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Practice Areas

- Nonprofit & Tax-Exempt Organizations
- Telecommunications
- Commercial Litigation
- Government and Regulatory Affairs

Education

- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, J.D., 1979
- University of California, Los Angeles, M.A., 1972
- Brooklyn College, B.A., 1968

Bar Admissions

- New York

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court -- Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court -- Eastern District of New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

Affiliations

Member, American Bar Association Task Force for Democracy (2023-present)

Chair, New York State Bar Association Task Force on Voting Rights and Democracy (2021-present)

Member, NYC Bar Association Rule of Law Task Force (2021-present)

Chair, New York State Bar Association Task Force on the 2020 Election (2020)

Member, Rules Committee of Democratic National Convention (2020)

Special Advisor, Election Law Committee, American Bar Association (2019-present)

Board of Advisors, Let America Vote (2017-2020)

Board of Trustees, Museum of the City of New York (2014-present)

Board of Directors, Latino Leadership Institute (2015-2017)

Board of Directors, Bella Abzug Leadership Institute (2005-present)

Jerry boasts a 40-year career concentrating on election law and voting rights. His extensive practice involves representing various high-profile candidates and elected officials, including mayors, governors, and several candidates for president of the United States. He has also provided legal counsel to members of the U.S. Congress, the New York State Legislature, New York's City Council, judiciary members, unions, not-for-profits, and various groups on local, state, and federal campaign finance law, lobbying compliance, and governmental procedures.

Jerry currently serves as director of Fordham Law School's Voting Rights and Democracy Project, chairs the New York State Bar Association's Voting Rights and Democracy Task Force, serves on the New York City Bar Association's Rule of Law Task Force, and acts as a special adviser to the American Bar Association's Election Law Committee. He was recently appointed to the prestigious American Bar Association's Task Force for Democracy.

Since 2003, Jerry has taught Election Law at Fordham Law School. Additionally, from 2009 to 2019, he taught at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. A prolific writer, he authored the treatise *Goldfeder's Modern Election Law*, now in its 6th Edition, and has published articles in various academic journals as well as the *New York Times*, the *L.A. Times*, *USA Today*, the *New York Daily News*, and other publications. Jerry also writes the *New York Law Journal* column, Election and Political Law.

Before joining Cozen O'Connor, Jerry served as special counsel at Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP. Before that, he served as special counsel for public integrity to the New York State Attorney General. In 2020, he chaired the New York State Bar Association's 2020 Presidential Task Force, offering guidance on legal issues in the presidential race to attorneys, journalists, and the public. In 2016, he consulted with CNN for its series, 'Race to the White House.' Jerry also previously chaired the New York City Bar Association's Committee on Election Law and the Committee on New York City Municipal Affairs.

Jerry earned his J.D. from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University, where he served on the *Cardozo Law Review*. Before pursuing a legal career, Jerry obtained his master's in political science at the University of California, Los Angeles, where he served as a teaching assistant and president of the local teaching and research assistants union. Jerry also taught American politics as an adjunct professor at Brooklyn College, where he had earned his bachelor's degree.

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Board of Directors, Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert (2006-2014)

Chair, New York City Bar Association, Task Force on Charter Reform (2019)

Chair, New York City Bar Association, New York City Municipal Affairs Committee (2015-2018)

Chair, New York City Bar Association, Committee on Election Law (2007-2010)

Awards & Honors

- Lifetime Achievement Award, *New York Law Journal*
- Burton Award for Excellence in Legal Writing
- Tzedek Award, Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty
- Judge Harold R. Tyler, Jr. Award, Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation
- Corporate Social Responsibility Award in Labor & Law, *City & State New York*
- Law Power 100, 50 Over Fifty, and Law Power 50 Lists, *City & State New York*
- *Best Lawyers in America*, 2021
- Adjunct Professor of the Year, Fordham Law School, 2015 & 2019
- New York Super Lawyer, 2024
- New Democratic Dimensions, Liberty Award, 2024

Clerkships

Law Secretary to the Hon. Justice Samuel J. Silverman of the New York State Appellate Division, First Department (1979-1980)

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