



## 2019 Legal Symposium Presenters



**John Bair** holds over 20 years of diverse experience in the settlement management industry and the civil justice community. He is the Founder and CEO of Seventh Amendment Holdings, a company that provides comprehensive, plaintiff-focused settlement planning and management through its subsidiary companies, specifically Milestone Consulting and Monolith Advisors. He is the Co-Founder and President of the Bairs Foundation, a first of its kind 501(c)3 Public Charity providing emergency capital to litigants. Most recently, John has co-founded CrowFly, an online exchange that connects buyers and sellers of annuities.

A graduate of West Point, John served in the U.S. Cavalry for seven years as a Captain and Aviation Officer. He founded and was the CEO of Forge Consulting, a national plaintiff structure firm, from 2003-2012. With Milestone, John has advocated for bills designed to protect consumers and enable pro bono settlement consulting, provided services on over 10 major multidistrict litigations, and worked on landmark cases such as the BP/Deepwater Horizon settlement, the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund, the 1983 Beirut Marine Barracks Bombing, the U.S. Embassy bombing in Tanzania, and notable national aviation disasters. He serves on the board of the Casey Feldman Foundation and the End Distracted Driving Campaign, as well as the Association for Justice's "Trial Lawyers Care" task force.



**Kenneth B. Goldblatt, Esq.**, is an attorney admitted to practice in the State of New York as well as the Southern, Eastern, Northern and Western District Federal Courts. He received his Juris Doctor degree in 1988 from St. John's University. Currently in private practice, Mr. Goldblatt represents the legal interests of those individuals who have sustained traumatic brain and orthopedic injuries due to the negligence of others. He has successfully recovered millions of dollars on behalf of his clients throughout the United States while assisting them and their families rebuild their lives.

He is currently on the Board of Directors for the Brain Injury Association of New York as well as a member of the Concussion Initiative Committee. He is a BIA Certified Brain Injury Specialist and has chaired several CLE's on brain injury for the New York State Trial Lawyers and lectures nationally to trial lawyers, judges, and representatives of the insurance industry on brain injury litigation. He has also authored articles offering guidance to attorneys in litigating brain injury cases.



**Brian D. Greenwald, MD** is currently the Medical Director at the Center for Brain Injuries and the Associate Medical Director of JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute. He is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, and Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Hackensack-Meridian School of Medicine at Seton Hall University. He is the Director for the Brain Injury Medicine Fellowship at JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute. Dr. Greenwald is the Medical Director for the JFK Johnson Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems of care grant funded by the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research. He is board certified in both Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Brain Injury Medicine.

Dr. Greenwald has been the recipient of multiple awards for his clinical work, research work, and teaching, and has published multiple articles and book chapters in the areas of brain injury rehabilitation. Currently, he is involved in several research studies to improve the care of brain injury survivors.



**Richard S. Jaffe, Esq.** After pioneering a string of personal injury cases on Long Island and in the New York City metropolitan area involving lead paint poisoning of infants, Richard's reputation would become well known as a fierce trial attorney and litigator.

When he's not in front of a jury, behind the scenes, Richard volunteers his time as a Critical Care Emergency Medical Technician and Firefighter on Long Island. And Richard can often be found on Long Island basketball courts and sports fields volunteering as a coach for basketball and lacrosse.

Richard is Certified by the Brain Injury Association of New York State as a Brain Injury Specialist and is an active member of the New York State Bar Association, New York State Trial Lawyers Association and the American Association of Justice Traumatic Brain Injury Litigation Group.

Richard keeps himself on the forefront of both the law and medicine concerning traumatic brain injury. He travels throughout the country to learn from the most respected experts in the field.



For more than a decade, **Kelly Mikullitz, Esq.** has represented hundreds of injured children and adults, dedicating a significant amount of her practice to advocating for individuals with serious brain injuries. A legal force and advocate for those suffering from brain injuries, Kelly has been active in organizing speaking engagements and presenting to attorneys, neighborhood associations, schools, and civic groups throughout New York State and at national conferences. She has been an active member of the Brain Injury Association of New York State since 2006, serving on their Board of Directors since 2014 and participating on both their Resource Management Committee and Governance Committees.

Kelly is the supervising partner of O'Connell & Aronowitz's Lead Poisoning and Toxic Exposure Litigation Group, one of the leading lead poisoning injury litigation groups in upstate New York. Due to her extensive experience in this area, she is frequently consulted by other attorneys, landlords, tenants, government agencies and the media about lead poisoning and its effects.

Kelly has been named to the Upstate New York Rising Stars List by Super Lawyers, which acknowledges attorneys under 40 years old and in practice less than 10 years. The distinction is earned by less than 2.5% of attorneys in the state.



**Michael B. Ronemus, Esq.** has extensive experience in litigation covering a wide range of legal areas. Because of his medical school education, he is uniquely qualified in the areas of medical malpractice and personal injury. In his more than 20 years of practice, he has achieved an impressive record of success.

After earning a Bachelor of Science from the University of Colorado in 1977, he attended Vanderbilt University Medical School and then enrolled in the New York University School of Law where he received his J.D. in 1983. In 1984 Mr. Ronemus became licensed to practice law in New York and Massachusetts. He was admitted in Connecticut in 1987. Before becoming a partner with Ronemus & Vilensky, Mr. Ronemus was an assistant district attorney in Brooklyn, New York, an associate with Landau & Miller, and in private practice.

Currently, Mr. Ronemus is a member of numerous professional organizations, including the New York State Trial Lawyers Association, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association, and the New York State Bar Association/Medical Malpractice Committee.

Mr. Ronemus has lectured for the New York State Trial Lawyers Association, The Association of Trial Lawyers of America, and The Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association on topics including motor vehicle law, insurance law, negligent security cases, and medical malpractice.



**Andy Siegel, Esq.** is a New York City personal injury lawyer who has dedicated his career to representing survivors of traumatic brain injury (TBI). He understands the struggle these courageous individuals endure while restructuring their lives to recover a sense of normality in the wake of sudden tragedy. Committed to his causes, Andy is on the board of directors of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association and of the Brain Injury Association of New York State. His many trial successes have regularly placed those outcomes among the "Top 100 Verdicts" reported in the state annually.

Andy is also the author of The Tug Wyler Mystery Series, a collection of emotionally charged and thought provoking medical-legal thriller/mystery novels. With his debut book Suzy's Case, Andy was able to put a human face on a reality he knows so well from his work life: the intensity of the experience of TBI survivors and their families.

A graduate of Tulane University and Brooklyn Law School, he now lives outside of the greater NYC area.