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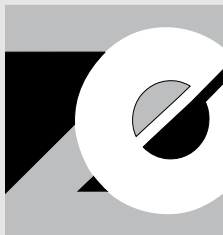


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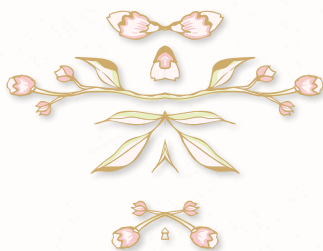
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After earning a bachelor of science in economics from Dowling College, Brandow joined J.P. Morgan & Co., eventually becoming an officer in the global financial firm and working in the legal department as the compliance officer for the SEC, NYSE, AMSE and NASD. She attended Touro School of Law in the evenings and graduated in 1995.

Brandow was admitted to the State of New York Second Department and the U.S. Court of Appeals Second Department. Her first position as an attorney was in an insurance fraud and consumer

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Brandow soon earned a reputation as a zealous advocate for individuals with disabilities and became a prominent voice for Long Island's special needs families. She is a certified hearing officer with the New York State Department of Education, an active member of the Surrogate Court Decision Making committee and a member of the Suffolk County Bar Association, the Suffolk Women's Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association. Brandow also volunteers with various organizations and on several boards, including the Stony Brook Rotary Charities Board, Nassau/Suffolk Law Services Advisory Council, and the Brookhaven Special Needs Advisory Council.



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ing and securing new business opportunities within existing and new market segments.

In her free time, Saitta spends a lot of time giving back to her community. She sits on the board of directors of Moxxie Mentoring Foundation, volunteers at the local food banks and organizes the firm's National Day of Service each year.

Saitta received her BA in business administration from Hofstra University and her MBA from Dowling College.



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After many years as a business owner in the private sector, Angie Carpenter began her tenure in government in February of 1993 when she was elected to the position of Legislator of the 11th Legislative District in a special election.

In the Legislature, Carpenter was known for her persistent efforts on the behalf of all of her constituents. She spearheaded the acquisition of Sagtikos Manor by the County to help preserve the historic landmark for future generations. She was an integral part of other projects during her tenure including improvements to Gardiner Park; the construction of the Health and Wellness Building at Suffolk County Community College's Brentwood Campus; and the opening of the Long Island Duck's Ballpark. She was also instrumental in bringing Touro School of Health Sciences to its Bay Shore location.

Having served as a member of nearly every committee in the Legislature, Carpenter was elected

unanimously for two terms as Deputy Presiding Officer.

After a long and successful 13 years at the Suffolk County Legislature, Carpenter ran for Suffolk County Treasurer, and was elected in November 2005. As Treasurer, she immersed herself in all the latest information in government finance, including serving as a board member for the New York State Government Finance Association. She made it a priority to look into every aspect of the County's investment policies to ensure that Suffolk County was receiving the best return rates on every dollar it invested.

Carpenter ultimately served as Suffolk County Treasurer for nine years. Her 23 years of government experience, and her extensive financial knowledge led the Islip Town Board to appoint her to the position of Islip Town Supervisor when Tom Croci left to serve in the New York State Senate.



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Ann S. Cella, MA, MEd, RN, NEA-BC, is senior vice president of patient care services and chief nursing officer at St. Francis Hospital, The Heart Center, in Roslyn. Cella joined St. Francis in 1979 as a nursing supervisor, was appointed vice president of patient care services in 1989, and assumed her current position in 1999.

During Cella's tenure, St. Francis became one of the most widely recognized hospitals in the region for nursing and overall clinical excellence. A member of Catholic Health Services of Long Island, St. Francis is New York State's only specialty designated cardiac center and a nationally recognized leader in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of cardiac disease. In addition, the hospital first earned nursing's highest honor, Magnet designation, in 2006, and has maintained it for two consecutive cycles. It has also achieved Beacon Gold Awards for Nursing Excellence in Critical Care, the NDNQI Award for Outstanding Nursing Quality, and PRISM Awards for Nurs-

ing Excellence in Medical-Surgical Nursing.

