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June 2025

President's Post

As my term as President of RCBA comes to an end, I wish to express my appreciation for the opportunity to serve as your President. It has been a privilege and an honor during this transformative year.

This was a year of both celebration and change. Our Annual Dinner offered an evening to reflect, honor members of our association, and reconnect with colleagues. I am grateful that Chief Administrative Judge Zayas was our guest of honor and gave timely and relevant remarks on AI as it affects our profession.

We celebrated the hanging of RCBA's composite photographs from 1969 to 2023 with all three branches of local government present for a reception at the Rockland County Courthouse. We also gathered in the spirit of community and collegiality with our first joint Holiday Party with the Rockland County Women's Bar Association in December.

This month we are scheduled to host a pro bono uncontested divorce clinic in conjunction with RCWBA which I hope will be successful and will lead to additional pro bono clinics in this, and other needed areas of the law.

We stood up for the rule of law by adopting the ABA's Resolution 402 opposing the investigation and prosecution of bar associations by the federal government for activities protected by the First Amendment and signed the Joint Statement promulgated by the New York City Bar Association in "Defense of the Rule of Law and the Independence of the Legal Profession".

We also made important progress behind the scenes by drafting key amendments to our by-laws to streamline our procedures for which you all will have the opportunity to cast your vote, at our Installation Dinner. We also took some initial steps in separating the Foundation from the Association, setting both up for future success.

Perhaps most significantly, we experienced a complete transition in staff, including the appointment of a new Executive Director. Change of this magnitude is never easy, but I'm confident that with fresh leadership and energy, RCBA is well-positioned for growth and continued impact. I'm incredibly grateful to all the past and present staff for their contributions during this time of transition.

Thank you to the Executive Committee, committee chairs and members, our hardworking staff, and all of you who have otherwise donated your time and/or participated in RCBA events.

I hope to see you at our Installation Dinner on June 18th at Dominican University where I will pass on the torch to our next President. I look forward to supporting our incoming President and continuing to be an active member of RCBA.

Have a wonderful summer!

With gratitude,

Laurie A. Dorsainvil, Esq.

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INSTALLATION DINNER

Looking forward to a night filled with
good food, annual awards and
installation of officers.

We will be honoring:

Sara Beaty - Sterns Award

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Nicolas Brewster - Committee Chairs of
the Year

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

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Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

For additional information, contact Judge David Fried at dfried2@nycourts.gov

THE PRACTICE PAGE

BIFURCATION AND TRIFURCATION

Hon. Mark C. Dillon *

Bifurcation occurs when a court directs that a full trial be divided into two parts, the first being that of liability and the second being that of damages. The relevant Uniform Rule in the supreme and county courts is Uniform Rule 202.42. It bears the caption of "bifurcated trials," and says in the first portion of the first sentence of the first subdivision that judges are "encouraged" to order them. "Encouraged" does not mean "must" or "shall." The encouragement to utilize bifurcation applies when "it appears that bifurcation may assist in a clarification or simplification of issues and a fair and more expeditious resolution of the action" (Uniform Rule 202.42[a]). The First Department generally does not bifurcate trials. The other three departments within the state generally do bifurcate, consistent with the urging of Uniform Rule 202.42(a).

Bifurcation typically contemplates that liability will be tried first, for the obvious reason that if liability is negated, a damages trial, with all of its attendant time, trouble, and expense, would become altogether unnecessary. Additionally, even in the absence of a defense verdict at the liability trial, a verdict determining issues of liability among multiple parties might drive a settlement of the action, rendering the damages trial unnecessary.

Counsel may ask questions about both liability and damages at the jury *voir dire*, where it is anticipated that the same jury will hear all parts of the case (Uniform Rule 202.42[c]). Uniform Rule 202.42(e) provides that if there is a verdict in favor of the plaintiff on liability or in favor of the defendant on a counterclaim, the damages trial "shall" be conducted immediately before the same judge and jury. But "shall" does not necessarily mean "shall," as the court retains the discretion under the Uniform Rule to find such procedures impractical, stating those reasons on the record.

