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Representative Professional Activities and Achievements

Michele Kahn Spike has been a member of the Bar of the State of New York and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York since 1977. After graduation from Connecticut College, *summa cum laude* and *Phi Beta Kappa*, with honors in Government, and a minor in Economics, Spike attended the Boston University School of Law, earning the degree of J.D. *cum laude*. From 1977 – 1989, Spike practiced law in New York City with specialties in aviation law, anti-trust, and mergers and acquisitions.

With her husband John and son Nicholas, Spike moved to Florence, Italy, in 1989, where she represented American companies active in Europe. She also began her studies of medieval history, and, since 2007, has been Chancellor, or attorney, to the Bishop of the European Convocation of the Episcopal Church. Her book, *Tuscan Countess, The Life and Extraordinary Times of Matilda of Canossa*, was published in 2004, and in Italian translation in 2007. For 2015, Spike is curating a commemorative exhibition for the 900th anniversary of the death of Matilda of Canossa (1046-1115), which will be held at the Muscarelle Museum of Art in conjunction with the William & Mary Law School. She has been an Adjunct Professor at the School of Law since 2012.

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