Among her important achievements, Cella contributed to the strategic planning and implementation of St. Francis Hospital's Master Facilities Plan, which led to a major increase in surgical suite and critical care capacity, as well as the recent expansion of the hospital's cancer and other ambulatory services. She also helped to lead the planning and implementation of the expansion of the St. Francis Hospital Open Heart Surgery Program at Good Samaritan Hospital in West Islip. Other milestones include the development of a number of successful programs that foster nursing professional and career development, quality of care, research, and innovation.

Cella earned her B.A. in psychology from Marymount Manhattan College in New York, her B.S. in nursing from C.W. Post College, in Greenvale, and her M.A. in nursing education and M. Ed. in nursing administration from Teachers College, Columbia University.

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Prior to joining Smith & DeGroat, Coletti had a successful 20-year career in corporate finance and banking with Citigroup's Global Wealth Management and Retail Banking Divisions. In 2012, she became president of the Nesconset Chamber of Commerce, doubling its membership in 18 months and creating the Gazebo Park, Toner "Water" Park, and overseeing the completion of the decorative street light project along Smithtown Boulevard.

For more than 10 years, she worked on projects with Suffolk County Legislator John Kennedy, Smithtown Town Councilmen, Highway & Parks Department and the Suffolk County Department of Public Works. In 1992, Coletti founded and co-chaired the Annual Bob Coletti Memorial Golf Outing for cancer research. She has also donated to the NS/LIJ Health System and Cohen Children's Medical Center for 20 years. Coletti was also asked to join the board of the NS/LIJ Monter Cancer Center.

In 1998, Coletti spearheaded the "Memorial Bench Program" to memorialize a loved one while supporting the New York State Parks' Tree Replenishment Program via the Natural Heritage Trust. The first memorial bench was placed at the main entrance to the Jones Beach boardwalk and now spans its entirety, along with the boardwalks at Robert Moses, Gov. Alfred E. Smith/Sunken Meadow and Captree State Parks.

Coletti sat on the board of Stony Brook Medicine's Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund's Golf Committee and went on to found the "Lax for M.E. and the G.A.L.S." lacrosse tournament benefiting the Maurer Foundation for breast health education and the Girls Athletic League of Smithtown.

Her dedicated community involvement led Legislator John Kennedy to appoint Coletti as the 12th Legislative District Representative of the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development & Planning Downtown Revitalization Citizens Advisory Panel and Lake Ronkonkoma Advisory Board. In 2014, Kennedy nominated Coletti and she was honored as the "Suffolk County Woman of Distinction." She has since been appointed as Commissioner of the 12th Legislative District on the Suffolk County Women's Advisory Commission.

Coletti earned a bachelor of science in business administration and finance from N.Y.I.T.



JENNIFER CONA

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Jennifer Cona is the managing partner of the Melville-based elder law and estate planning firm Genser Dubow Genser & Cona LLP. She represents, counsels and assists seniors and their families with a complex range of legal issues, including the preservation of assets, Medicaid planning, estate planning, wealth transfer strategies, administration of estates, estate litigation, guardianships and special needs planning.

Under Cona's direction, the firm has expanded its health care reimbursement and recovery department, which currently represents more than 80 nursing homes on Long Island and throughout the New York metropolitan area. Also under her guidance, the firm works to secure and ensure a payment source for long-term health care, working together with both families and health care facilities to sustain quality care for seniors.

Cona is a New York State Certified Guardian, Court Evaluator and Counsel to incapacitated persons and is accredited by the Department of Veteran Affairs for the preparation, presentation and prosecution of claims for veterans' benefits. An advocate for those with limited access to the legal system, she has lobbied on Capitol Hill on behalf of the NOW Legal Defense Fund. She has presented

on legal panels at the Long Island Alzheimer's Foundation's Coping and Caring Conference and has served on its Legal Advisory board and the board of trustees and executive committee. Cona also serves on the corporate leadership committee of Mom-mentum, a working mothers' advocacy organization, and a United Way planning committee. She is the founder and chair of the Advanced Elder Law Focus Group.

A frequent lecturer on elder law and estate planning, Cona has also authored numerous articles on related topics and is often quoted in local and national media.

In 2007, Cona launched GDGC Charitable Events, a not-for-profit organization committed to enhancing the quality of life for the elderly and underprivileged. She spearheads various community outreach programs and dedicates her time to raising money for many charitable causes and local organizations.

