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### EDUCATION

JD, University of Buffalo  
School of Law, 1993

BA, State University of New  
York at New Paltz, 1985

### BAR ADMISSIONS

New York

### COURT ADMISSIONS

United States District Courts  
for the Southern and  
Eastern Districts of New  
York

Maurice J. Recchia is a trial lawyer and civil litigator who has tried approximately 100 civil cases to verdict in the trial courts of New York City and in the counties of the lower Hudson Valley. He practices in the areas of motor vehicle liability, premises liability, and construction law. Throughout his career, Maurice has represented both defendants and plaintiffs in a variety of tort litigation and trials.

Maurice is an advocate for greater use of plain English in the law. In 2012, the *New York Law Journal* published his article "Replace 'Prudent' with 'Careful' " in which he argued for a change to the New York Pattern Jury Instruction negligence charge to make it easier for jurors to understand. In 2016, he published three articles on tort litigation topics in the *New York Law Journal*. Maurice continues to write and comment on developments in the law when he can find the time.

## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Successful representation at trial of vehicle owner and driver against allegations of “road rage” causing collision and TMJ injuries
- Successful representation of Mack truck owner in rear-end collision due to evidence uncovered proving that truck was sold prior to collision
- Successful representation on appeal of luxury homebuilder against allegations of malicious prosecution by environmental activist
- Successful representation on appeal of building owner against lessee’s insurance company in violation of anti-subrogation rule
- Successful representation on appeal of vehicle owner against allegations by passenger for emotional distress
- Successful representation at trial against claims of serious injury by pedestrian who alleged a “hit and run” by motorcyclist on sidewalk
- Successful representation at trial, with liability in favor of plaintiff, against claims of injury including surgery with successful opposition at pre-trial argument to plaintiff’s motion *in limine* to preclude the defense biomechanical expert
- Successful representation at trial, with liability in favor of plaintiff, against claims of injury including cervical discectomy with hardware
- Successful representation at trial, with liability in favor of plaintiff, against claims of serious injury including knee surgery
- Written and argued appeals in the First, Second and Third Departments of the Appellate Division

## PUBLISHED WORKS

- *New York Law Journal*, “The New York Court of Appeals Gets It Wrong on Campus Sex Abuse”, November 2018
- *New York Law Journal*, “Court of Appeals Declares Facebook ‘Private Data’ and Other Social Media Subject to Discovery”, February 2018
- *New York Law Journal*, “Court of Appeals ‘Facebook’ Decision Leaves Many Questions Open”, April 2017
- *New York Law Journal*, “Addressing Standard for Summary Judgment in Medical Malpractice Cases”, November 2016
- *New York Law Journal*, “Car Accidents with Pedestrians: Conflict in the Departments”, September 2016
- *New York Law Journal*, “Court of Appeals Addresses ‘Storm in Progress’ Doctrine”, May 2016
- *New York Law Journal*, “Replace ‘Prudent’ with ‘Careful’”, August 2012

## REPORTED DECISIONS

- *Hill v. Manhattan N. Mgt.*, 164 A.D. 3d 1187 (2nd Dept. 2018)
- *Goulet v. Anastasio*, 148 A.D. 3d 783 (2nd Dept. 2017)
- *Kranis v. Biederbeck*, 83 A.D. 3d 903 (2nd Dept. 2011)
- *Barrett v. Watkins*, 82 A.D. 3d 1569 (3rd Dept. 2011)
- *Serrano v. Republic Insurance*, 48 A.D. 3d 665 (2nd Dept. 2008)
- *Joyce v. Manhattan College, et. al.*, 1 A.D. 3d 202 (1st Dept. 2003)
- *Laracuenta v. Ruiz*, 304 A.D. 2d 478 (1st Dept. 2003)
- *Royal Insurance Co. of America v. 342 Madison Ave. Assoc.*, 208 A.D. 2d 389 (1st Dept. 1994)

## ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIP

- University of Buffalo Jessup International Moot Court Board
- Member of the New York State Bar Association
- Maurice likes to draw and use watercolors in his free time