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Ms. Eisen’s practice focuses on the representation of hospitals and other health care providers including nursing homes, home health agencies, durable medical equipment providers, pharmacies, laboratories, and physicians with emphasis on regulatory, transaction, compliance, general corporate, finance, employment, disciplinary, patient care, and other related matters; and other healthcare industry related clients, including healthcare lenders and vendors to the industry.

Prior to becoming an attorney, Ms. Eisen worked as a registered nurse in pediatrics and neonatal intensive care, nursing education, nursing administration and risk management.

Ms. Eisen has been an Adjunct Professor of Health Law, Hofstra University Law School and frequently writes and lectures on regulatory issues.

LAWRENCE EISENSTEIN, M.D., F.A.C.P., is Commissioner of Health for the Nassau County Department of Health, Mineola, New York, a county of 1.3 million people. Dr. Eisenstein is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, and Infectious Diseases through the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Eisenstein also served as President of the New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO.) Prior to becoming Commissioner, Dr. Eisenstein joined the Nassau County Department of Health as Deputy Commissioner in 2009.

Dr. Eisenstein completed residency in Internal Medicine at Winthrop-University Hospital in Mineola, New York. He then served as Chief Resident in Internal Medicine at Winthrop-University Hospital. This was followed by Fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Winthrop. Dr. Eisenstein began studying medicine at the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara and completed his schooling at New York Medical College. Prior, he received a BA from Binghamton University.
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Prior to joining the Nassau County Department of Health, Dr. Eisenstein worked in a private practice in Infectious Diseases, and had attending physician privileges at Southside Hospital, Bay Shore, NY, as well as Good Samaritan Hospital in West Islip, New York. Dr. Eisenstein served as a teaching attending physician at Winthrop-University Hospital from 2007 to early 2009. During this time he maintained an academic affiliation with SUNY-Stony Brook Medical School of Medicine.

During his career Dr. Eisenstein has written and contributed to numerous peer reviewed articles, and poster presentations. He has made many Keynote speeches, Grand Rounds presentations, and has spoken at many professional conferences, and round table and panel discussions.

ARTHUR A. GIANELLI, MA, MBA, MPH, is President of Mount Sinai St. Luke’s, part of the Mount Sinai Health System. He is also a Special Advisor to the President and CEO of the Mount Sinai Health System for Medicaid Strategy. He has served in both positions since February of 2014. For the previous eight years, Mr. Gianelli was the President and Chief Executive Officer of NuHealth (the Nassau Health Care Corporation), a publicly run healthcare delivery system that provides high-quality care to Nassau County's most vulnerable populations and trains hundreds of medical professionals annually.

Prior to joining NuHealth, Mr. Gianelli held senior executive positions over a 10-year period for two Long Island municipalities. He was Deputy County Executive for Budget and Finance for Nassau County, and Director of Operations for the Town of North Hempstead. He has served or currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Long Island Association, Island Harvest, and Regional Policy Board 2 of the American Hospital Association. He also served on the Executive Committees of Healthfirst and America’s Essential Hospitals (formerly the National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems).

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Senator Hannon served as a member of the Medicaid Redesign Team which proposed reforms to the organization and delivery of Medicaid. He has sponsored many roundtables, public hearings and laws during his tenure as Health Committee Chair. Recent laws authored by Hannon include: expanded access to the opioid overdose antidote Naloxone, concussion management by schools, whooping cough vaccinations for caregivers of newborns, emergency access to epi-pens, consumer protections against surprise medical bills and expanded Hepatitis C testing. Senator Hannon also spearheaded the landmark “I-STOP” law designed to track prescriptions for controlled substances and curtail opioid addiction. Hannon helped author NY’s charity care requirements for hospitals and continues to support significant legislation in the areas of long term care, health insurance, women’s health and organ donation.

CONSTANTINE IOANNOU, M.D., is Director of Adult Inpatient Psychiatry, Director of Residency Training, and a Clinical Assistant Professor at the Stony Brook School of Medicine. Prior to joining Stony Brook, Dr. Ioannou served as Vice Chairman of Clinical Affairs in the Department of Psychiatry at a Nassau University Medical Center. From 2001 through 2004, Dr. Ioannou served as Clinical Director of Substance Abuse Services at North Shore –LIJ’s Glen Cove Hospital. Dr. Ioannou completed his undergraduate work with a BA in Psychology from New York University in 1981. He graduated from St. Georges University School of Medicine in 1985. Dr. Ioannou completed an internship in Internal Medicine at Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn, followed by a residency in general psychiatry at SUNY Downstate/Kings County Hospital Center. Following his residency, Dr. Ioannou stayed on at Kings County Hospital as part of the CPEP, Outpatient Psychiatry and Crisis Services Units. During this time, he served as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at SUNY –Downstate. Dr. Ioannou specializes in combining psychotherapy and medication management. His current research centers on Ego Psychology and the 12 Steps of AA.
ADAM D. KAHN, J.D., is a Senior Fellow for the Gitenstein Institute for Health Law and Policy at Hofstra University. As a Senior Fellow, Adam leads a discussion seminar for students interested in health law and assists with planning and implementing various other Gitenstein Institute programs. Adam is also an educational consultant and law teacher for Hofstra University’s Saturday Scholar’s Academy, which aims to provide supplemental academic support to middle and high school students.

