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John S. Diaconis

Partner

Mr. Diaconis is a member of our Insurance and Employment Practice Groups. His more than 25 years of experience has included his tenure as Vice President of Hartford Financial Services Group, and as a member of the firms of Peterson & Ross and Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker in New York City. Mr. Diaconis has served as Law Clerk for the Hon. Joel J. Tyler, U.S.M.J., U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York (1980-81), and as a Councilman for the Town of New Castle (2001-03) for which he is currently the Town Prosecutor.

Mr. Diaconis counsels clients in the insurance and reinsurance industry and acts as defense counsel, mediator and arbitrator in the investigation and resolution of fidelity, commercial crime and financial institution bond claims, insurance company errors and omissions, employment, insurance agents and brokers, and directors and officers claims. He also serves as an arbitrator and mediator in insurance and reinsurance arbitrations and mediations.

His formal mediation training includes: Harvard Law School, Intensive Mediation Training, Program of Instruction for Lawyers; Westchester Mediation Center, in conjunction with New York State Office of Court Administration; New York Supreme Court, Commercial Division, Appointed To Court-Approved Panel of Mediators and Neutrals.

Education

- New York University School of Law (LL.M., 1988)
- Drake University Law School (J.D., 1980); Member, Drake Law Review (1978-80)
- State University of New York at Oneonta (B.A., 1976)

Memberships

Mr. Diaconis is a member of the American and Westchester County Bar Associations. He is the Co-Chair of the Municipal Law Section of the Westchester County Bar Association, and also served as the Chairperson, Practising Law Institute, Program on Reinsurance Law and Practice (1994-2000).

Admissions

- New York
- U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

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Bleakley Platt has been a leader in the Westchester County and Hudson Valley legal communities for over 70 years. With more than 40 professionals, the Firm has a full range of practice groups dedicated to civil litigation and appellate work, trusts and estates, commercial finance and real estate transactions, corporate and health law, and labor and employment matters, among others. We have the diverse skills necessary to address the wide range of issues faced by our clients in virtually all aspects of civil and commercial law from sophisticated and complex litigation to individual estate planning.

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