Since bifurcation is not mandatory, courts necessarily have the converse authority to order a unified trial in a given case, which will typically occur where issues of liability and damages are so intertwined that they are inseparable (*Mujica v Nassau County Correctional Facility*, 231 A.D.3d 1046 [2d Dep't. 2024]; *Barron v Terry*, 268 A.D.2d 760 [3d Dep't. 2000]). This is commonly seen in the area of medical malpractice. But bifurcation may be inappropriate in certain general personal injury actions as well, such as under the circumstances which existed in *Castro v Malia Realty, LLC*, 177 A.D.3d 58 (2d Dep't. 2019) (opinion by Scheinkman, P.J.) and *Carpenter v. County of Essex*, 67 A.D.3d 1106 (3d Dep't. 2009). *Castro* is a leading analytical opinion of then-Presiding Justice Scheinkman of the Second Department, which makes clear that the decision of whether to bifurcate is not guided by a hard-and-fast presumption but is left to the sound discretion of the trial courts on a case-by-case basis, and that bifurcation should not be used inflexibly.

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The Court of Appeals held in *Rodriguez v City of New York*, 31 N.Y.3d 312 (2018) that a plaintiff may obtain summary judgment against a defendant on liability by proving the defendant negligent, without having to prove the absence of comparative negligence. Where summary judgment is granted, the issue of the plaintiff's comparative negligence is left for trial as an offset to the damages (CPLR 1411, 1412). Those post-motion cases do not need to be bifurcated, as the plaintiff's comparative negligence may be folded into what would have been the pure damages trial. Bifurcated trials will continue to be seen as robustly as ever in parts of the state that utilize them, where summary judgment motions are not made by plaintiffs prior to trial or where, if made, are unsuccessful.

On very rare occasion, a reverse-bifurcation may make sense where damages should be tried ahead of liability, as illustrated in *Harari-Raful v. Trans World Airlines, Inc.*, 41 A.D.2d 753 (2d Dep't. 1973). *Harari-Raful* involved claims against the defendant airliner arising from an in-flight highjacking. International conventions limited recoveries at the time to \$75,000 per passenger, absent the defendant's willful misconduct or negligence. The plaintiff sought damages on various causes of action that well exceeded \$75,000. Relatedly, the plaintiffs sought discovery of the defendant's anti-highjacking program which the defendant opposed as containing highly-confidential information. The court directed a trial on damages to first determine whether an award would exceed \$75,000. If not, the contested discovery as to the issue of willfulness and the anti-highjacking program would become immaterial to the action. If damages were to be found greater than \$75,000, discovery was to broadly proceed as contemplated by the trial court, followed by a trial on liability.

Trifurcation refers to a multi-defendant three-phased trial addressing 1) whether there is any liability of the defendants at all, 2) the apportionment of the parties' respective liabilities if liability exists, and 3) the trial on damages. The CPLR and Uniform Rules make no explicit reference to trifurcation. CPLR 4011 and CPLR 603 implicitly grant courts the discretion to determine the sequence of trials, including the severance of claims or parties and the separation of issues. However, trifurcation is not an approach favored by the Court of Appeals, which once stated that "[i]t is preferable, and sometimes essential, that issues of liability be resolved at one stage of the trial" (*Greenberg v City of Yonkers*, 37 N.Y.2d 907, 909 [1975]).

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The assessment of punitive damages is, in effect, a form of bifurcation or trifurcation. Where punitive damages are an issue at trial, the jury receives the usual instructions from the court about liability and, when tried separately, damages. The damages instructions merely elicit a verdict on whether punitive damages should be awarded, without asking the jury to set any particular amount. If the plaintiff prevails on liability and compensatory damages and the jury answers “yes” to punitive damages, a separate trial is then conducted as to the financial circumstances of the defendant, which influences the amount of punitive damages which may then be awarded to punish the defendant for reprehensible conduct (*Gomez v Cabatic*, 159 AD3d 62 [2d Dep’t. 2018]; *Rupert v Sellers*, 48 AD2d 265 [4th Dep’t. 1978]. *See also* 1 PJI 2:278 Comment, Caveat 3]). This protects the jury’s separate compensatory award from being prejudicially tainted by evidence of the defendant’s finances.

While bifurcation and trifurcation are terms with generic dictionary definitions, we in the legal profession understand them as matters of trial procedure.

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Celebrating Pride Month with an Interview of Roberta A. Kaplan, Esq.



Roberta A. (“Robbie”) Kaplan is a founding partner at the firm of Kaplan Martin LLP, a civil and commercial litigation, investigations, and strategic advisory law firm based in Manhattan.