Cona received her juris doctor degree with honors from the University of Connecticut School of Law and was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1997. She received a bachelor of arts degree cum laude with high honors in liberal arts from William Smith College.



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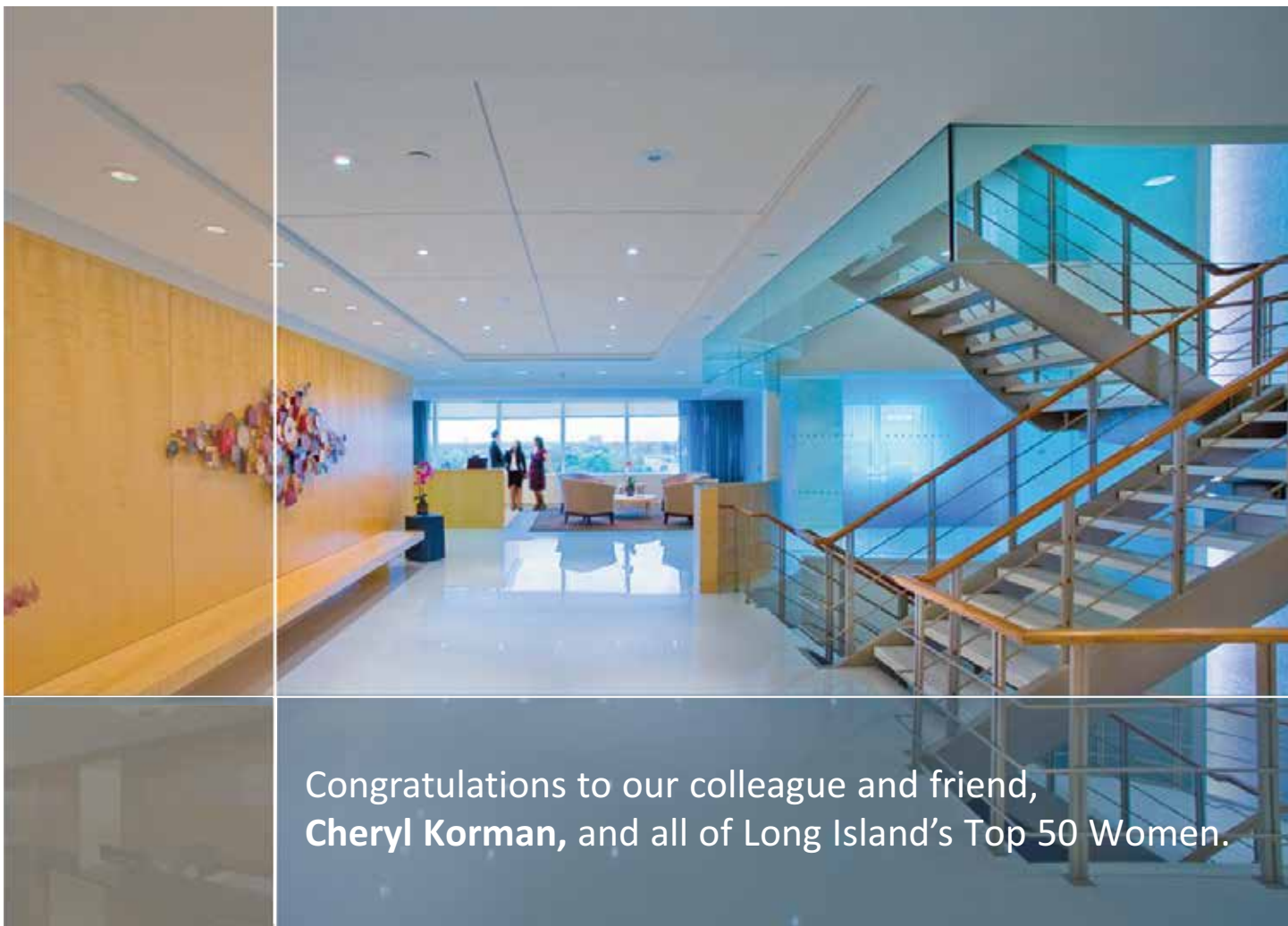
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A leader in the human resources outsourcing industry, Davidson Drantch recently joined the board of directors of the National Association of Professional Employer Organizations (NAPEO). She has lobbied for state and national PEO legislation and is on the editorial board of, and is a regular contributor to, the trade magazine "PEO Insider." Davidson Drantch was an active champion for the enactment of the Small Business Efficiency Act, meeting with U.S. Rep. Peter King for the past several years prior to the legislation's passage in December 2014.

