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## Career Snapshot

- Twenty-six years of litigation experience in state, federal and appellate courts (eleven with the NYS Police and thirteen with the NYS Attorney General's Office and two with Debevoise and Plimpton)
- Eleven years at N.Y.S. Police, Office of Counsel, with duties relating to employment, litigation and organization management.
- Assistant Attorney General and Section Head of the litigation bureau at NYS Attorney General's Office.
- Clerkship to NYS Court of Appeals Judge Kaye.

## Practice Areas

- Appeals
- Criminal Defense
- Government Relations
- Litigation

## Bar Admissions

- New York State
- U.S. District Court - Northern, Southern, Western & Eastern Districts of New York
- Second Circuit Court of Appeals

## Education

- Fordham University School of Law – J.D. (1980)
- Fordham University – B.A. (1976)

## Professional Experience:

### **Allen & Desnoyers LLP**

**Albany, New York**

**January 2012 – Present**

#### **Of Counsel**

Provide legal advice and counsel to the firm's clients on a wide variety of issues but primarily directed to litigation matters.

### **New York State Police**

**Albany, New York**

**July 2000 - December 2011**

#### **Chief Counsel/Deputy Counsel/Assistant Counsel**

Provide legal advice to the Superintendent on all matters, including litigation strategies, employment disputes, contractual arrangements with private vendors and public agencies, and a significant array of criminal prosecution cases. Lecture at the State Police academy and other police organizations. As Chief Counsel, responsible for supervising an office of eight attorneys.

### **New York State Attorney General**

**Albany, New York**

**May 1987 – July 2000**

#### **Assistant Attorney General; Section Head**

Represent numerous State agencies and employees in state and federal trial and appellate courts. Assignments included section 1983 lawsuits against individual state employees, class actions seeking injunctive relief, article 78 proceedings challenging a broad range of agency determinations, defense of state statutes against constitutional challenges, and actions against the federal government demanding reimbursement for public assistance payments. Litigate in trial courtrooms across the state, the Appellate Division, the Court of Appeals, each of the four U.S. District courts, and the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

### **Debevoise and Plimpton**

**New York, New York**

**September 1985 - May 1987**

#### **Associate**

General duties as associate in the litigation department of a large New York City law firm. Represented a diverse array of clients in state and federal courts in contract, securities and employment matters.

### **Clerkship to Judge Judith S. Kaye**

**New York/Albany, New York**

**September 1983 - September 1985**

#### **Law Clerk**

Two-year clerkship for Judge Judith S. Kaye upon her appointment to the New York Court of Appeals. Assisted in evaluation of and decisions upon a wide variety of criminal and civil cases reaching the court.

### **New York City Legal Aid Society**

**New York, New York**

**September 1980 - September 1983**

#### **Staff Attorney**

Staff attorney and later supervising attorney in Criminal Appeals Bureau, representing clients in the Appellate Division, First and Second Departments, and the New York Court of Appeals.