

## BIOGRAPHY



John Arweiler was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1972, after earning a Bachelor of Science degree from New York University in 1962 and a Juris Doctorate from St. John's University School of Law in 1971. From 1962 to 1966, he served as a Captain in the United States Marine Corps Reserves. Mr. Arweiler is also admitted to the U.S. District Court's Eastern and Southern Districts of New York, as well as the U.S. Tax Court. He is a member of the Suffolk County and Nassau County Bar Associations, as well as the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.

From 1971 to 1980, John Arweiler was an Associate and later a Partner at O'Connor & Snyder, a firm founded by Franklin D. Roosevelt and Basil O'Connor. From 1983 to 1994, he was a Partner in Forman, Kingston & Dowd, later Forman, Arweiler & Schafer. In 1994, he formed the Law Office of John Arweiler. Mr. Arweiler's extensive experience in corporate and non-profit law has included serving as General Counsel for the American Red Cross, Nassau County Chapter from 1990-1996; Johnson O'Connor Research Foundation and the Human Engineering Laboratory, Inc., from 1976 to the present; and General Counsel for Andrews Paper & Chemical Co., Inc from 1990 to the present.

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### Business Organization and Transactions



### Elder Law

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### Probate/Estate Planning and Administration



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## PRACTICE OVERVIEW

Legal issues usually arise at the worst possible time. Like many people today, you have other priorities and you need someone who can take care of your legal problem with the least possible disruption to you and your family. For over thirty years, I have been helping clients with their legal needs. I charge fair and reasonable rates and will inform and guide you through the process involved in your legal matter.

I handle legal matters in various areas of the law, including Real Estate, Business Organizations and Transactions, Elder Law, DUI and DWI, Litigation, Probate/Estate Planning and Administration, as well as other areas. If I do not handle the legal issue facing you, I will listen to your problem, identify the legal issues and refer you to an attorney who can help.

I put clients first in every aspect of my work. You can trust that I will work hard and utilize my skill and experience to successfully resolve your case or legal issue. I know how critically important your legal issues are to you, your future, and your family – and you can be assured that we will treat them accordingly. I am committed to providing quality and value to you in all aspects of your legal matter.

Contact me today for your free initial consultation. You will discover why much of my business comes from client referrals.

## PRACTICE AREAS

### Litigation

To ensure the best possible results for the client, an attorney needs to be willing to take a case all the way to trial. Many lawyers avoid the courtroom. I will forcefully strive to get you the best possible result, whether it is by means of a settlement or trial. My litigation work has encompassed motion practice, bench and jury trials, and even appeals where necessary. Thorough preparation and understanding of all of the facts is essential to trial work. This effort yields real results for my clients.

### Real Estate



If you are selling or buying a home or business property, I will guide you through the process, beginning with the drafting or review of purchase agreements through the real estate closing. I will review the title to verify that there are no disputes about ownership or boundaries and to ensure that the transaction complies with local and state property and environmental rules. I also handle commercial leases, property disclosure and concision issues, certificates of occupancy and issues involving construction defects.

### Business Organization and Transactions

From the initial start-up to dissolution or sale of the company, it is important to have expert legal counsel. I will work with you and assist you in deciding which type of business entity to form, including a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other business entity. I will help you deal with the almost endless variety of legal matters that will, sooner or later, arise when you own a business. From buy-sell agreements, joint ventures, and liability issues to mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, and business successions, you need intelligent advice that will promote your success. I can tell you not only what the law requires, but also how you can seize opportunities and avoid problems in your business.

### Elder Law

Elder Law is an important area of the law today for family members, life partners and friends of all ages, financial means and health. Elder Law planning entails gifting programs, Wills and Trusts, Medicare/Medicaid planning both for individuals and married couples, Durable Powers of Attorney, Living Wills and Health Care Proxies, and nursing home care.

Other considerations include transferring a portion

of your assets to children or grandchildren, Guardianship for person or property of an individual, Social Security and Social Security Supplement, Long term care insurance, Living Trusts and taxes, financial planning and Elder Law abuse.

### Probate / Estate Planning and Administration

It may be hard to think about how your family would deal with your affairs and finances after you pass away, but it is essential to do so. Estate planning allows you to impact the future by directing how you would like your property and assets distributed upon your death. Without proper planning, your estate could go to the government or to people whom you did not choose. I can assist you in making informed decisions about your estate and determine if you need a will. From small and simple estates to large estates with complicated issues, I can help you with that process. I am experienced in handling large and small estates, including the estate of Basil O'Connor, Franklin D. Roosevelt's Law partner; William F. Snyder, who prepared FDR's will and administered his estate, Laura Delano, FDR's cousin, and James Farley, the former Postmaster General. I have helped many people in your situation, and I can help you.

### DUI / DWI

If you have been cited for DUI or DWI, you should know that the law imposes serious consequences upon conviction. Those with prior convictions should know that punishment becomes



more severe for repeat offenders. A DUI sentence may require you to pay a substantial fine, serve some time in jail, or perform community service. In addition, your driver's license may be suspended. In addition, many insurance companies will drop your motor vehicle coverage if you get a DUI. It is easy to see how important it is to protect your rights, and to do that, you need a lawyer who will work hard to stop or minimize these consequences from becoming reality.