



## ONONDAGA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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### ONONDAGA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES JOHN P. LANGAN, ESQ. WITH THE 2022 DISTINGUISHED LAWYER AWARD

Onondaga County Bar Association President the Hon. Danielle M. Fogel has announced the selection of the 2022 Distinguished Lawyer honoree as **John P. Langan, Esq.**, Chair of Barclay Damon LLP.

OCBA will honor Langan at its 145<sup>th</sup> Distinguished Lawyer Celebration on **Wednesday, June 8, 2022 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Persian Terrace at the Syracuse Marriott Downtown, 100 E. Onondaga Street, Syracuse.**

Mr. Langan's 29-year career at Barclay Damon is marked by his commitment to the extraordinary growth and success of the firm over several decades. As a practicing attorney, he has capitalized on his training in New York City and later leadership experience to serve a large roster of business clients in disputes involving corporate fraud and complex commercial disputes in both state and federal court.

As a lawyer in a four-generation family of lawyers, he started his career with a Wall Street firm doing project finance and transactional work, before moving to trial work at a second firm. After almost a decade in the city, he moved back to Syracuse and joined Barclay Damon (f/k/a Hiscock & Barclay).

During his 20-year tenure as Managing Partner (2001-21), the firm grew from 60 attorneys in three offices to nearly 300 attorneys in 9 offices. His work in attorney recruitment involved overseeing 11 separate firm-to-firm combinations ranging in size from 15 to 70 attorneys, along with recruiting and integrating more than a dozen large group deals.

All together, the transformative impact of the growth strategy created a seamless platform of offices in midsize and major-market cities across the northeastern U.S. and Toronto. Mr. Langan is most proud of the inclusive and integrated culture at the firm, as well as being part of a team that has made strong inroads in the areas of diversity, equity, inclusion, and gender equity.

Volunteerism is important to Mr. Langan and is apparent in the firm's culture. Every Barclay Damon attorney donates time each year to various pro bono services; starting last year, so do all paralegals. He donates his energies to the Volunteer Lawyers Project of Central New York, mentoring of diverse law students at Syracuse Law School, serving meals at the Syracuse City Rescue Mission, and various Colgate University Alumni mentoring initiatives.

Mr. Langan stepped down as Managing Partner in 2021 and he now serves as firm Chair, reporting directly to the Managing Partner, Connie Cahill. His focus is on the continued growth of the firm's major-market offices located in New York City, Boston, and New Haven CT.

OCBA has fine-tuned its Celebration this year so that it's a two-hour Networking and Cocktail Reception from 5 to 7 p.m., including open bar and hearty hors d'oeuvres with open seating, allowing guests to sit if and where they choose.

Registration for the 145<sup>th</sup> Distinguished Lawyer Celebration is now open on the Bar Association's website, [www.onbar.org](http://www.onbar.org).

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