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Shana De Caro is a senior partner in the New York personal injury law firm, De Caro & Kaplen, LLP. Her practice focuses on personal injury and medical malpractice with an emphasis on representing individuals who have sustained a traumatic or acquired brain injury and other catastrophic injuries.

Shana serves as an officer and member of the board of directors of the Brain Injury Association of America, the nation's oldest and largest brain injury advocacy group dedicated to brain injury awareness, education and prevention. She was the first female chair of the American Association for Justice, Traumatic Brain Injury Litigation Group, a nation-wide group of attorneys that focus their practice on representing victims of brain trauma.

Shana also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers, and First Vice-President of the American Academy of Brain Injury Attorneys. She serves as a member of the Advisory Board, Acquired Brain Injury Program, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C., Graduate School of Education and Human Development and is a graduate of the Marquette University, Neuroanatomical Dissection of the Human Brain and Spinal Cord course.

Shana is an elected Fellow of the Melvin Belli Society and has been selected as a New York Super Lawyer for the past five years. She has also been named as a Top Women Attorney in Metro New York and a Top 25 Brain Injury Attorney. She has been selected for inclusion in *Who's Who of American Women* and *Who's Who in American Law* and named one of the top 100 trial lawyers in New York by the American Trial Lawyers Association and was elected an Elite Lawyer.

She is Amicus Counsel to the Brain Injury Association of America, representing the association and authoring its Amicus Brief challenging the sufficiency of the NFL Class Action Concussion Settlement before the United States Supreme Court and the United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

Shana additionally serves as a member of the Judicial Screening Committee and Pattern Jury Instruction Committees of the New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers and serves as Amicus Counsel to the New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers, and Editor of the New York Academy of Trial Lawyers, monthly legal update and the annual update on Medical Malpractice for the New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers.

She is a member of the Professional Liability Section of the American Association for Justice and is an active participant in the Birth Trauma Litigation Group of the American Association for Justice, the Interstate Trucking Litigation Group of the American Association for Justice, Professional Information Exchange Negligence Litigation Group, Traumatic Brain Injury Litigation Group, the Stroke Litigation Group, and the Nursing Home Litigation Group.

Shana has authored numerous articles and chapters on brain injury law including lead author of Psychiatric Clinics of North America, "Current Issues in Neurolaw" Traumatic Brain Injury: Defining Best Practice, Psychiatric Clinics of North America, December 2010, Vol. 33, No. 4. She is a columnist for the New York Law Journal, "Traumatic Brain Injury: Detecting, Defining, Litigating" Outside Counsel Column, July 28, 2011 p. 4 and is a contributing author to the Huffington Post, "A Mediated Settlement May Not Be in the Best Solution to the NFL Crisis," July 18, 2013.

She is nationally regarded lecturer on legal issues pertaining to traumatic brain injury. She has lectured before the Melvin Belli Trial Honor Society, the American Association for Justice, the New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers and has presented at Ground Rounds, Mt. Sinai Medical Center, Department of Emergency Medicine on issues of medical malpractice.

She has served as a member of the Medical Malpractice Review Panels in New York State and is a former law secretary to a Justice of the Supreme Court, Kings County. She was a member of the Executive Committee-Chappaqua PTA Special Education Pre-K through 12th Grade.

Shana has served as the Secretary and a Trustee of the Civil Justice Foundation, Board of Trustees and previously held positions as Secretary and Treasurer of the American Association for Justice, Traumatic Brain Injury Litigation Group.

Shana is admitted to practice law in New York State and the District of Columbia. She is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court; the United States Court of Appeals for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit, 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit and the District of Columbia; the United States District Courts for the Southern, Eastern and North Districts of New York; United States Court of International Trade; and United States Tax Court.