



**LUKE M. PITTONI, ESQ.**

*Hearing Officer*

Luke M. Pittoni, Esq. is an experienced and skilled litigator with a long and distinguished career that spans over forty years. Most of his career has been dedicated to the handling of medical malpractice and medical products liability matters the majority of which were complex and high exposure cases. He has regularly appeared in courts throughout all five boroughs of New York City, Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland and Dutchess counties, the Eastern and Southern District of Federal Court and State Court in Connecticut.

Luke Pittoni's reputation precedes him. Well known and respected throughout the legal community by both plaintiff and defense attorneys alike, he has also developed a positive working relationship with both sides of the bar as well as members of the medical profession and insurance carriers. His expert understanding of the medical field makes him exceptionally well-qualified to fairly evaluate claims and settle even the most complex cases.

He has authored numerous articles about medical malpractice litigation, as well as publications dealing with the use of technology in the courtroom. He is a former editor of Product Liability Law and Strategy and has also lectured across the country on various topics relating to health care law and trial advocacy.

Mr. Pittoni's accolades include listings on the Best Lawyers in America and Who's Who in American Law. He was voted as one of the top 20 Medical Malpractice Defense Lawyers in America in a poll of plaintiffs' and defense lawyers by Medical Economics. He was also recognized as a Super Lawyer for New York, Connecticut and New England, and was awarded an AV Preeminent Peer Rating by Martindale-Hubbe.

Luke Pittoni's consummate skills as a trial attorney and negotiator, along with his vast knowledge and experience handling medical malpractice and medical products liability matters, gives him an in-depth perspective of the law and also the keen ability to bring parties together to move cases toward resolution.

He is available to hear cases throughout the New York Metro area and the United States.

**AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

- Mass Tort Litigation
- Medical Liability
- Medical Malpractice
- Personal Injury
- Products Liability
- Professional Liability

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

- Founder, Senior Partner, Heidell, Pittoni, Murphy & Bach, LLP (1984 – Present)
- Founder, Senior Partner, Heidell, Pittoni & Moran (1979 - 1984)
- Senior Associate, Alexander & Green (1978-1979)
- Senior Attorney, Law Offices of Anthony Schiavetti (1975 – 1978)
  - In-house Counsel to Employer’s Insurance of Wausau
- Associate, Martin, Clearwater and Bells (1972 – 1975)

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

- New York Bar Association (1972)
- United States District Court, Eastern District of New York (1975)
- United States District Court, Southern District of New York (1975)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (1975)
- Supreme Court (1976)
- United States District Court, Western District of New York (1977)
- United States Court, District Court, District of Connecticut (1977)
- Connecticut Federal Bar (1977)
- Connecticut Bar Association (1978)
- Connecticut State Bar (1987)

**LECTURES AND WRITINGS**

- Co-Chair and Lecturer, American Conference Institute, Annual Advanced Forum on Preventing, Managing and Defending Claims of Obstetrics Malpractice (2007 – Present)
- Appeared on FOX’s “The Morning Show with Mike and Juliet,”and shaved his head to raise money and awareness for childhood cancer (2007)
- Lecturer, Reducing the Risk of Obstetric Malpractice Conference, “Fetal Asphyxia: A Medico-Legal Guide” (2003)
- Lecturer, Defense Institute’s Medical Liability and Health Care Law, “ACOG Perinatal Medicine Guidelines”
- Co-author, “Choosing Experts for the Defense” NYSBA, Second Edition by Luke M. Pittoni, Esq., E. Marc Hyman, Esq., Daniel S. Ratner, Esq. (2000)
- Lecturer, American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, New York City Bar, New York State Trial Lawyers Association, Defense Research Institute, Practicing Law Institute, New York Law Journal Seminar Press, American College of Surgeons, Society of Thoracic Surgeons

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS**

- American Bar Association
- American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys

- American Society of Law and Medicine
- American Board of Trial Advocates
- Co-Chair, American Conference Institute
- Connecticut Bar Association
- Connecticut Defense Lawyers Association
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- Editor, Production Liability and Strategy
- Former President of the New York Chapter: Association of Hospital Risk Management of New York Inc.
- Former President of the New York City Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)
- Founder and Former President of the New York State Medical Defense Bar Association
- International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC)
- New York State Bar Association
- Partner, New York State Medical Defense Bar Association
- President, New York State Medical Defense Bar Association

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- Founder's Award, New York State Medical Defense Bar Association (2015)
- The Best Lawyers in America (2005 – Present)
- Super Lawyer for New York (2006 – 2014)
- Super Lawyer for Connecticut (2006 – 2014)
- Super Lawyer for New England (2006 – 2014)
- Who's Who in American Law
- Voted one of the top 20 Medical Malpractice Defense Lawyers in America in a poll of plaintiff's and defense lawyers by Medical Economics (1985)

## EDUCATION

- Fordham University School of Law, J.D., 1971
- Holy Cross University, B.A., 1967