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Ms. Pacheco received her B.A. degree in Spanish Language and Literature from Queens College, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She received a Masters of Arts from the University of California, Berkeley, where she received a teaching fellowship, and a Professional Diploma in Public School Administration and Supervision, from Queens College. Prior to studying law, Ms. Pacheco was the principal of William Cullen Bryant High School, a public high school in New York City, for which she was awarded the Reliance Award for Outstanding New York City High School Principal in 1991. She retired from the public school system after twenty years in 1992.

She received her J.D. summa cum laude in 1992 from Brooklyn Law School, where she graduated first in her class. She served as Executive Articles Editor of the Brooklyn Law Review from 1990-1991. After graduating from law school, she served as judicial clerk to the Honorable Jack B. Weinstein, Senior United States District Judge, Eastern District of New York from 1992-1993.

Ms. Pacheco maintains her own private practice focusing almost exclusively on mediation. Before that she was associated with two prominent national law firms based in New York, where she litigated cases on behalf of Fortune 500 companies in federal and state court and before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board. While in New York, she served as Deputy Counsel for the New York City Commission on School Safety, a special task force of Mayor Giuliani that investigated safety in the public schools.

In 1997, Ms. Pacheco was appointed Special Settlement Master by Judge Weinstein and New York State Supreme Court Justice Helen E. Freedman to oversee the resolution of some 2000 breast implant cases in New York State and federal courts. In 1999, Judge Freedman appointed Ms. Pacheco Special Master for all the asbestos cases pending in New York County.

Ms. Pacheco has written a number of articles. She is the co-author with Steven Alan Reiss of Chapter 17 ("The Joint Defense Agreement") in Obermaier & Morvillo, White Collar Crime; co-author with Kevin P. Hughes of Chapter 9 ("Discoverability of Documents Used to Refresh Recollection: Federal Rule of Evidence 612") in Effective Depositions (ABA). She also served as semi-annual update editor of White Collar Crime.

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