Division, First Judicial Department, New York City, February 5, 2009.

LECTURER: "To Be ... Or Not To Be ... Ethical ... That Is My Reputation" - Ethics In Litigation, A 2009 Update, Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York County Lawyers' Association, New York City, February 4, 2009.

PANELIST: "Honesty In Litigation - The Duty To Zealously Represent Your Client Verses Your Duty Of Candor To The Tribunal," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York State Bar Association, Youth Law & Citizenship Committee, New York City, January 30, 2009.

LECTURER: "What Every New Attorney Must Know About Ethics," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the Practicing Law Institute at Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, New York, January 23, 2009.

PANELIST: "Ethics & Professionalism - What Every Attorney Must Know About Ethics, Part II," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the Practicing Law Institute, New York City, December 17, 2008.

PROGRAM CO-CHAIR & MODERATOR: "Ethical Issues Facing Criminal Attorneys," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York County Lawyers' Association Ethics Institute, New York City, November 19, 2008.

PANELIST: "Witness Preparation: Avoiding Ethics Quagmires," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the American Bar Association, Section of Litigation Products Liability Committee, Ninth Annual Women in Products Liability Regional CLE Workshop, New York City, November 13, 2008.

LECTURER: "What Every Attorney Must Know About Ethics," Bridge-The-Gap I: Ethics For Newly Admitted Attorneys, Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York County Lawyers' Association, New York City, November 10, 2008.

**LECTURER:** "Zealous Advocacy v. Zealous Ethics - Fraud & Conflict Related Ethics Issues In Criminal Litigation," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the Queens County Bar Association, Criminal Court Committee, Queens, New York, October 22, 2008.

**PANELIST:** Orientation Program for Newly Admitted Attorneys to the Appellate Division, First Judicial Department, Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the Appellate Division, First Judicial Department, New York City, October 7, 2008.

**PANEL CHAIR:** "What Every Attorney Must Know About Ethics, Part II" Bridge-The-Gap: Ethics And Skills For Newly Admitted Attorneys, Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the Practicing Law Institute, New York City, August 11, 2008.

**PANELIST:** Orientation Program for Newly Admitted Attorneys to the Appellate Division, First Judicial Department, Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the Appellate Division, First Judicial Department, New York City, July 25, 2008.

**KEY NOTE SPEAKER AND FACULTY MEMBER:** "Is There a Place for Ethics In Fraternity Life?," Zeta Beta Tau National Fraternity, 2008 National Convention & Leadership School, New Jersey, July 17-19, 2008.

**LECTURER:** "Ethics In Litigation - A 2008 Update," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York County Lawyers' Association, New York City, July 18, 2008.

**PANELIST:** Orientation Program for Newly Admitted Attorneys to the Appellate Division, First Judicial Department, Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the Appellate Division, First Judicial Department, New York City, July 14, 2008.

**LECTURER:** "Avoiding Ethics Problems In Your Day-To-Day Practice - A 2008 Update," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York County Lawyers' Association, New York City, April 12, 2008.

**PANELIST:** "Responsible & Ethical Business Practices In Art Galleries," Panel Lecture presented as part of the Masters In Art Business Administration Program at The Sotheby's Institute of Art, New York City, March 17, 2008.

LECTURER: "How To Avoid Ethical Pitfalls In Your Day-To-Day Legal Practice," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York County Lawyers' Association, New York City, January 23, 2008.

LECTURER: "What Every New Attorney Must Know About Ethics," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the Practicing Law Institute at Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, New York, January 11, 2008.

PANELIST: Orientation Program for Newly Admitted Attorneys to the Appellate Division, First Judicial Department, Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the Appellate Division, First Judicial Department, New York City, January 8, 2008.

LECTURER: "What Every Attorney Must Know About Ethics," Bridge-The-Gap: Ethics And Skills For Newly Admitted Attorneys, Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the Practicing Law Institute, New York City, December 12, 2007.

LECTURER: "Ethical Bounds Of Aggressive Litigation," Bridge-The-Gap II: A Program For Newly Admitted Attorneys, Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York County Lawyers' Association, New York City, November 10, 2007.

LECTURER: "Decisions 2007 - An Ethics Update," "Real Or Not So Real Questions To Measure An Attorney's Sensitivity To The Ethical Issues Confronting Trial Lawyers," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York State Trial Lawyers Association, Syracuse, New York, October 23, 2007.

LECTURER: "Ethics In Attorney Advertising And Litigation - 2007 Highlights," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York County Lawyers' Association, New York City, September 24, 2007.

PANELIST: Orientation Program for Newly Admitted Attorneys to the Appellate Division, First Judicial Department, Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the Appellate Division, First Judicial Department, New York City, September 4, 2007.