Robbie is a renowned litigator with decades of experience in commercial, higher education, and civil rights litigation. *Chambers* has described Robbie as “a modern-day legal giant. A towering intellect and a genius in court, with the instincts of a street fighter.”

Throughout her career, Robbie has always had a deep-seated commitment to using the law to advance the public interest. She is perhaps best known for successfully challenging a key provision of the Defense of Marriage Act on behalf of her client Edith Windsor in the landmark case, *United States v. Windsor*. Professor Laurence Tribe of Harvard Law School has observed that he cannot “think of any Supreme Court decision in history that has ever created so rapid and broad a lower-court groundswell in a single direction as *Windsor*.”

In honor of Pride Month 2025, and the 12th anniversary of the US Supreme Court’s decision in *United States v. Windsor*, a member of the RCBA’s DEI committee sat down with Robbie for some Q&A.

1. Where did you grow up?

I grew up in a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio, known as Shaker Heights. It was a great place to grow up. When I was about 12 years old though, I decided, based on reading every issue of *New York Magazine*, that I wanted to move to NYC.

2. Do you want to share some details about your family/personal life?

My parents met in college and married shortly after they graduated, partly so my dad could get a draft deferment in connection with Vietnam. I followed through on my childhood decision and moved to NYC for law school and have lived here ever since. I am married to an amazing woman, who started the Progressive Caucus of the New York State Democratic Party. We are the proud parents of a son who will soon be going away to college in the fall so we will officially become “empty nesters.”

3. **Pride Month 2025 marks the 12th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in *United States v. Windsor*, which successfully upended the DOMA standard that limited the definition of spouse and allowed states to refuse to recognize same sex marriages. What were some of the issues that you faced in making the arguments? Tell us something that most people don't know or appreciate about the case.**

Unlike other LGBTQ advocates, I believed that the only way to win our case was to convince the courts (and ultimately the Supreme Court justices) that the marriage my client Edie Windsor had with her then late spouse, Thea Spyer, was the same as any other marriage; indeed, the kind of marriage that anyone would want to have. The facts were very powerful. Edie and Thea had a long, meaningful relationship, where Edie did more for Thea, who was paralyzed by MS for many years, than many straight spouses would have. At its core, our argument was simple – persuade the judges that Edith and Thea's marriage was the same as their own marriage. Our briefs stayed on message, emphasizing over and over again the equal dignity of gay people and their relationships.

I was “raised” in the litigation sense by the great Marty London at Paul Weiss who taught me that the ultimate focus should always be on the client. So I felt our case would resonate best as long as we stayed focused on the discriminatory impact of DOMA with respect to the estate tax. After all, what the case was really about was the unfair tax on being gay. And our country started, after all, because of a rebellion about an unfair tax.

We also highlighted the legislative history of DOMA and its clear attempt to unconstitutionally inject “moral disapproval” of being gay into a federal statute. Consistent with Justice Kennedy's decision in *Lawrence v. Texas*, we noted that “times can blind us to certain truths” that are only visible to later generations.

4. **What are some passions or hobbies you enjoy outside of your professional life?**

Believe it or not, I have been obsessed with fly fishing for more than a decade. It is about as close as I can get to meditation (which is not that close). I try to make an annual pilgrimage to Alaska, but enjoy fly fishing almost anywhere. Last summer, for example, I completely failed to catch a single fish in Northern Italy. Standing in the water, in waders, looking to see if any fish are around, helps me clear my head. And then I love the adrenaline rush if a fish bites and I somehow manage to set the hook.

5. **You spent some time as a student abroad in Russia. What is something that you learned about Russia from that experience that most of us would not expect?**

My time as a college student in Russia is probably the single greatest influence on how I see the world and how I practice law. I was in Moscow for the spring semester of 1987 during the beginning of “Glasnost,” but the system was still very Soviet, with our dorm rooms and classrooms bugged with listening devices, etc. As a result, I became very defiant, which probably explains why I ended up becoming a trial lawyer.

6. What is your favorite film or book?

Favorite film: The Verdict (1982)

Favorite book: Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy (1878)

7. What would you do if you weren't in this profession?

I like to think I would be a pretty decent NYC cabbie, since I'm an aggressive driver, have a great sense of direction (although my family would disagree), and know a lot of good shortcuts around the City.

