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Debra Wabnik is a partner at Stagg, Terenzi, Confusione & Wabnik, LLP in Garden City. Wabnik's practice areas include general litigation, employment discrimination, and banking and credit card litigation. She also handles numerous appellate matters.

She represents clients in federal and state courts in New York and New Jersey, as well as federal courts in Connecticut. She also represents clients in administrative forums such as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the New York State Division of Human Rights.

"As a firm that is partially woman-owned, Stagg, Terenzi, Confusione & Wabnik aims to serve not only as role models for our employees, but also as sounding boards for the unique issues presented to women in our line of work, Wabnik said. "We are attuned to the challenges facing the women who work for us, and the men who work for us with wives in the workforce. We, therefore, endeavor to be as flexible as possible within the constraints of our profession, such as using the highest technology to allow working from home, offering part-time and flexible hours, and offering child care leave to both men and women."

Wabnik is admitted to practice in



New York, New Jersey, and before the U.S. District Court Eastern District of New York, 1994, U.S. District Court Southern District of New York, U.S. District Court Northern District of New York, U.S. District Court of New Jersey, U.S. District Court of Connecticut, U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, and United States Supreme Court.

She completed advanced commercial mediation training and is a member of the Southern District of New York Mediation Panel, as well as the New York State Commercial Division Mediation Panels in Nassau, Suffolk, New York and Westchester counties.

Wabnik earned a juris doctor from Hofstra University School of Law and a bachelor's degree, with honors from State University of New York at Binghamton.

Stagg, Terenzi, Confusione & Wabnik, LLP practices in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. The firm has achieved the highest peer review rating by Martindale-Hubbell, which rates legal ability and ethical standards.

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In addition to litigation, the firm acts as counsel to business clients and real estate developers in matters involving financing transactions, real estate and general commercial matters. In this area, the firm has structured a variety of loans and other financing transactions, including real estate and construction loans, asset-based loans, asset securitizations, stock purchase sale and leaseback transactions. The firm provides guidance in choosing a business form and has organized corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, and other legal entities throughout the United States, as well as negotiated and prepared joint venture agreements and buy/sell agreements.