

Jessica Segal

Jessica earned a Bachelor of Science, *Cum Laude*, from Hofstra University in May of 1996. Thereafter, Jessica went on to attend Pace University School of Law in White Plains, New York, where she did an internship for Appellate Division Judge, Hon. Leo F. McGinity, before graduating in 1999. While in Law School, Jessica was a member of the Environmental Law Review and the International Criminal Moot Court.

After graduating law school, Jessica continued moving north and settled into the Hudson Valley as a prosecutor for the Dutchess County District Attorney in Poughkeepsie, New York. As a Senior Assistant District Attorney, Jessica was the lead trial attorney in over one hundred criminal trials, with a focus on Vehicular Assault and Homicide, Driving While Impaired by alcohol or drugs, Leaving the Scene of an Incident resulting in injury or death, and animal cruelty cases.

Over the course of seventeen years, Jessica gained valuable experience inspecting crime scenes, evaluating crash reconstruction by experts, and analyzing forensic toxicology results. Jessica was a Member of the New York State DWI Advisory Council charged with developing standardized statewide law enforcement supporting deposition and field note forms. Additionally, Jessica assisted in the development of a forensic evidence team involving the county medical examiner and Dutchess County SPCA Humane Law Enforcement Office to create a model for the complexities of investigating allegations of animal abuse.

In 2017, Jessica took her injury and crash experience and began a career in civil litigation where she litigates a variety of negligence claims. Of note, Jessica secured a \$1.1 million dollar jury verdict in Sullivan County, New York for personal injuries sustained against a negligent landlord and a \$55,000 property damage jury verdict as a result of negligent driving in Dutchess County, New York. In addition to her law practice, Jessica is an adjunct professor at Dutchess Community College and a board member of the Dutchess County Council on Addiction Prevention and Education.

PRESENTATIONS

- Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Police Academy – Introduction to Criminal Justice; Writing quality reports; Testifying in court
- New York State Bar Association - Young Lawyers Trial Academy
- Dutchess County Bar Association - Criminal Law Update; Representing the Impaired Client; DWI Update
- Dutchess County Magistrates Association - DWI Update
- Empire State Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Conference - Using Technology in DWI Investigations
- New York Prosecutors Training Institute - Advanced DWI Prosecution
- Dutchess County Council on Addiction Prevention & Education - Teen Driving- A Family Affair
- Pace University School of Law International Criminal Moot Court -Judge