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION ISSUES OF INTEREST

Submitted by Joseph Churgin, Esq. and Susan Cooper, Esq.*

Your client is a private college that transitioned to remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. A student sued your client for partial tuition refunds for the portion of the semester conducted online rather than in-person. In support of the claim for a breach of an implied contract and unjust enrichment, the student cites marketing materials emphasizing campus life in New York City as "The World's Greatest Classroom," and course registration portals listing specific physical classroom locations. After discovery, you move for summary judgment, arguing the college's general promotional statements were too vague to create a specific contractual promise for exclusively in-person instruction.

Will your motion for summary judgment be granted?

The answer is *it depends on which court decides your case.*

In *Beck v. Manhattan College*, (2d Cir., April 29, 2025), Case No. 23-1049, the Second Circuit faced this exact scenario and discovered a troubling split between federal and state courts applying New York contract law. Rather than decide the appeal, the court certified a question to the New York Court of Appeals, highlighting a fundamental disagreement about when promotional materials can create binding contractual obligations.

Beck was a Manhattan College student who paid tuition plus an additional fee for the campus health center, student activities, athletics, and other services and experiences. After receiving only 46% of the semester in-person due to the pandemic shutdown, she sued for breach of implied contract and unjust enrichment when the college refused any refunds.

The district court initially granted Manhattan College's motion for judgment on the pleadings, finding Beck's allegations "not specific enough" to constitute a promise for "in-person classes or access to specific on-campus facilities or services." The court concluded that general marketing statements about campus life and New York City access were insufficient to create contractual obligations for exclusively in-person instruction, but determined that no contract term governed Beck's unjust enrichment claim for tuition. After discovery, the college moved for summary judgment on the single remaining claim. The court granted the motion, finding that the switch to online instruction was reasonable given the global pandemic, noting that Beck was still able to earn credits towards her degree.

Beck appealed to the Second Circuit, which noted a split in application of New York law between the leading 2023 federal court case of *Rynasko v. New York University*, 63 F.4th 186 (2d Cir. 2023), and two subsequent state appellate courts decisions in *Croce v. St. Joseph's College of New York*, 219 A.D.3d 693 (2d Dep't 2023), and *McCudden v. Canisius College*, 2025 WL 814588 (4th Dep't, Mar. 14, 2025)

The federal approach, established in *Rynasko*, held that marketing materials emphasizing campus benefits, course registration systems listing physical classroom locations, and promotional statements about "immersive, hands-on experiences" can collectively support an inference that parties mutually intended in-person instruction. The *Rynasko* court found these general representations, combined with a university's longstanding history of in-person instruction and absence of disclaimers, sufficient to create an implied contractual promise.

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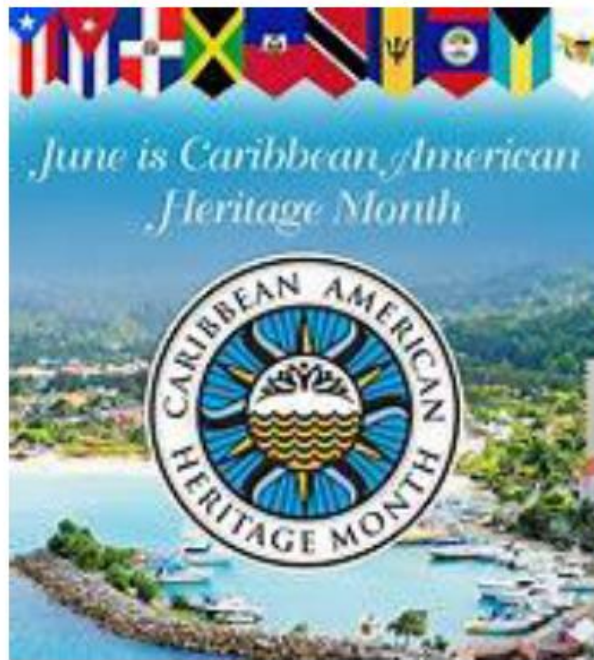
Most significantly, in *McCudden* the Fourth Department explicitly rejected the *Rynasko* approach, criticizing it for "elevat[ing]" a focus on whether defendants "vaguely promised to 'provide generally in-person courses'" over "well-established New York law requiring a specific promise by a defendant to provide exclusively in-person learning."

