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Terry O'Connor is a 1980 graduate of St. Lawrence University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta Kappa. In pursuing his undergraduate degree, he also studied in Copenhagen, Denmark. Terry received his J.D. from the University of Notre Dame Law School in 1983. Terry is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell and has been voted by his peers on an annual basis as one of the Top 10 Upstate New York Attorneys recognized by Super Lawyers Magazine. In addition, Terry has been named the Best Lawyer, Lawyer of the Year for both Medical Malpractice Law (defendants) and Products Liability Law (defendants). In 2011 he was honored with the Albany County Bar Association's President's Award. In 2015 he was elected as a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Terry is a trial lawyer who defends physicians, dentists, nurses, hospitals and nursing homes throughout New York State and Vermont. Over the course of his career, Terry has tried upwards of 125 cases to verdict. In defending physicians, he has handled cases involving licensing issues, wrongful death and birth trauma claims. In addition, Terry has handled a wide variety of other civil litigation matters, including cases involving Labor Law violations, trucking accidents, motor vehicle accidents, products liability and premises liability.

Terry has been appointed by the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York as a mediator/arbitrator/early neutral evaluator. Over the past decade, Terry has mediated and arbitrated approximately 400 cases.

**BAR ADMISSIONS** New York, 1984  
U.S. District Court Northern District of New York, 1984  
U.S. Court of Appeals 2nd Circuit, 1985  
Vermont, 2013  
U.S. District Court District of Vermont, 2017

**EDUCATION** Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana  
J.D. – 1983  
St Lawrence University, Canton, New York  
B.S. *magna cum laude* – 1980  
Honors: Phi Beta Kappa  
Honors: Omicron Delta Kappa  
University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark – 1978

**CLASSES/SEMINARS** The Art of Jury Selection – New York State Legislature  
Addressing the Reptile in the Courtroom – Albany County Bar Association and numerous other national locations  
Power Advocacy: Achieving Maximum Jury Impact During Trial, New York State Bar Association  
Practical Skills Basic Civil Practice: The Trial, New York State Bar Association  
Expert Testimony in Federal Court After Daubert and New Rule 26-From Discovery Through Trial, New York State Bar Association, May 21, 1997  
Medicine in the Courtroom, New York State Bar Association, December 12, 1997  
Cross Examining Plaintiff's Experts in Federal Court, New York State Bar Association  
How to Handle a Neck and Back Injury Case, New York State Bar Association, November 20, 1998  
Jury Selection Techniques: The Basics for the Civil Practitioner, New York State Bar Association, May 14, 1999

Proving and Defending Damages, New York State Bar Association, June 4, 1999  
Risk Management Course, Dental Society of New York, Third and Fourth Districts and the  
Greater New York Dental Conference  
Lecturer, Trial Practice and Medical/Legal Issues, New York State Bar Association  
Lecturer, Trial Practice and Medical/Legal Issues, Albany Law School  
Lecturer, Trial Practice and Medical/Legal Issues, Albany Medical Center Hospital

**HONORS & AWARDS** Best Lawyers 2020<sup>®</sup> Lawyer of the Year, Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants, Albany, NY  
Martindale Hubbell – AV Rated-Very High to Preeminent  
President’s Award – Albany County Bar Association  
Federal Court – Appointed Mediator/Early Neutral Evaluator  
Chairman, Albany County Bar Association Judicial Screening Committee  
OMS National Insurance Company Attorney of the Year  
Super Lawyers Top 10 Upstate New York Attorneys, 2007 - 2017  
Super Lawyers Top 25 Hudson Valley, 2007 - 2017  
Best Lawyers<sup>®</sup> Lawyer of the Year, Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants, Albany, NY  
Best Lawyers<sup>®</sup> Lawyer of the Year, Albany Product Liability Law - Defendants “Lawyer of the Year”  
Continuing Excellence Award – Defending the Specialty of Oral Surgery  
Americas Top 100 High Stakes Litigators – Upstate New York

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS** The International Academy of Trial Lawyers  
International Association of Defense Counsel  
New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers  
New York State Bar Association  
Vermont Bar Association  
Vermont Trial Lawyers Association  
American Bar Association  
Albany County Bar Association  
Physician Insurers Association of America (PIAA)  
Professional Liability Underwriting Society

**PRO BONO ACTIVITIES** Center for Disability Services, Board of Directors, Chair  
Siena College, Board of Associate Trustees  
Albany County Hospice, Wave Runner Program for Children of Cancer Patients  
Dana Farber Cancer Institute Boston Marathon, Fundraising/Jimmy Fund