

Mr. Garabedian received his Bachelor of Arts degree at New York University in 1982, with a double major in English Literature and Classical Civilizations. Upon graduation from NYU, he attended Union University, Albany Law School, and received his Juris Doctor in 1985. He was admitted to the bar in New York State in January, 1986, and admitted in the United States District Courts for the Eastern District and Southern District, as well as the United States Court of Appeals (2nd Circuit).

Mr. Garabedian was an Assistant District Attorney in the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. He then entered civil practice, joining Leonard, Kenny & Sterns in Manhattan, where he engaged in federal and state litigation in products liability, maritime law and Jones Act cases, and defense insurance matters. Mr. Garabedian then returned to Long Island as an associate with Tartamella, Tartamella & Fresolone, where he engaged in general practice, handling commercial litigation, plaintiff's personal injury cases, and criminal defense. He later went into private practice with the firm of Lauto & Garabedian, and then Rayano & Garabedian, where he used his litigation experience to handle commercial, transactional matters for domestic, closely-held corporations, partnerships and business professionals, and expanded his work in matrimonial and family matters.

Mr. Garabedian has successfully handled jury and bench trials in the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, as well as New York State Supreme Courts in New York City and Long Island. He has also successfully argued appeals before the New York State Appellate Divisions in the First and Second Departments, and actively engaged in matters before the United States Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit. Garabedian is a member in good standing with the New York State Bar Association and Suffolk County Bar Association.

In addition to practicing law, Mr. Garabedian is the President of the Board of Directors of Hopscotch Adoptions, Inc., a Hague Convention accredited, not-for-profit international adoption provider dedicated to orphan relief and adoptive placement of children from Armenia, Bulgaria, Georgia, Ghana, Morocco and Serbia with families in the U.S. and abroad.

Mr. Garabedian is a past President of the Board of Trustees and current board member serving his fourth term at the John Jermain Memorial Library in Sag Harbor, New York, where he was actively involved in the renovation of the historic building as well as construction of a new addition.

He also serves on the Board of Directors for Operation International, Ltd., a not-for-profit surgical and medical aid organization which sends multi-national teams of physicians, nurses and support staff around the globe to treat impoverished people in under-served communities.

Mr. Garabedian is a director and board member with the Garabed and Aghavni Kouzoujian Benevolent Foundation, a New York based not-for-profit organization that supports educational and professional advancement of students of Armenian heritage in the fields of medicine, law and engineering.

Mr. Garabedian is a former Chairman of the Board of Directors for the New York Armenian Home, a not-for-profit assisted living facility in New York City.