In addition to his work with the Gitenstein Institute and Hofstra University, Adam is an associate attorney with the law firm of Genser Dubow Genser & Cona, LLP, which is recognized as one of Long Island’s premier elder law firms. Prior to his admission to the New York State bar, Adam worked as a law clerk for Genser Dubow Genser & Cona, LLP and as a research assistant for Professor Akilah N. Folami and Associate Dean Jennifer Gundlach.

Adam received his Juris Doctor from Hofstra University School of Law, magna cum laude, where he was both a Merit Scholar and a member of the Dean’s Scholars program. In addition, Adam was awarded the Debra Sloyer Memorial Scholarship in Trial Advocacy and the Ruskin Moscou Faltischek Award for Outstanding Appellate Advocacy. While a student at Hofstra University School of Law, Adam served as an Associate Editor and member of the Advanced Research Committee for the Hofstra Law Review and was a founding member of the Hofstra Elder Law Society. Adam also held an executive position with the Hofstra Moot Court Board and now acts as a coach for interscholastic moot court competitions. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Oberlin College.

WILLIAM J. MCCABE, JD, RN, is the Medical Ethics Fellow at North Shore-LIJ. Prior to joining North Shore LIJ, Mr. McCabe worked as a Registered Nurse in both the emergency room and pediatric intensive care unit. Mr. McCabe completed his undergraduate work with a BSN in Nursing Cum Laude from New York University in 2004. He received his Juris Doctor from New York Law School in 2012, and M.S. in Bioethics from Columbia University in 2014. Upon graduation from Columbia he began his fellowship year in clinical ethics. His focus is on performing clinical ethics consultations across the life span. His research interests currently focus on the ethical issues of gestational surrogacy in India for which he published a paper on the topic earlier this year, mental health treatment parity and surveillance, brain death and solicitation versus donation in organ transplant, particularly uncontrolled donation after cardiac death.
RENEE MCLEOD-SORDJAN, DNP, PHDC, APRN is an alumnus of Pace University. Presently, she is Assistant Clinical Professor of graduate nursing at Pace University and is Director of Clinical Bioethics for the North Shore –LIJ Health System. Her current second doctoral research at Adelphi University addresses health literacy and readiness for end of life discussion. She is an active member of the American Academy of HIV Medicine, American Nurses Association, American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, American Society of Bioethics and Humanities, National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculty and Sigma Theta Tau.

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ALLAN E. SILVER, J.D., is a partner at Abrams, Fensterman, Fensterman, Eisman, Formato, Ferrara & Wolf, LLP and the director of the firm’s Elder Law Practice. Mr. Silver has more than two decades of experience in health law and has represented numerous hospitals, physicians, nursing homes, home health care agencies, and other providers of care. He handles a range of health law matters, including numerous regulatory, licensing and compliance issues, as well as issues concerning the admission, treatment and discharge of patients in medical and psychiatric facilities. Mr. Silver also is a member of the firm’s Trusts and Estates department and is actively involved in all aspects of litigation.

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STEVEN J. WALERSTEIN, M.D., F.A.C.P., is Associate Chief Medical Officer and Senior Vice President for Medical Affairs for the North Shore-LIJ Health System. From 2005-2014 he served as the Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs of Nassau Health Care Corporation and the Medical Director of Nassau University Medical Center. Prior to his term at the Nassau Health Care Corporation, Dr. Walerstein was Vice President for Medical Affairs and Associate Medical Director for New York Methodist Hospital and Chairman and Program Director for the Department of Medicine at Nassau University Medical Center from September 1999 until March 2002. Currently, he holds an appointment as Associate Professor for the Hofstra-North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine.

Dr. Walerstein is a board certified internist who has practiced both inpatient and ambulatory medicine over the past thirty years. His current interests include population health, models of health care delivery, cost-effective care and integrated primary care and mental health care delivery.

Active in the American College of Physicians (ACP), Dr. Walerstein was elected to serve as Governor of the ACP Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island Chapter from 2004 to 2006, and of the Long Island Chapter 2009-2013. From 2012-2013 he was a member of the ACP Executive Committee of the Board of Governors. He received the Laureate Award from the ACP New York Chapter in 2006, and was elected Master of the College in 2014.