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Kathleen Donelli is a partner at the firm of Goldschmidt & Genovese, LLP and concentrates her practice in the areas of Appellate Practice, Collaborative Law and Matrimonial & Family Law. In 1996, Kathleen won a landmark New York State Court of Appeals custody decision in *Tropea v. Tropea*, 87 N.Y.2d 727, 665 N.E.2d 145, 642 N.Y.S.2d 575 (1996). *Tropea* established that courts should determine if a custodial parent should be permitted to relocate with a child based on the "best interest" of the child. Kathleen frequently lectures on ethics and a variety of matrimonial and family law issues. Kathleen is a member of the New York Association of Collaborative Professionals, an association dedicated to resolving matrimonial and custody disputes without court intervention.

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