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Pegalis & Erickson Attorneys Named 2016 Outstanding Women in Law



New Hyde Park, NY, (March 22, 2016) [Pegalis and Erickson, LLC](#) is delighted to announce that three of our attorneys are being named 2016 Outstanding Women in Law by Hofstra University School of Law's Center for Children, Families and the Law. Annamarie Bondi-Stoddard, Esq., Rhonda Meyer, Esq., and Linda Oliva, Esq., will receive the honors at the award ceremony to be held on April 5, at 12:00 Noon at the Hofstra University Club in Uniondale, NY. Nassau County District Attorney Madeline Singas is the expected keynote speaker.

[Annamarie Bondi-Stoddard](#) is our managing partner and has 30 years of experience representing plaintiffs in medical negligence cases including women's health issues, birth injuries, surgical, neurosurgical, cardiac, cancers, and other medical specialty cases where negligence is involved. She is an advocate for patient safety awareness and is devoted to community service for health-related matters, lecturing to both lay audiences and law professionals. Bondi-Stoddard is a two-time recipient of the Long Island Business News Top 50 Business Women, and their 'Who's Who in Women in Professional Services. She was awarded the Corporate Leadership Recognition Award from Cerebral Palsy Nassau, and also received the LIBN "50 around 50" Award. Annamarie has been named in each edition of *Best Lawyers* since 2007, and continues to be voted by her peers into the *New York SuperLawyers* each year. As managing partner, she has led Pegalis & Erickson, LLC to consistently be recognized by U.S. News and World Report as a *New York Tier One Best Law Firm*. Bondi-Stoddard serves as an officer on the executive board of directors of the New York State Trial Attorneys (NYSTLA), She is also a Dean of the New York State Trial Lawyers Institute (NYSTLI). She was past president of the Long Island Women's Agenda (LIWA) and is a supporter of the American Heart Association's *Go Red for Women Movement*. She is a member of several bar associations, and obtained her law degree from Boston University School of Law.

[Rhonda L. Meyer](#) has 26 years of experience representing medical malpractice plaintiffs. She has worked extensively on cases involving birth injuries resulting from negligent obstetrical and perinatal care. She handles cases for our youngest clients—babies who have severe neurological injuries requiring a lifetime of specialized care. Her work on medical legal cases has resulted in multimillion dollar verdicts and settlements. Ms. Meyer also litigates in cases involving radiation oncology, neonatal medicine, pediatrics, pulmonary medicine, vascular surgery, cardiothoracic surgery, orthopedic surgery, infectious disease, nephrology, neurosurgery, and cancer. In 2015, Ms. Meyer was named a Long Island Top 50 Most Influential Women in Business by the Long Island Business News. In both 2014 and 2015, she was named to the New York Metro Super Lawyers. She is a member of New York State Trial Lawyers Association, Nassau County Bar Association, Nassau County Women's Bar Association, Nassau Suffolk Trial Lawyers Association, and the Huntington Lawyers Club. Ms. Meyer obtained her law degree from Hofstra University School of Law.

[Linda M. Oliva](#) is a plaintiffs' medical malpractice attorney at Pegalis and Erickson LLC handling all aspects of pretrial litigation and appeals, representing patients in cases of surgical errors, neurosurgical mistakes, questionable cardiac care, and the failure to diagnose and treat breast cancer. She dedicates considerable time to community service, and participates in events as an advocate for patient awareness. She is the President-Elect of the Nassau County

Women's Bar Association. Ms. Oliva is active with both the Babylon Breast Cancer Coalition and the Adelphi Statewide Breast Cancer Hotline to support patients. She is a member of the New York State Trial Lawyers' Association, the American Association for Justice, the Nassau County Bar Association, the Long Island Hispanic Bar Association, and the Columbian Lawyers Association of Nassau County. In 2013, she was named a Long Island's Top 50 Most Influential Women in Business by the Long Island Business News, and in 2012 she received the Courage Award from the Nassau County Women's Bar Association. She obtained her law degree at St. John's University School of Law.

[About Pegalis & Erickson, LLC](#)

Pegalis & Erickson is a personal injury law firm with a focus on representing seriously injured people that suffered medical negligence. We have won some of the largest verdicts in New York State history for birth trauma, misdiagnosed cancers, and surgical errors, and have obtained justice for serious construction and accident victims. In our forty years of practice, we have helped more than 2,000 people obtain funds for services they need to survive life day-to-day. We are advocates for patient safety and medical accountability to ensure safer medical practices for better patient care. Visit us at www.pegalisanderickson.com. For health news you can use follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

[About the Hofstra University School of Law's Center for Children, Families and the Law](#)

The Center for Children, Families and the Law was established in 2001 in response to the urgent need for more effective representation for children and families in crisis. It is led by A. Gail Prudenti, retired New York State Chief Administrative Judge. Through programs such as their Youth Advocacy Clinic, Juvenile Justice Practicum, community service, public-policy projects and research, students learn how their studies apply in society, and simultaneously make a difference to children and families in crisis.

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