A passionate advocate for small businesses, Davidson Drantch is a founding member of the Melville Chamber of Commerce's Business Resource committee, which provides actionable advice and guidance to local business owners. She also serves on the HIA's human resources committee and has been a member of the Corporate Planning Board of the National Association of Mothers' Center, which hosts an annual Long Island Work/Life Balance conference.

A member of the Labor and Employment committees for both the Nassau and Suffolk County Bar Associations, Davidson Drantch frequently hosts webinars and seminars on workplace law and HR best practices for Alcott. She has also held many leadership roles within the Moxxie Mentoring Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping women advance in the workplace, and currently sits on its board of directors. In addition, she has been actively involved in her local synagogue. She received her bachelor of arts from the University of Rochester and her juris doctorate from American University's Washington College of Law.



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Davis-Edwards began her career with John Hancock Life Insurance Co. and E.G. Bowman Insurance Co. in the early 1980s. Since 1988, she has held numerous sales, recruiting and management positions with Aetna (now ING Financial Partners). She has successfully overseen the negotiation, development and implementation of 401(k) and 403(b) plans and voluntary benefits for more than 100 organizations.

As regional manager for Aetna's Annuity Division 1990, Davis-Edwards worked closely with the National VP of ALIAC in securing the NYSUT

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In 2007, she became a benefit specialist offering voluntary benefits through the Allstate Workplace Division. In 2010, she accepted an offer from Colonial Voluntary Benefits to manage and coordinate the voluntary benefits program for the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) in the Northeast territory.

Davis-Edwards holds licenses in life and health insurance, and has successfully completed the FINRA Series 6, 7 and 63 examinations. In 2011, she received the 100 Black Men of Long Island and TD Bank award for Leadership in Small Business.

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After graduating from SUNY Stony Brook with a bachelor's degree cum laude in psychology, Dehlow went on to attend the South Oaks Institute of Alcoholism Studies, graduating with certification for alcoholism counseling and earning her CASAC. She began her counseling career at Family Consultation Services before moving to the Town of Babylon Drug and Alcohol Counseling Center. Dehlow then graduated from SUNY Stony Brook with her MSW and became clinical director for a private, out-patient substance abuse treatment center, before joining the staff of CHI as coordinator for the supportive housing program and emergency housing services in 2002.

In addition, Dehlow worked for Long Island Gay and Lesbian Youth, coordinating programs for gay teenagers and providing therapy for youth and their families. She was employed by FECS in the aftermath of the terrorist

attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, and worked as a care manager for survivors and family members of those who perished. Finally, she also held the position of coordinator of community partnerships for Suffolk Community Council, an umbrella organization representing all non-profit human service organizations in Suffolk County.

Currently, Dehlow is an active member of Nassau and Suffolk Counties' Continuums of Care for HUD and is past chair of NSCH's legislative committee, as well as the Helen Martin Scholarship Fund for graduating seniors. She has been involved with the Advisory Committee on the Prevention of Child Abuse for the Suffolk County legislators for eight years and is an active member of the Family Support Advisory Council for the Nassau County Department of Social Services. She previously sat on the board of the Peconic Community Council, an advocacy agency serving Eastern Long Island.

Dehlow is also an adjunct professor in the MSW programs at both Empire State College and at Long Island University C.W. Post campus. She also teaches at Molloy College.



ELISA DISTEFANO

ENTERTAINMENT & FEATURE ANCHOR/REPORTER
NEWS 12 LONG ISLAND

Elisa DiStefano is an award-winning entertainment and features reporter. She is a part of the News 12 Long Island Morning Team, reporting regularly on the red carpet and at celebrity events. In addition, DiStefano hosts the Hot in the Hamptons summer series, as well as backstage and behind-the-scenes coverage of concerts, Broadway shows and New York Fashion Week. Prior to joining News 12 Long Island, she worked at the New York Bureau of Voom HD News, WNYW Fox 5 in New York and Neighborhood Network News in Boston.

