

IRA L. SLADE, ESQ.

Ira L. Slade, head of the Trusts and Estates Practice Group at Slade & Newman, over the course of a career in excess of thirty years has developed a range of experience and expertise of enormous depth and breadth.

He has handled Trust, Estate and Matrimonial/Family issues of every size and level of complexity, including estate planning, trust administration, divorce settlements and all kinds of litigation before the various County Surrogates' Courts. Mr. Slade has brought the same consistently high level of accomplishment and dedication to everything in which he is involved: when litigating, for example, he personally drafts every document and personally argues every motion.

Mr. Slade has served as executor and trustee on countless occasions, for estates and trusts of all sizes. He has successfully negotiated substantial tax matters with the IRS, and litigated across the whole range of Trust and Estate issues.

His matrimonial clients have included celebrities as well as those who shun the limelight. On their behalf, he has negotiated highly advantageous settlements and successfully litigated many complex valuation-related financial issues.

After graduating from CCNY in 1959 with a degree in Business Administration and qualifying as a CPA in 1962, Mr. Slade worked for Ernst & Young as an Estate and Trust Accountant/Attorney. He graduated from Brooklyn Law School in 1964 and was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1965. In the same year he joined Hess Segall Guterman Pelz & Steiner, a 7-lawyer firm, where he headed the Estates and Trusts department and became a partner in 1974. The firm grew to 44 lawyers before merging with Loeb & Loeb, a 180 attorney California firm, in 1986.

Mr. Slade is a member of the New York State Bar Association, Estates Trust Section and Family Law Section, and of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants.

LOUIS I. NEWMAN, ESQ.

Louis I. Newman, head of the Matrimonial Practice Group at Slade & Newman, is a highly skilled and experienced trial lawyer specializing in Matrimonial/Family law and Commercial litigation.

Having handled literally hundreds of bench trials and argued numerous matters before the Appellate Court, Mr. Newman has successfully litigated on his clients' behalf against some of the most acclaimed and formidable members of the matrimonial bar. He is also a designated Neutral Evaluator for the Alternative Dispute Resolution Program conducted under the auspices of the New York State Supreme Court, County of New York.

Highly recognized as an expert commentator on matrimonial matters, Mr. Newman has appeared on CBS News, NBC News, CNN, Cablevision, and Larry King Live, and has frequently been consulted by the New York Times and a range of magazines. He has also conducted seminars for both professional and other organizations on various aspects of matrimonial law and on pre- and post-nuptial agreements.

Mr. Newman graduated with a B.S. from Queens College of the City University of New York with a major in accounting and a minor in economics, and gained a J.D. from New York Law School in 1967. He was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1968. He is a member of the New York State Bar – Family Law Section, the American Bar Association, New York County Lawyers Association – Matrimonial Law Section, the New York State Trial Lawyers Association and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. He is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the U.S. District Court for the Southern District, Eastern District and Western District of New York.

JEFFREY F. TARPLIN, ESQ.

Jeffrey F. Tarplin, the head of the Corporate Practice Group at Slade & Newman, has represented corporate and institutional clients of all sizes in a broad range of corporate and commercial financing, mergers and acquisitions, restructuring, compliance and international corporate matters.

After beginning his career in the Washington office of Baker & Hostetler, Mr. Tarplin was in corporate practice with leading New York firms, including Carter, Ledyard & Milburn, Brobeck Hale and Dorr International and Quasha, Wessely & Schneider, where he was a partner. Mr. Tarplin represented public and private companies, financial institutions and investment firms in venture capital, mergers and acquisitions and international corporate transactions.

As a senior executive in the information technology industry, he co-founded several companies and managed mergers and acquisitions, strategic alliances, technology licensing, and venture capital financing. His business experience includes two years as CEO of the Internet software division of Metatec International, a publicly held software and technology services company.

Mr. Tarplin is a corporate lawyer who assists clients in building their businesses through practical, profit-oriented decisions. The result is legal advice and representation blended with a unique understanding of the client's business objectives to achieve the desired legal result in support of the client's business.

Mr. Tarplin received a B.A., with honors, from Haverford College, in 1976, and a JD from the National Law Center at George Washington University, in 1979. He has been a speaker at Practising Law Institute seminars and technology industry conferences. He is an advisory director of several private investment firms and is a member of the New York Bar, the District of Columbia Bar, the American Bar Association and the New Jersey Technology Council.