

JUDGES & LAWYERS BREAST CANCER ALERT

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Danielle H. Tangorre is a partner with Robinson + Cole and has extensive experience counseling clinical laboratories, health care providers, hospitals, and other healthcare entities to navigate operational and compliance issues. Danielle takes a holistic approach to help her clients achieve their business goals within the regulatory maze of federal and state laws. In addition, Danielle regularly advises clients with respect to federal and state fraud and abuse laws, transactions, and also represents clients before federal and state agencies related to healthcare enforcement investigations, audits and litigation.

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Caroline Brancatella is a member of Greenburg Traurig's Health Care & FDA Practice. She focuses her practice on health care issues, including regulatory, contracting, transactional, and compliance matters, as well as governmental law and policy. She has broad experience representing health plans, providers, independent practice associations, third-party administrators, and utilization review entities. In addition, she has done significant work related to the corporate practice of medicine and other professions and regulatory changes of control of various health care entities.

Prior to joining the firm, Caroline served as a clerk to the Honorable Cynthia Rufe in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and counsel for the Office of New York State Assemblyman Richard L. Brodsky.

Dr. Ruth Oratz

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I've been practicing at NYU Langone since I completed my residency in internal medicine and fellowship in medical oncology here, and I feel very much part of the community. As a medical oncologist, I specialize in treating people who have all stages of breast cancer, as well as those who have an increased risk of developing cancer.

I recognize how profoundly the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer impacts every individual, so I work to provide the most positive experience possible for my patients. I am especially committed to helping each person who is facing cancer continue to live actively and fully. I place significant focus on flexible treatment programs and addressing concerns about family life, career, relationships, and sexuality. I emphasize overall wellness in my approach to treating people who have cancer, including diet, exercise, and lifestyle. I also encourage people to work with complementary and integrative practitioners, such as acupuncturists and nutritionists. All of my patients have access to our full set of services at [Perlmutter Cancer Center](#).

I am actively involved as a co-investigator in our robust breast cancer clinical trials program. I have a particular interest and background in caring for individuals and their families who may be susceptible to developing breast cancer because of a genetic mutation, such as BRCA. Currently, I am leading a study that focuses on PARP inhibitors—substances often used to target cancer cells—and their role in treating BRCA mutation-associated metastatic breast cancer.

I also spend a great deal of time and effort at NYU School of Medicine as a professor of clinical medicine. I work closely with and mentor students at all stages of their professional development, guiding them in their clinical experiences, clerkships, and the residency application process.

As a member of several local and national advocacy organizations, I am able to further support my patients and their families as they cope with breast cancer. I serve as the medical advisor to Cancer and Careers, Living Beyond Breast Cancer, Sharsheret, and CancerCare. I was the chair of the medical advisory board of Susan G. Komen Greater NYC and also served on the national board of YWCA USA. I lecture frequently and have appeared on national and local television and radio broadcasts, discussing all aspects of cancer awareness, screening, and treatment options with a focus on wellness.

Dr. Yael Zack

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Dr. Yael S Zack is a member of White Plains Hospital Physician Associates, Oncology & Hematology of White Plains. Dr. Zack graduated from New York Medical College and finished her residency in Internal Medicine at Montefiore Medical Center in New York. She received Fellowship training in Medical Oncology and Hematology at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, and she is board certified in Medical Oncology and Hematology.

Dr. Zack sees patients with all types of cancers however her focus is on breast, gynecological and gastrointestinal malignancies. Dr. Zack is involved in various outreach projects including providing lectures to the community to educate regarding risk reduction and cancer care, particularly in women's cancers. Dr. Zack is the founder of and leads the [Young Women's Program for Cancer Care](#) at White Plains Hospital.

Dr. Zack has been the recipient of multiple top doctor awards since 2016. Dr. Zack is fluent in Spanish and Hebrew and speaks conversational French.

Melissa Ferrara, MS, FNP-BC

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Melissa Ferrara is a nationally board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner and has specialized in women's health for over 20 years, with a subspecialty in female sexual dysfunction. She holds a bachelor's degree in biology from Siena College and received a bachelor's degree in nursing and master's degree as a nurse practitioner from Pace University.

Melissa's passion is caring for women, utilizing a holistic approach and developing new and innovative treatments for all areas of sexual dysfunction, including desire, arousal, orgasm and pain. She integrates culturally competent care and evidence-based practice to help produce optimal outcomes for her patients. She has presented on the topic of Female Sexual Dysfunction at numerous conferences and has been an investigator on several clinical trials for medications for female sexual dysfunction. She is a guest lecturer for Columbia University School of Nursing on the topic of women's health. Additionally, she has trained dozens of nurse practitioners within her specialty and is a subject matter expert in female sexual dysfunction.