The Fourth Department emphasized that New York's "policy of non-interference with, and deference to, the decisions of educational institutions" would be undermined by allowing breach of contract claims based merely on "vague promises," as this would "necessarily require courts to parse vague promises in an effort to ascertain the extent and relative value of the education provided by a [university]."

Recognizing this fundamental split between federal and state interpretations of New York contract law, the Second Circuit certified the following question to the New York Court of Appeals: "whether New York law requires a specific promise to provide exclusively in-person learning as a prerequisite to the formation of an implied contract between a university and its students with respect to tuition payments."

The lesson? When defending educational institutions against COVID-related contract claims, the outcome may depend entirely on which court system hears your case. Federal courts applying New York law have been more willing to find contractual obligations based on general promotional materials and course logistics, while New York state courts demand explicit, specific promises about instructional delivery methods. Until the New York Court of Appeals resolves this split, practitioners should carefully consider forum selection and be prepared to argue both the specificity of any alleged promises and the broader policy implications of imposing contractual obligations on educational institutions' pandemic responses.

***By Joseph Churgin, Esq. and Susan Cooper, Esq. of
SAVAD CHURGIN, LLP, Attorneys at Law**



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See [CLE Program Rules 22 NYCRR 1500.22\(a\)](#).

Experienced attorneys due to re-register on or after July 1, 2023 must complete at least one credit hour in the Cybersecurity, Privacy and Data Protection CLE category of credit as part of their biennial CLE requirement. Newly admitted attorneys need not comply if admitted prior to July 1, 2023 in their newly admitted cycle, but must comply in future reporting cycles. Attorneys admitted on or after July 1, 2023, must complete the 1 CLE credit hour in Cybersecurity, Privacy and Data Protection as part of their new admitted attorney cycle. For more information about the CLE Rules, visit nycourts.gov/Attorneys/CLE.

See [CLE Program Rules 22 NYCRR 1500.12\(a\)](#).

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COMMITTEE CORNER

The Rockland County Bar Association has 26 active committees, plus several *ad hoc* committees. Members may join these committees and volunteer their time and expertise for the good of the Bar Association, their colleagues and the public. Here are some of the activities! We look forward to seeing you!

NEW LAWYERS AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Nicole DiGiacomo is the new Co-Chair of this Committee and she is looking for new members. The Committee will engage newly admitted attorneys as well as seasoned attorneys who are interested in mentoring those newly admitted.

PRO BONO COMMITTEE

This newly established Committee embraces the spirit of “pro bono” by connecting with Bar Association practitioners from all areas to create a centralized corps of volunteers who will assist those in need who are unable to be assisted by the Legal Aid Society or Legal Services of the Hudson Valley. If you are interested in joining this Committee, please email Nancy at Nancy@rocklandbar.org

IMMIGRATION LAW COMMITTEE

Immigration Law is a critical component of our system of laws. We are pleased to announce that the Rockland County Bar Association is relaunching the Immigration Committee. The committee is being co-chaired by two experienced immigration attorneys, Ivon Anaya, Esq. and Crismelly Morales, Esq. Given the recent influx of Immigration in our community, we are excited to provide insight and updated information about Immigration Law to the members of the Bar Association and our community.

We are looking for new members! If you are interested in joining our committee, please email Ivon at Ianaya@centersc.org and Crismelly at Crismelly@cmoraleslaw.com to express your interest. Stay tuned for our future meetings and events!

PERSONAL INJURY & COMPENSATION LAW COMMITTEE

Your Rockland County Bar Association Personal Injury & Compensation Law (Negligence) Committee regularly meets via zoom. If you are not yet a member and wish to join our committee, please contact the association. If you have a topic that you think may be of interest to the committee, please let us know.

The committee meeting will be held on Zoom.

If you are not on the committee and are interested in participating in one of these meetings, please contact us.

Thank you, **Jeffrey Adams** (Chair) & **Valerie Crown** (Co-Chair)

MEMO

TO ALL RCBA COMMITTEE CHAIRS & VICE – CHAIRS

The Association is seeking articles from your committee for publication in the Bar's monthly Newsletter. The membership would greatly benefit from your input and would appreciate it. The article does not have to be complicated or long- a succinct piece of general interest and importance would be best.

If you are able to submit an article for the Newsletter it should be sent via email to Jeanmarie@rocklandbar.org by the 15th of the month so that the Executive Board may review it.

Thank you!



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