

Peter J. Walsh

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EDUCATION

Cornell Law School
Juris Doctor, May 1979

Ithaca, NY

Ithaca College
Bachelor of Science, May 1966
Major: Music

Ithaca, NY

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

True, Walsh & Sokoni, LLP
(True & Walsh, LLP, then
True, Walsh & Schubert, LLP, now
True, Walsh & Sokoni, LLP)
Founding Partner and Member

Ithaca, NY
January, 2006 to present

Work in general practice including the areas of corporate, software licensing, litigation and commercial real estate.

True, Walsh & Miller, LLP
Founding Partner and Member

Ithaca, NY
September 1985 to December 2005

Practice in formation, organization, administration, and sales and acquisition of corporations and other business entities (negotiation, structuring, diligence, and compliance review); intellectual property (including audits) with emphasis on software development, licensing and service agreements; joint ventures; commercial real estate (including sales and leases, development, and offering plans for realty syndications); advice to and contract review for clients with foreign business interests; and commercial litigation. 'One-off' special projects, e.g., special counsel (1997-98) to the State of New York to design, draft and negotiate legislation (including creation of a mini-civil service system) proposed by the Governor to create a public benefit corporation to operate New York State Department of Health research center and cancer hospital (Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo, New York), and to implement following legislative approval.

American Bar Association Legal Exchange

Brussels, Belgium

Exchange lawyer under ABA International Law Section Exchange program (ILEX), Spring 1992, with Lafili & VanCrombrughe, Brussels. Translation of pleadings (French to English), review of documents for corporate acquisitions, distribution agreements, software licensing agreements; drafted and edited chapters for businessman's introduction to Belgian law (in English).

New York State Committee on Sentencing Guidelines
Counsel
Executive Director

Albany, NY
January 1984 to July 1984
August 1984 to July 1985

Special blue-ribbon committee appointed by Governor and legislative leaders to draft legislation to amend New York State Penal Law and Criminal Procedure Law, (substituting fixed-length sentencing with guidelines for system of indeterminate sentencing), and to research and report on potential impacts. Responsible for initial staffing and organization of committee including all aspects of personnel and

budgeting, generating legislative proposals, design and supervision of impact study, organization and conduct of public hearings, and drafting report and legislation. Work included regular contact with members of the state legislature, the governor's office, law enforcement community, judiciary, bar associations and legal defense and prisoners' rights organizations, as well as extensive public speaking, inspection tours, and meetings with prisoners in most of the state's maximum security facilities.

New York State Advisory Committee on the Civil Practice Law and Rules

Member

1986 to 1991

Body advises Chief Judge, Governor and Legislature on legislation affecting the mechanics of civil litigation.

Thaler & Thaler

Ithaca, NY

Associate

1980 to 1981

Partner

1982 to 1985

General civil practice. Litigation with emphasis on insurance defense, including discovery, motions and extensive appellate practice; real estate including syndications and residential subdivisions; Family Court.

New York State Court of Appeals

Albany, NY

Confidential Law Clerk

1979 to 1980

Hon. Sol Wachtler, Associate Judge

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Working knowledge of French law, canon law.

Cornell Law School, adjunct professor teaching legal writing, 1982; New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University, lecturer in communications law, 1978-1979; member, Cornell Law School Advisory Council, 1995-2004. Political, governmental and investigative reporting, Gannett News Service Washington and Albany bureaus, 1972-1976. Legislative Correspondents' Association (Albany) Walter T. Brown Memorial Award for excellence (1975). Beat reporter including police, municipal government, investigative reporting, The Ithaca Journal, Ithaca, NY, 1968-1972. New York State Associated Press Association award for in-depth reporting, second place (1971). Instrumental music teacher, Medina Central School District, Medina, NY, 1966-1968.

BACKGROUND

- ◆ Member of American Bar Association (International Law Section), New York State Bar Association, Tompkins County Bar Association.
- ◆ Languages: English (maternal language), French (very good), German (rudimentary).
- ◆ Enjoy French culture and history, sailing.