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ABRAMS FENSTERMAN

Experience Meets the Next Generation of Leadership

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When Jordan Fensterman looks back at summer 2000, he doesn't just remember a milestone in the history of Abrams Fensterman, LLP — he remembers carrying that history, literally, on his back. As a student working for his father, Howard Fensterman, he spent that summer moving thousands of heavy law books into the offices of the newly created firm, which had resulted from a merger.

More than two decades later, that former student is now an executive partner helping to lead a firm that has grown into one of New York's most dynamic legal institutions. And in many ways, that journey — from moving books to shaping strategy — mirrors the firm's own evolution: Grounded in tradition, but focused on the future.

A STRONG FOUNDATION

Headquartered in Lake Success, Abrams Fensterman formed through the merger of a firm led by Howard Fensterman and his brother Robert Fensterman with the practice led by Robert Abrams and Ellen Flowers. At the time, the firm had just 13 attorneys, but it carried outsized influence in its areas of expertise. Today, the firm has about 125 attorneys in offices statewide — including Long Island, White Plains, Brooklyn, Rochester and Albany — and ambitions to grow nationally.

Abrams Fensterman is built on a powerful foundation, featuring attorneys with several decades of experience who are preeminent counselors in their practice areas. Co-founding Partner Howard Fensterman continues to serve as managing partner. But what truly



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distinguishes the firm is how it has blended its deep experience with a deliberate investment in next-generation leadership.

With senior attorneys providing institutional knowledge and mentorship to a rising generation of leaders shaping the firm's future, Abrams Fensterman has positioned itself at the forefront of legal innovation.

"We have advanced succession planning in place and a very experienced team that is ready for the next generation of growth," Jordan Fensterman says.

EMERGING LEADERS SHAPING KEY PRACTICE AREAS

Abrams Fensterman has elevated a cohort of next generation attorneys into key leadership roles. Jordan Fensterman, Ayman Soliman and Jill Spielberg were promoted to executive partner early this year. The three attorneys have played critical roles in expanding the firm's reach while maintaining its commitment to client service and results-driven advocacy. Fensterman directs the OPMC (Office of Professional Medical Conduct) and OPD (Office of Professional Discipline) defense practices, representing physicians, healthcare providers and organizations statewide in professional discipline as well as regulatory and transactional matters. Soliman, director of the physician practices, focuses on healthcare transactions, regulatory compliance and government investigations. Both attorneys' work has strengthened the firm's position as a statewide healthcare law leader.

Spielberg leads the matrimonial and family law practice in White Plains, working alongside Executive Partner RoseAnn Branda, who leads the practice in Brooklyn, and Long Island-based practice leader and Partner Dina De Giorgio. Their collaborative leadership has helped solidify the firm's prominence in high-net-worth matrimonial and family law matters.

OTHER KEY PRACTICE AREAS

Co-founding Partner Robert Abrams, widely recognized for au-



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thoring foundational guardianship materials, helped establish the firm as a leader in that space. Today, that legacy continues through partners such as Ellyn Kravitz, Danielle Visvader, Moriah Adamo and Jeffrey Neuman, who are advancing the guardianships and elder law practices while expanding services to meet clients' evolving needs.

The integration of the firm Rosenberg & Steinmetz PC in January 2026 significantly strengthened Abrams Fensterman's commercial litigation and real estate practices. Partner Elliot Steinmetz now leads the real estate transactional practice in Lake Success, while Partner Rachel Rosenberg, a seasoned litigator, heads real estate litigation. The expansion has enhanced Abrams Fensterman's ability to

ment law practice, which serves both employers and employees, is led by Partner Rachel Demarest Gold, a former assistant district attorney, assistant attorney general, and deputy commissioner and special counsel to the New York State Department of Labor, who is joined by partner and seasoned litigator John C. Luke Jr.

A defining pillar of the firm, the mental health law practice is led by Executive Partner Carolyn Reinach Wolf and continues to grow through a strong team including partners Douglas Stern, Lisa Herman and Sarah Chussler.

The firm's strategic partnership with healthcare consulting and lobbying firm Capital Health Consulting (CHC) further underscores its commitment to growth and innovation. Led by Executive Partner Patrick Formato, the collaboration positions Abrams Fensterman to navigate the intersection of law, regulation and government in an increasingly complex landscape.

IN-HOUSE INNOVATION

Beyond its legal talent, Abrams Fensterman has made significant investments in its infrastructure, particularly in technology, artificial intelligence, digital strategy, client engagement and business operations. The firm recently hired its first chief operating officer, Dawn Addabbo, to help drive operational excellence and strategic alignment across departments.

"We are committed to ensuring we have the most up-to-date technology in place. AI has revolutionized legal research. Clients don't want to pay for hours' worth of research if it can be done in minutes using AI tools. It's an adapt-or-die situation for law firms, and we are adapting in advance," says Fensterman, who, alongside the firm's substantial IT department, has spearheaded strategic AI technology integration within the firm.

Despite emerging technologies, Fensterman still has a soft spot for law books. His office features a file cabinet resembling a stocked bookshelf, which he had an artisan create from the old books' leather spines as a nod to the firm's history.

handle complex, high-value transactions and disputes nationwide and builds on the longstanding leadership of Partner Mark Caruso, who directs the real estate practice group. This expanded platform is further strengthened by experienced attorneys across complementary practice areas, including partners Seth Berman, director of the intellectual property and entertainment law practice; Keith J. Singer, a senior litigator concentrating on complex commercial and corporate litigation; and Alex Leibson, a commercial litigator whose practice spans complex business disputes and intellectual property. Partners David Verschell, Jennifer Higgins, and Melissa Goldberg lead the medical malpractice defense department.

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