



## **Susan A. Scaria – Partner**

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Susan A. Scaria has 17 years of experience in construction site accident actions, negligent security claims, premises liability, municipal liability, and medical malpractice cases. Her clients include well-known property owners, contractors, subcontractors and construction managers, whom she defends in high profile and significant exposure actions at depositions, trials, and at the appellate stage. Susan's zealous representation has led to the dismissal of Labor Law claims against her clients. *Alvarado v. French Council, LLC, et., al.*, 50 N.Y.S.3d 280 (1st Dept 2017) (successfully argued client was not a statutory "agent" for purposes of Labor Law liability); *Mian v. City of New York*, Supreme Court, New York County, 2010 (successfully argued client, construction manager, did not assert sufficient level of control and supervision of the to be considered a viable statutory Labor Law defendant). Her appellate advocacy has also garnered favorable outcomes for her clients that facilitate settlements in high exposure cases. *Mannino v. J.A. Jones Construction, et.,al.*, 792 N.Y.S.2d 32 (1st Dept 2005) (successfully argued on behalf of her client/subcontractor her client was not obligated to fully indemnify the construction manager based on questions of fact as to the construction manager's active negligence)

Susan earned her law degree from Pace University School of Law in 2001, and started her career at an insurance defense firm, where she worked on high exposure Labor Law cases, premises liability, security premises liability and medical malpractice cases. Thereafter, Susan started her own defense practice, where she continued to defend contractors, property owners and security companies in high exposure cases, as well as contract litigation and drafting for various businesses. She defends clients throughout New York City's five boroughs, Long Island, Westchester, Rockland, Orange and Upstate New York.

Susan has also lectured at the New York Bar Association on discovery and taking depositions. She is also OSHA 10 certified.