Author of celebrity and feature articles that have been published in numerous publications, including Entertainment Weekly and Long Island Pulse Magazine, DiStefano is also a regular contributor and

the Arts & Entertainment Expert for Luxury Living Magazine and writes the weekly Hamptons Buzz for amNewYork during the summer.

DiStefano is passionate about giving back to her community and enjoys volunteering her time to help a variety of local causes. She hosts many charity events, including her own, Sneakers and Sandals Beach Ball, which benefits local organizations. In 2013, DiStefano was named Humanitarian of the Year by the American Cancer Society. She has also been honored for her work on her weekly animal adoption segment.

DiStefano received her bachelor of science degree in film and television, graduating magna cum laude from Boston University.

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RITA DISTEFANO

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For the last decade, Rita DiStefano has worked as director of HR Consulting at Portnoy, Messinger, Pearl and Associates, Inc. (PMP), a human resource and labor relations consulting firm in Syosset. In that capacity, she partners with businesses to assist with their human capital needs, such as retirement, employee relations, HR compliance and training. She also provides human resource guidance, including need-based training, to minimize a company's risk of exposure to litigation and maximize the productivity of staff, while conducting human resource audits to ensure they are in compliance with state and federal labor laws.

DiStefano develops internship programs for many of her clients by collaborating with local colleges to place students into full-time job roles. Some of her well-known clients include Econolodge (a division of Choice Hotels), A & Z Pharmaceuticals, Janus Elevators Products, Sensitron Corp. and Package-All Corp. Prior to joining PMP, DiStefano spent 15 years as manager of human resources at Pall Corporation.

As chair of the board for HIA-LI, DiStefano leads a board of more than 20 directors and oversees all of the

organization's strategic activity. She creates and drives action-oriented plans and improves programs to accomplish the HIA-LI's many goals, including resources, business development and education for member businesses. Under her leadership, HIA-LI is at the forefront of multiple initiatives encouraging regional development including manufacturing revitalization, workforce progress, health care, infrastructure of the Hauppauge Industrial Park, environmental issues and alternative energy. Under her guidance, the HIA-LI formed a Young Entrepreneurs committee to help young professionals become more successful on Long Island. DiStefano is currently the board liaison for this committee and actively mentors its members.

In addition, DiStefano currently serves as the Manufacturing Regional Industry Council's co-chair for the Long Island STEM Hub, which focuses on preparing students for the Long Island workforce through enhanced science, technology, engineering and mathematics experiences. She is a past chair of the Workforce Investment Board for the Suffolk County Department of Labor and the C.W. Post Advisory Board.



KRISTIN DOLAN

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER
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As chief operating officer of Cablevision Systems Corporation, Kristin Dolan leads all aspects of the company's cable and advertising sales operations, while overseeing Cablevision Media Sales, the company's advertising division. She is responsible for the entire Optimum customer experience from product development, programming and marketing to sales, customer and field service for the company's residential and commercial Optimum TV digital cable, Optimum Online high-speed Internet and Optimum voice products; and Freewheel, the new, low-cost WiFi-exclusive phone service that provides unlimited data, talk and text.

Dolan began her career in 1990 at Cablevision's programming division, Rainbow Media (now AMC Networks), where she worked in a variety of sales and marketing positions. In 2000, she joined Cablevision as the company's vice president of field communications and was later named vice president of digital product management. Dolan was appointed senior vice president of digital product management, responsible for Cablevision's digital and analog video products, its high-speed Internet product and the strategic direction for the launch of Optimum Voice in 2003. She went on to work as senior executive vice president of product management, marketing and development and, most recently, served as president of Optimum Services.

Over the years, Dolan has been instrumental in working across Cablevision's properties to maximize opportunity, brand strength and customer experience. She spearheaded a number of initiatives at Madison Square Garden, including the 2008 migration of the national music network Fuse from Rainbow Media to Madison Square Garden. She also played an integral role in the formation of MSG Varsity, Cablevision's interactive service dedicated to covering high school sports across the tri-state area.

Dolan mentors women inside the company and has worked with several external organizations, such as Women in Cable Telecommunications (WICT), to foster greater opportunity for women in the industry. She is also an active member of various industry and women's groups and has participated in media-related conferences. She has served on the Foundation Board for SUNY Albany and the National Board for WICT; she serves as a member of Cablevision's board of directors, and is also on the board of directors at AMC Networks and The Madison Square Garden Company.

