MARTIN CLEARWATER & BELL LLP

Michael A. Sonkin, Managing Partner

Michael A. Sonkin is a Senior Trial Partner and is the Firm's Managing Partner. Mr. Sonkin joined Martin Clearwater & Bell LLP in 2000 and became a partner in 2003. His legal practice primarily encompasses state and federal medical malpractice matters in which he defends individual physicians and major teaching hospitals from inception through trial. These cases involve medical specialties such as obstetrics and gynecology, gynecologic surgery, infectious diseases and epidemiology, neurology, neurosurgery, cardiology, and cardiothoracic surgery. Mr. Sonkin has also represented major hospitals and teaching institutions in a variety of high profile litigations. His practice also includes legal malpractice defense and personal injury defense.

Prior to joining MCB, Mr. Sonkin was an Assistant Corporation Counsel at the New York City Law Department from 1993 to 1998 and was assigned to the Kings County Tort Division where he was designated a Tort Trial Specialist. As an Assistant Corporation Counsel he conducted more than a dozen trials to verdict in a wide range of matters in defense of the City of New York, including cases involving police brutality and false arrest, premises liability, and personal injury. Since joining MCB, Mr. Sonkin has defended cases at trial in a variety of areas, including gastroenterology, gynecologic and general surgery, neurology, and cardiology.

Mr. Sonkin is an invited faculty participant in Hofstra University Law School's annual Trial Training program, and is a presenter for the Firm's continuing legal education seminars. He is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell, which is their highest rating.

EDUCATION

Syracuse University's College of Law, J.D., cum laude, 1993 Stony Brook University, B.A., cum laude, 1990

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