



## **Certilman Balin attorneys named to Super Lawyers list**

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East Meadow, NY According to Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP, Lisa Hunter, Allan Hyman, Donna-Marie Korth, Jaspreet Mayall, Thomas McNamara. Douglas Rowe, Howard Stein and Paul Sweeney have been named to the 2019 New York Metro Super Lawyers list, and Rebecca Brodsky, Heather Gauweiler, Kimberly Klein, Rebecca Sklar, Darren Stakey, and Nicholas Venditto were named to the 2019 Rising New York Metro Stars list.

The honor recognizes top lawyers in their respective areas of practice. The review and selection process includes a statewide nomination process, peer review by practice area and independent candidate research. Due to the nature of the nomination and review process, only 5% of lawyers in the NY metro area are named to the list.

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Hunter, a partner in and co-chair of the trusts and estates and elder law practice groups, concentrates in all aspects of trusts, estates, tax, and succession planning, primarily for high net worth individuals. She also holds the degree of Master of Laws in Taxation from NYU. She is a member of the Nassau County Bar Association.

Hyman is a senior partner and practices in the firm's litigation, real estate tax certiorari, and condemnation law departments. He has obtained millions of dollars of tax refunds and savings for clients during his 50-year professional career. A graduate of Syracuse University, B.A., Hyman also holds a juris doctorate from St. John's University Law School.

Korth is a partner in the commercial, banking and real estate litigation practice group, and is a certified mediator. She graduated, magna cum laude, from St. John's University with an undergraduate degree in Accounting and graduated, with honors, from that University's School of Law.

Mayall is a partner in the telecommunications group and debtor/creditor rights and bankruptcy group. He earned his bachelor of Business Administration from Hofstra University in 1988 and his juris doctorate from the Hofstra University School of Law in 1991.

McNamara's practice encompasses a broad range of commercial litigation and arbitration, including issues related to banking, creditors' rights, contracts, business divorce, real estate, employment, trade secrets, trust and estates, and insurance, as well as corporate, securities, shareholder, partnership, and antitrust matters. He graduated with honors from the University of Chicago, where

he majored in Economics, and earned his law degree from New York University School of Law in 1980.

Rowe is a partner in the labor and employment practice group. In 1981, he earned his juris doctor from Brooklyn Law School. He holds a bachelor of science in Accounting from the University of Maryland.

Stein is managing partner of the real estate practice group where he concentrates on matters related to real property acquisitions, development, sales, leasing, real estate finance and loan workouts. He is a 1975 graduate of the University of Rochester where he now serves as a member of their George Eastman Circle and earned his law degree from Case Western Reserve University in 1978.

Sweeney is a partner in the litigation practice group and represents clients in a range of commercial litigation matters before state, federal and appellate courts. He earned his juris doctor, cum laude, from Fordham University School of Law in 1992 and his bachelor of arts from the University of Vermont in 1987.

Named to NY Metro Rising Stars List

The selection process for the Rising Stars list is the same as the Super Lawyers selection process, with one exception: to be eligible for inclusion in Rising Stars, a candidate must be either 40 years old or younger or in practice for 10 years or less. All attorneys first go through the Super Lawyers selection process. Those who are not selected to the Super Lawyers list, but who meet either one of the Rising Stars eligibility requirements, go through the Rising Stars selection process. While up to five percent of the lawyers in the state are named to Super Lawyers, no more than 2.5 percent are named to the Rising Stars list.

Brodsky is of counsel in the real estate practice group. She represents clients in both commercial and residential transactions and has experience with the closings of single family homes, cooperative apartments and condominiums, along with commercial property and construction loans. Brodsky earned her Juris Doctor from the University of Miami School of Law and her bachelor of arts from Emory University.

Cronin is a partner in the firm's tax certiorari and condemnation law practice group. He represents owners of various types of commercial property in real estate tax review proceedings throughout the State of New York. His thorough knowledge of Nassau County's tax lien laws has helped property owners in Nassau to obtain further reductions in real estate taxes. Cronin also represents claimants in Eminent Domain proceedings throughout the State of New York. He earned his Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, from Fordham University School of Law and his Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, from Hofstra University.

Gauweiler is a partner in the banking and commercial lending department and concentrates on the representation of institutional and private lenders in all aspects of complex commercial real estate

transactions and asset-based lending. She has extensive experience in structuring, negotiating and documenting a wide variety of financing arrangements to middle market and small business borrowers, including mortgage loans (both permanent and construction financings), revolving credit and term loan facilities, interest rate swap transactions, letter of credit transactions, government guaranteed loans offered through the U.S. Small Business Administration 504 and 7(a) loan programs and governmentally assisted financing arrangements commonly utilized in project development financings. Mrs. Gauweiler earned her Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude, in sociology from SUNY Cortland in 2005. She earned her Juris Doctor, cum laude, from Hofstra University School of Law in 2008.

Klein is an associate in the banking/commercial lending practice group. Her practice concentrates on the representation of lenders in financing commercial real estate properties, varying from middle market to small business loans, including government guaranteed loans offered through the U.S. Small Business Administration 504 and 7(a) loan programs. Klein earned her Juris Doctor and a Certificate in Environmental Law, cum laude, from Pace University School of Law and a bachelor of arts from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Sklar is an associate in the tax certiorari and condemnation practice group. Rebecca's practice primarily focuses on real estate valuation. She represents property owners in both Nassau and Suffolk Counties, as well as in upstate New York, who are seeking reductions in their properties' assessed valuations. Rebecca also represents both condemnees and condemnors in Eminent Domain proceedings. She earned her Juris Doctor, cum laude, from Hofstra University School of Law in 2013. A 2009 graduate of Binghamton University, Sklar earned her bachelor of arts in Psychology with a minor in Spanish.

Stakey is an associate in the litigation, real estate, and condominium practice groups. Stakey is admitted to practice law in New York, California, and the District of Columbia. He is also admitted to practice in United States District Court for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York and the United States Supreme Court. He was the 2015 Salutatorian at Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, a published member of the Touro Law Review, and a National Quarterfinalist with Touro's Moot Court Honors Board. He was recently honored by Touro as the Public Interest Attorney of the Year. He was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa at Hofstra University and worked in education and the private aviation industry before becoming an attorney.

Venditto is a partner in the corporate/securities practice group. Prior to joining Certilman Balin, Venditto spent six years as an associate in the Corporate Group of an international law firm on Wall Street. Venditto's practice focuses primarily on mergers and acquisitions involving privately held companies, complex joint ventures, corporate governance matters and other general corporate matters. He earned his Juris Doctor from Columbia Law School in 2008, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, and his bachelor of arts in Political Science, summa cum laude, from Hofstra University in 2005.