Dolan received an M.A. in English literature from Long Island University at CW Post, an M.S. in publishing with a concentration in marketing from Pace University and a B.A. in English from the State University of New York at Albany.



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DIRECTOR OF MARKETING • AVZ

Annette Esposito is director of marketing at AVZ (Albrecht, Viggiano, Zureck & Company, P.C.), where she is responsible for marketing, business development and sales, advertising initiatives and public relations efforts. She develops all internal and external communications with clients and media outlets, creates social media and advertising campaigns, and handles corporate philanthropic initiatives while collaborating with the firm's partners and principals.

Prior to joining AVZ, Esposito was vice president of national accounts at AON, Inc. and founder and president of Esposito Management Solutions, a management consulting firm specializing in marketing, communications, sales and business development. She also spent time in the finance industry, as vice president of mar-

keting and communications at Arbor Commercial Mortgage, LLC in Uniondale and director of marketing at CFS Bank in Westbury.

Esposito has volunteered and supported Telecare, the Diocese of Rockville Centre's television station, and has taught and volunteered at her parish, St. Joseph's in Garden City. She continually mentors students, graduates and individuals in the early stages of their career. Esposito is also a member of CEW (Cosmetic Executive Woman), AAM (Association for Accounting Marketing), and past member of the Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women and Women in Sports. She is involved with the ACIT, HIA and LIA and sits on the golf committees for the HIA, Telecare and UCP of Suffolk.



LISA GARDNER

ATTORNEY • WISSELMAN, HAROUNIAN & ASSOCIATES

Lisa Gardner has been an attorney at Wisselman, Harounian & Associates, P.C. since February 2012. She represents clients through all stages of a divorce proceeding, including equitable distribution, child support, spousal support, custody and parenting time. Gardner also handles all Family Court matters, including support, custody and family offense proceedings, as well as pre-nuptial and post-nuptial agreements. She appears in the Family and Supreme Courts throughout Long Island and within the five boroughs of New York City.

Gardner graduated from Hofstra University

School of Law in 2008 and worked for a Nassau County law firm concentrating her practice primarily on matrimonial and family law matters. She also completed work at the Child Advocacy Clinic at Hofstra University School of Law and in the Courtroom Advocate Project at the Queens Family Court.

Gardner is a member of the New York State Bar, Nassau County Bar, Queens County Bar and Nassau County Women's Bar Association. She is also the winner of the 2015 New York Metro Super Lawyers Top Female Attorney Award and a 2014 New York Metro Super Lawyers Rising Star.

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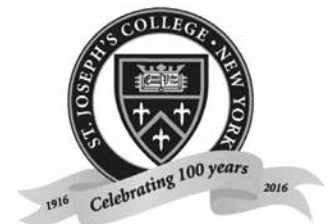
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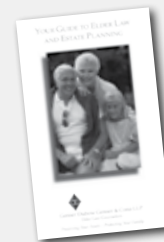


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Dr. Inna Gellerman is a board-certified orthodontist and a diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics. In 2003, she established Gellerman Orthodontics, a practice serving children, teens and adults located in the Village of Huntington.

Each year, Gellerman attends numerous dental continuing education courses and travels with her staff to a number of clinical and administrative programs. She continually adds new technology in orthodontic care to the practice to help better serve her clients' needs.

Gellerman Orthodontics is the only orthodontic practice on Long Island offering SureSmile, a robotic orthodontic system, and was the first to offer TruDenta, a non-invasive treatment for chronic headache pain and sleep apnea prevention for children.

In addition to maintaining her practice, Dr. Gellerman is an active member of the board of the

Junior Welfare League of Huntington, a trustee of The Heckscher Museum of Art and a board member and treasurer of Dentists for a Better Huntington. Under her leadership, every September, Gellerman Orthodontics presents the Kiss Cancer Goodbye Walk to raise money for Kids Need MoRE, a not-for-profit serving pediatric cancer patients. The practice also conducts toy collections and food drives; offers custom-fit mouth guards at no charge to prevent injuries in young athletes; supports many local programs and provides dental health education at area schools; and supports programs at Huntington Hospital, Family Service League, Tri Community and Youth Agency and Girl Scouts of Suffolk County.