PANELIST: Orientation Program for Newly Admitted Attorneys to the Appellate Division, First Judicial Department, Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the Appellate Division, First Judicial Department, New York City, July 24, 2007.

LECTURER: "Ethics In Litigation - A 2007 Update," Bridge-The-Gap II: A Program For Newly Admitted Attorneys, Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York County Lawyers' Association, New York City, July 23, 2007.

PANELIST: "The Courts And The Media, Friends Or Foe," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by The Nathan R. Sobel Kings County American Inn of Court, Brooklyn, New York, May 22, 2007.

PANELIST: "Zealous Representation: Ethics Limits And Trial Techniques," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York State Bar Association, New York City, May 18, 2007.

PANELIST: "Ethics In Litigation - A 2007 Update," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York County Lawyers' Association, New York City, April 27, 2007.

PANEL CHAIR: "The Art Of The Deal - What Every Art Lawyer Should Know About Attorney Ethics," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York State Bar Association, Committee On Fine Arts; Hosted by the Jan Krugier Gallery, New York City, April 23, 2007.

LECTURER: "What Every Attorney Must Know About Ethics," Bridge-The-Gap: Ethics And Skills For Newly Admitted Attorneys, Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the Practising Law Institute, New York City, April 11, 2007.

LECTURER: "What All Lawyers Need To Know About The New Advertising Ethics Rules," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the Bay Ridge Lawyers Association, Brooklyn, New York, January 31, 2007.

LECTURER: "Ethics In Litigation - A 2006 Update," Bridge-The-Gap II, Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York County Lawyers' Association, New York City, December 1, 2006.

LECTURER: "Ethical Bounds Of Aggressive Litigation," Bridge-The-Gap II, Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York County Lawyers' Association, New York City, August 4, 2006.

LECTURER: "Ethics Update 2006: Ethics in Advertising," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York State Academy Of Trial Lawyers, New York City, June 15, 2006.

LECTURER: "Ethical Challenges In Litigation," Bridge-The-Gap II: A Second Year Program For Newly Admitted Attorneys, Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York County Lawyers' Association, New York City, December 2, 2005.

LECTURER: "Blueprint For Building Your Practice 2005: A Conference For Solo And Small Firm Practitioners," "Ethics Check-Up' For The Practicing Attorney," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by New York County Lawyers' Association, New York City, October 28, 2005.

LECTURER: "Ethics Update 2005," Bridge-The-Gap: A Second Year Program For Newly Admitted Attorneys, Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York State Bar Association, New York City, April 29, 2005.

LECTURER: "Crossing Over Into Reality - Ethical Considerations For Trial Practitioners," Bridge-The-Gap, Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York State Bar Association, New York City, February 10, 2005.

PANELIST: "Ethical Bounds Of Aggressive Litigation - A 2004 Update," Continuing Legal Education Program sponsored by the New York County Lawyers' Association, New York City, December 9, 2004.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

##### LAW SCHOOL:

While attending law school, worked for: the Honorable Leslie C. Snyder, Supreme Court, New York County; the Office Of The District Attorney Of New York County; the State Of New York, Office Of The Attorney General; and the United States District Court, Eastern District of New York, Alternative Dispute Resolution Program.

Selected to join: the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law Moot Court Honor Society; and the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law Trial Advocacy Team.

Law School Advocacy Competitions: Finalist, Annual Langfan Family Constitutional Oratorical Contest; Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition; Univ. of Georgia, Invitational Trial Advocacy Competition; ATLA, National Trial Advocacy Competition; Texas Young Lawyers Assoc., National Trial Advocacy Competition; Univ. of Albany, Family Moot Court Competition; National Assoc. of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL), Invitational Trial Advocacy Competition.

UNDERGRADUATE:

Graduated with Honors (Top 10%); Dean's List (1995-97)

Teaching Assistant: Associate Professor Stephen Tibbetts, Ph.D.; Associate Professor Adam Dobrin, Ph.D.

National Academic and Leadership Honor Societies: Alpha Phi Sigma; Gamma Sigma Alpha; Omicron Delta Kappa.

Undergraduate Trial Advocacy Competitions: American Mock Trial Assoc., Trial Advocacy Competition - No. 1 Advocate Award (Eastern Regional, 1997); American Mock Trial Association, Trial Advocacy Competition - No. 3 Advocate Award (National Competition, 1997); American Mock Trial Association, Trial Advocacy Competition, National Champions, argued before the Iowa State Supreme Court (National Competition, 1996); Yale Trial Advocacy Competition - Thomas A. Mauet No. 1 Advocate Award (1996); Middle Tennessee State Univ., Trial Advocacy Competition - No. 1 Advocate Award (1995).