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GERALD G. RIORDAN was born in this city June 12, 1861, the son of John Riordan and Mary Gleason. He was educated in the public schools and by the Christian Brothers. In the High School he made a very flattering record. He studied law in the offices of Nelson Davenport and the Hon. Martin I. Townsend, and was admitted to the bar in 1881. When Mr. Townsend was United States District Attorney, Mr. Riordan acted as indictment clerk in the office, succeeding Henry Barton, who subsequently went into the diplomatic service of the United States. In 1886 Mr. Riordan opened an office of his own, entering into partnership with his gifted brother, John, who died May 29, 1889. In 1884 Mr. Riordan was admitted to practice in the United States Court by Judge Wallace at Utica, on motion of Mr. Townsend. Mr. Riordan has been remarkably successful in the practice of his profession. He is recognized as one of the best criminal lawyers in the Rensselaer County bar, and has a large and constantly increasing practice. He is an eloquent pleader, and in the preparation of a brief has few superiors.

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