Gellerman received a BA in biology from New York University and a DDS degree and certificate in orthodontics from the School of Dental Medicine at Stony Brook University.



PATRICIA GRIFFITH

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Since she was 17, Sister Patricia Griffith has dedicated her life to serving the poor, homeless and mentally ill.

In the early 1970s, Sr. Pat was a member of the Sisters of Mercy, assigned to run a hospitality center at St. Patrick's Parish in Bay Shore. The parish soup kitchen had become a home for people who had recently been mainstreamed back into communities from state psychiatric hospitals. Realizing the need for services to transition people from their known environments within the hospital to the outside world, Sr. Pat led a group of concerned citizens in advocating for proper treatment and safe, clean, affordable housing for those in need.

In 1985, the non-profit agency Mercy Haven, Inc., was born. Today, with an annual budget of more than \$7 million and 130 full-time, part-time and per diem employees, Mercy Haven's mission remains to acknowledge the dignity and potential of people who are homeless, living with mental illness or living in poverty by providing housing, advocacy, education and life skills development.

Over the past 30 years, under Sr. Pat's leadership, Mercy Haven has grown from humble beginnings in Bay Shore into an agency that provides housing and critical support services to more than 265 people, including 60 children throughout Long Island. After initially operating three

community residences for those with mental illness, Sr. Pat led the agency to expand its housing to include a NYS licensed Adult Home and scatter-site apartments and homes for limited income, homeless families. The agency currently owns 32 units of housing and rents an additional 39 units for a total of 101 units. Plans are underway for the construction of an additional 16 units within the next 18 to 24 months.

Over the years, Mercy Haven has created a number of support services including social/recreational program, supported employment, outreach and education for the homeless, a community garden and community education and outreach. In 1997, Sr. Pat created the Mercy Advocacy Program with attorney John Castellano to provide representation to Mercy Haven's residents and effect systematic change through class action suits that have positively impacted low-income people throughout the state.

Sr. Pat earned a bachelor's degree from Brentwood College, a master's degree in education from Fordham University and a master's in social work from Adelphi University. She holds three post-graduate certificates in moral theology, gerontology and non-profit management; most recently, she graduated with a doctorate of ministry.

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After spending eight years at a Big Four firm, Jennifer Hoffman joined Grant Thornton in September 2003. She is currently an audit services partner in the firm's Long Island office, a fully-dedicated member of the East region Not-For-Profit practice and the partner-in-charge of the metro New York Not-For-Profit practice.

Hoffman has more than 17 years of experience serving clients in the not-for-profit sector, including social services and religious organizations, foundations and higher education institutions. She also serves as the concurring reviewer for not-for-profit engagements in metro New York. Hoffman is a member of the AICPA's Not-for-Profit Expert Panel and has served on a task force responsible for reviewing and writing for the AIC-

PA's not-for-profit Audit Risk Alerts and the Not-for-Profit Disclosure Checklist. She is a frequent speaker at industry conferences, including the annual AICPA Not-for-Profit Industry Conference and AICPA webcasts and podcasts. Hoffman is also the East region leader of the Women at Grant Thornton initiative.

Hoffman is a member of the advisory board of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Long Island Chapter, a member of the audit and compliance committee and board of Catholic Health System's Continuing Care Division. She is also involved with the East Islip Soccer Club and the Girl Scouts of Suffolk County. Hoffman received a bachelor of science degree in accounting from the State University of New York at Albany.



KARINE HOLLANDER

PRESIDENT & CEO

MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION OF SUFFOLK COUNTY, NY, INC.

In 1997, while enjoying a successful career in public accounting as the CFO of a publicly-traded company, Karine Hollander began volunteering with the Make-A-Wish Foundation—an organization that had touched her family. She later joined the board of directors and, in 2002, was asked to lead Make-A-Wish Suffolk County in its mission to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses as the president and CEO.

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Suffolk County has granted more than 1,500 wishes and has consecutively earned the highest ranking from Charity Navigator, indicating adherence to good governance and other best practices. The foundation consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way. Make-A-Wish Suffolk County has also received an Outstanding Performance Award from Make-A-Wish American and the Not-For-Profit Achievement Award from the Hauppauge Industrial Association.



