

## Long Form Bio

**Books:** Regina Calcaterra is the *New York Times* best selling author of *Etched in Sand, A True Story of Five Siblings Who Survived an Unspeakable Childhood on Long Island* (HarperCollins Publishing/William Morrow 2013). As a result of *Etched in Sand's* messages of resilience, optimism, the plight of foster children, that no child is a lost cause and how we can all positively impact the life of a child in need, it has been integrated into college and high school curricula and selected for community reads nationwide. Regina is co-author, with her younger sister Rosie Maloney, of *Girl Unbroken: A Sister's Harrowing Story of Survival from the Streets of Long Island to the Farms of Idaho* (HarperCollins Publishing/William Morrow 2016). *Girl Unbroken* has also been integrated into college curricula. Regina speaks nationally about her books messages and how we can all impact the life of a child in need.

**Legal Career:** Regina is a partner at Wolf Haldenstein where she represents institutional investors such as public pension funds, Taft-Hartley Funds and health and welfare benefit funds in complex federal litigation including securities and antitrust litigation. She also represents individuals subject to federal civil rights litigation.

Prior to returning to private practice, Regina served as Deputy General Counsel to the New York State (NYS) Insurance Fund and as Executive Director to both of NYS Governor Cuomo's statewide commissions investigating public corruption and the utilities in relation to storm preparedness. Both investigatory commissions published reports that resulted in new statutory and regulatory schemes. Prior to working for the Governor, she served as Chief Deputy to the Suffolk County Executive Bellone where she administered the day-to-day operations of a county with a \$2.7 billion budget; a 9,500 employee workforce and with over 1.5 million residents. She also assisted in the management of Super Storm Sandy and its immediate aftermath.

Previous to her latest public service, she served as Deputy General Counsel to the New York City Employees' Retirement System and Director of Intergovernmental Relations to the New York City Comptroller and as a partner in a securities litigation firm.

**Boards:** She is the second vice chair to the SUNY New Paltz Foundation Board; and is on the advisory committees of You Gotta Believe, an organization that works to get older foster youth adopted; the Felix Organization, which provides unique experiences for foster youth; and the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

**Awards:** Regina is the recipient of many awards, the most recent include: Champion of Civil Rights and Social Justice from City & State NY, a statewide media outlet (2018); and the Women of Distinction Award from her alma mater Seton Hall University School of Law (2018).

**Education:** She received her B.A in Political Science from SUNY New Paltz and her law degree from Seton Hall University School of Law. She is admitted to practice in several federal courts, the State of New York and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.