

## Meet the State Bar's new section chairs

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ers, coordinates special efforts concerning emerging issues and provides training to agency staff.

Faulkner, who previously served as deputy general counsel at the state Office for People with Developmental Dis-



**Faulkner**

abilities, has offered educational programs for families and attorneys in such areas as guardianship, end of life and other health care decision making.

Faulkner is also co-chair of the section's Committee on Ethical Issues in the Provision of Health Care. He is also a member of the Committee on Disability Rights.

He is a graduate of Cornell University and earned an M.S. and J.D. from SUNY Buffalo.

### International



**Thevenin**

Nancy M. Thevenin, an independent international arbitrator and mediator based in New York City, is the new chair of the International Section.

Thevenin is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and an adjunct professor at St. John's University School

of Law and Fordham School of Law. She formerly was a special counsel and global coordinator of Baker & McKenzie's International Arbitration Practice Group. Prior to that, she was deputy director of arbitration and ADR for North America for the ICC International Court of Arbitration in New York.

She has participated on the section's Executive Committee and been co-chair of its International Arbitration and ADR Committee since 2006.

Thevenin is a graduate of Cornell University, University of Paris at Panthéon-Assas, Paris, France and Tulane Law School.

### Judicial



**Singer**

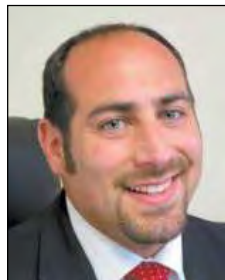
Hon. Conrad D. Singer, a New York State Family Court judge in Nassau County since 2007, is the new presiding member of the Judicial Section and is co-chair of its Diversity Committee.

Singer served three terms as president of the New York State Family Court Judges Association and is a recipient of the New York State Family Judge of the year award. He is a member of numerous Office of Court Administration committees.

Singer is a former assistant district attorney and private practice attorney. He has served as village justice and past chief of his local fire department, where he

received the Nassau County Medal of Valor and other citations. He is a graduate of Adelphi University and Pace University School of Law.

### Labor and Employment Law



**Greenberg**

Seth H. Greenberg, of Greenberg Burzichelli Greenberg in Lake Success, is the new chair of the Labor and Employment Law Section.

Greenberg represents labor unions, employees and their health and welfare funds in such matters as collective bargaining, discipline and discharge, wages and hours, discrimination, contract disputes, seniority and promotion. He also routinely counsels clients concerning the Civil Service Law, pensions, and employee benefits, as well as other federal and state laws.

He previously served as the section's co-chair of its Committee on Continuing Legal Education and chair of its Committee on Public Sector Labor Relations. He was the founding administrator and contributor to Labor & Employment N.Y., the official blog of the Labor & Employment Law Section. He is a contributor to the treatise "Lefkowitz on Public Sector Labor and Employment Law," fourth edition.

Greenberg is a graduate of George Washington University and St. John's University School of Law.

### Local and State Government Law



**Zuckerman**

Richard K. Zuckerman of Lamb & Barnosky in Melville is the new chair of the Local and State Government Law Section.

He represents management in public and private sector labor and employment law areas, including collective bargaining, discipline and litigation-related matters. His public sector clients include school districts, libraries, cities, counties, towns, villages and fire and ferry districts. He also serves as general counsel to school districts and as a hearing officer in municipal law disputes.

Zuckerman is a former chair of the Labor and Employment Law Section and also served as a member of the House of Delegates. He is a former president of the New York State Association of School Attorneys.

Zuckerman is a graduate of SUNY Stony Brook and Columbia University School of Law.

### Real Property Law

Patricia E. Watkins, a partner at Bartlett, Pontiff, Stewart & Rhodes P.C. in Glens Falls, is the new chair of the Real Property Law Section.

Her practice areas include real property law, estate planning, trusts and estates, elder law, corporate and commercial law, landlord/tenant and not-for-profit law. Prior to joining the

firm in 1983, she was an appellate court attorney at the state Supreme Court, Appellate Division from 1982-83. She also served as a law examiner for the NYS Board of Law Examiners from 1987-2009.

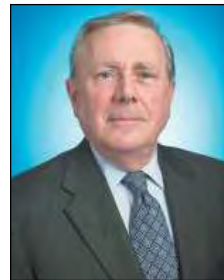


**Watkins**

Watkins previously served as vice-chair of the Executive Committee of the section and currently co-chairs its subcommittee on Professionalism & Unauthorized Practice of Law. She is a member of the Warren County Bar.

Watkins is a graduate of Penn State University and Albany Law School.

### Senior Lawyers



**Lawrence**

C. Bruce Lawrence of Boylan Code in Rochester is the new chair of the Senior Lawyers Section.

Lawrence heads the firm's Creditor's Rights Practice Group. He has more than 40 years of experience handling debtor/creditor law, bank and commercial collections, business loan workouts, and bankruptcy. He served for 20 years as a bankruptcy trustee in the Western District of New York.

He is a past secretary

of the State Bar, chaired the President's Committee on Access to Justice, and was a member of the Special Committee on Public Trust and Confidence in the Judicial System. He served on the House of Delegates and was vice-president for the 7th Judicial District for six years.

Lawrence is a graduate of the University of Rochester and the Dickinson School of Law at Penn State University.

### Young Lawyers



**Christopher**

John Christopher of Sahn, Ward, Coschignano PLLC in Uniondale is the new chair of the Young Lawyers Section.

Christopher, who was admitted in 2008, focuses his practice on municipal law, zoning and land use planning, real estate transactions and leasing, and landlord/tenant disputes. He has written numerous articles in the Nassau Lawyer and Report from Counsel.

Christopher serves as a section delegate to the House of Delegates and liaison to the Real Property Law Section. He is a graduate of Villanova University and Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center. ♦

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