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EDUCATION

Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center at Touro College, Central Islip, New York
- *Juris Doctor* 2001

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

State of New York Unified Court System – Court Attorney Referee(7/2025–present)

- Serve as a Special Referee, conducting legal research and analysis on complex matrimonial and election law matters.
- Presiding over preliminary conferences, line-by-line reviews, hearings, and inquests, ensuring matters proceed efficiently and in accordance with applicable law and court procedures.
- Draft well-reasoned decisions and review, approve, and sign contested and uncontested Judgments of Divorce.

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT

Mallilo & Grossman – Legal Assistant, Associate and Department Head (1993–2025)

- Advanced through responsible roles from Legal Assistant to Associate and Department Head during a long-term tenure with a litigation-focused law firm.
- Managed personal injury, real estate, matrimonial and family law matters, including client communications, case strategy, document preparation, motion practice, settlement negotiations, court appearances, and trials.
- Supervised departmental workflow, supported staff development, and helped ensure timely, accurate handling of client matters and court submissions.

Rodman & Campbell, P.C.– Legal Internship (July 2001)

Rogers, Dowling and Fleming, P.A., Orlando, Florida – Paralegal (1990–1992)

Pearlman, Apat & Futterman, PLLC., Kew Gardens, New York – Legal Secretary (1989–1990)

EDUCATOR/LECTURER

Maurice A. Deane School of Law: Hofstra Law, Adjunct Professor(2024–present)

Queens County Bar Association, Lecturer – ABCs of an Uncontested Divorce (March 2022)

National Bar Association Law Academy, Lecturer – Constitution Day (2014–2016)

National Bar Association, Lecturer – Family and Matrimonial Law Topics (2012–2015)

LEADERSHIP, PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION AND VOLUNTEER EFFORTS

Macon B. Allen Black Bar Association, President(2018–present)

Equal Justice in the Courts Committee, Queens Supreme Court, Committee Member (2025–present)

National Bar Association, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff (2014–2015)

National Bar Association, Chair of Constitution Day and Family Law Section (2014–2016)

Queens County Bar Association, Co-Chair of Diversity & Inclusion Committee (2022–2023)

Queens County Bar Association, Judicial Screening Committee and Law Academy (2019–2025)

Queens County Women's Bar Association, Board of Directors(2019–present)

Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, Co-Chair, Convention Committee (2022–2023)

Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, Co-Chair, Matrimonial Committee (2019–2020)

New York State Court Initiative – Uncontested Divorce Volunteer Project (2013)

Certification – Certified Mediator

Bar Admission – New York State, Appellate Division – Second Judicial Department, 2002