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- ▶ **What keeps you up at night:** My two dogs and cat



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- ▶ **Lives in:** East Aurora
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- ▶ **Favorite nonprofits:** ABOTA Foundation, Dazzle Africa, Erie County Bar Foundation
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- ▶ **Lives in:** Buffalo
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- ▶ **Born in:** Yonkers
- ▶ **Lives in:** East Aurora
- ▶ **Favorite nonprofits:** Ronald McDonald House Charities of WNY, Wings of Hope, Make-A-Wish Foundation



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- ▶ **Lives in:** Amherst
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- ▶ **Lives in:** Kenmore
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- ▶ **Lives in:** Buffalo
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- ▶ **Lives in:** Clarence
- ▶ **Favorite nonprofits:** Wounded Warrior Project, Shriners Hospital, Child & Family Services
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- ▶ **Born in:** East Northport, NY
- ▶ **Lives in:** Buffalo
- ▶ **Favorite nonprofits:** Ride for Roswell, Arts Services Initiative of WNY Inc., United Way
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- ▶ **Lives in:** Town of Tonawanda
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- ▶ **Lives in:** Buffalo
- ▶ **Favorite nonprofits:** Danny & Ron's Rescue, Canopy of Neighbors, SPCA
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- ▶ **Lives in:** Amherst
- ▶ **Favorite nonprofits:** Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, Compass House, Kids Escaping Drugs
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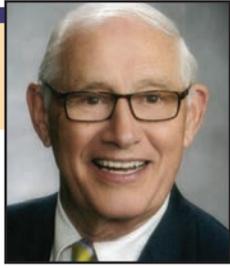
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- ▶ **Lives in:** Orchard Park
- ▶ **Favorite nonprofits:** Bison Children's Scholarship Fund, The Alzheimer's Association, WNY Lacrosse Foundation
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- ▶ **Favorite nonprofits:** Catholic Charities of Buffalo, United Way, Erie County Bar Foundation



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- ▶ **Lives in:** Orchard Park

- ▶ **Years practicing:** 29
- ▶ **Joined firm:** 1989
- ▶ **College:** B.A., SUNY Fredonia; J.D., University at Buffalo School of Law
- ▶ **Born in:** Koblenz, West Germany
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- ▶ **Lives in:** Buffalo
- ▶ **Favorite nonprofits:** Food Bank of WNY, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center
- ▶ **What keeps you up at night:** Everything



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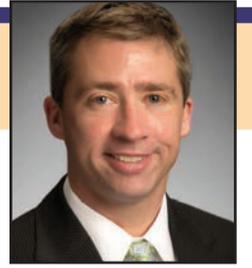
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- ▶ **Lives in:** Clarence
- ▶ **Favorite nonprofits:** Erie County Bar Foundation, UB Law Alumni Association, Amherst Chamber of Commerce
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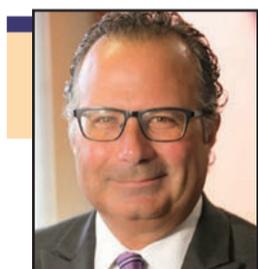
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- ▶ **Lives in:** Snyder
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- ▶ **Lives in:** East Amherst
- ▶ **Favorite nonprofits:** Bunkers in Baghdad, New Directions, Catholic Charities of Buffalo
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- ▶ **Lives in:** Buffalo
- ▶ **Favorite nonprofits:** Volunteer Lawyers Project, Neighborhood Legal Services, Say Yes to Education Buffalo
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- ▶ **Lives in:** Clarence
- ▶ **Favorite nonprofits:** Buffalo Sabres Alumni Association, Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Ronald McDonald House
- ▶ **What keeps you up at night:** My children



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- ▶ **Born in:** Buffalo
- ▶ **Lives in:** Orchard Park
- ▶ **Favorite nonprofits:** Say Yes to Education Buffalo, Ten Lives Club, Salvation Army
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- ▶ **Lives in:** Buffalo
- ▶ **Favorite nonprofits:** Boys and Girls Club of WNY, Habitat For Humanity, Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra
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- ▶ **Born in:** Buffalo
- ▶ **Lives in:** Buffalo
- ▶ **Favorite nonprofits:** Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, Jewish Community Center of Greater Buffalo, Buffalo Jewish Federation
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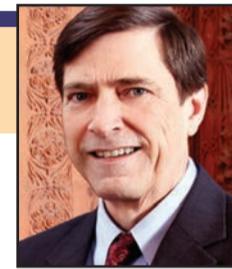


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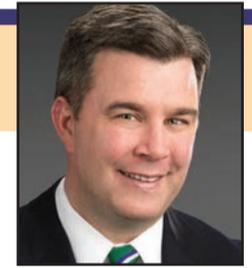


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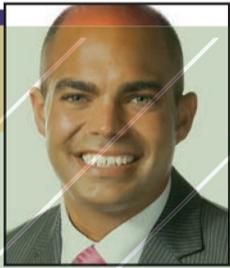
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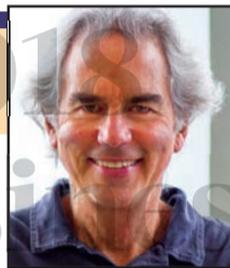
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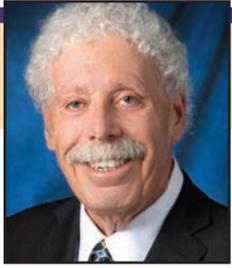
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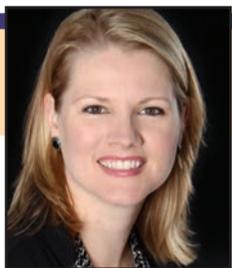
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- ▶ **Lives in:** Buffalo
- ▶ **Favorite nonprofits:** Make-A-Wish Foundation, Catholic Charities of Buffalo, American Cancer Society
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- ▶ **Lives in:** Buffalo
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- ▶ **Lives in:** Orchard Park
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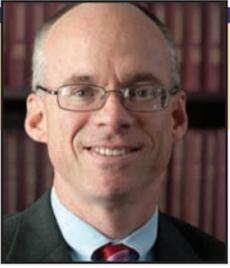
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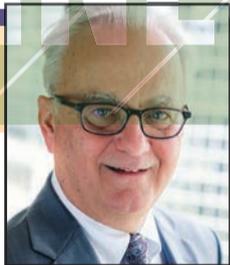
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- ▶ **What keeps you up at night:** My dog asking to go out in the middle of



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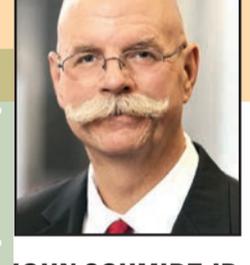
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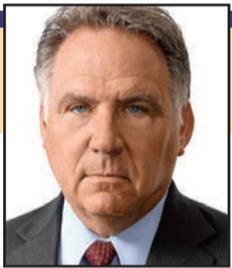
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- ▶ **Lives in:** Amherst
- ▶ **Favorite nonprofits:** Buffalo City Mission, Food Bank of WNY, Veterans of Foreign Wars
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- ▶ **Lives in:** Buffalo
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- ▶ **Lives in:** Buffalo
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