DOROTHY HUTCHERSON

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Dorothy Hutcherson is the Vice President of Human Resources for CARR Business Systems, A Xerox Company which offers customized office technology solutions to the New York greater metropolitan area. She heads up the Human Resources function for both the Long Island and NYC locations. She manages all aspects of Human Resources including a strong focus on Employee Development. During her tenure the company has grown from 200 to over 300 employees and prides itself on organic growth. She is responsible for the creation and execution of the company's Leadership Development Program about which she is extremely passionate. She is also working with a team, supported by the parent company—Global Imaging Systems, to develop and deliver leadership training to leaders across the country.

Prior to CARR, Dorothy was the HR Director for DeVry College of New York and prior to that role, she spent 10 years with Societe Internationale de Telecommunications

Aeronautiques (SITA) where she worked as an HR Business Partner for an international division with 1500 employees in 220 countries. She drove various projects including implementation of a global applicant tracking system which won the President's Award. She also held various Human Resources positions at Standard Microsystems Corporation where her focus was employee relations and training and development and drove community activities.

Throughout her HR career, she has driven and continues to drive various local charitable events including food and clothing drives and currently manages a company-sponsored employee volunteer program which allows employees a day off each year to volunteer for a charitable organization of their choice. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Dowling College and a Master's Degree in Human Resources Management from Stony Brook University and resides in Bohemia with her husband.



CHRISTINE IPPOLITO

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After a decade of serving as a top human resources executive at high-growth companies in higher education and the technology industry, Christine Ippolito launched her own human resource consulting firm in 2009. Dedicated to providing HR expertise and resources to meet the needs of small businesses across New York and New Jersey, Compass Workforce Solutions customizes the design, development and delivery of its HR services for each client.

Since its founding, Compass has experienced 100% growth each year and currently employs a team of 10 HR professionals. The company, which received an HIA-LI Business Achievement Award in 2014 in the Rookie of the Year category, focuses on employer compliance programs and processes specific to federal, NY, NJ and NYC employment regulation.

Early in her career, Ippolito worked as an operations manager in the retail industry, where she gained experience, insight and business acumen

that helps her to connect HR activities to achieving business' goals and objectives. Ippolito's expertise includes talent acquisition and retention, performance management, conflict resolution, developing total compensation and incentive programs, risk mitigation and operational controls.

An active member of the business community, Ippolito has served as co-chair of the HIA-LI Healthcare committee since 2011 and was a volunteer boxer in the 10th Annual Long Island Fight for Charity in 2013, during which she raised nearly \$10,000 for the Long Island Community Chest. She is a member of the Long Island chapters of the Women's Presidents Organization and Accountant's Resource Group, as well as SHRM.

She received her master of management in human resource management and organizational development from North Park University in Chicago, Ill., and her bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of Wisconsin.



DONNA JANNINE

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
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When Donna Jannine joined Zimmerman/Edelson, Inc. in 2010 as an account manager, she brought with her more than a decade of diversified public relations and media experience. Before making the jump into public relations, she worked in the newsroom at several New York-based television stations, perfecting the skill of sorting through facts to develop straight-forward and compelling story lines. Jannine went on to work as a senior account executive for Adams Unlimited Public Relations and Marketing in New York.

Currently, in addition to her role as publicist, Jannine handles human resources and quality control, coordinates interns, manages the compa-

ny's education and non-profit sectors, and serves as a leader and mentor to staff members.

For 14 years, Jannine has volunteered as an emergency room counselor for victims of assault. She is also an advocate and supporter of the Wounded Warrior Project and participates in the Long Island Collision's "Fill the Bag" event annually.

Jannine graduated cum laude from Dowling College with a bachelor of arts in social science. She is currently working toward her master's degree in communications arts and marketing, and is a member of the Entertainment Publicists Professional Society and Press Club of NY.



JANICE JIJINA

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After joining Cameron Engineering & Associates, LLP, in December 1998 as an environmental scientist, Janice Jijina quickly rose through the ranks becoming manager, associate and then partner in 2008. She is currently responsible for the firm's planning, GIS and environmental projects, as well as the marketing, human resources and technology functions. A professional engineer, member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and a LEED Accredited professional, Jijina earned the Advanced Specialty certification of an AICP Certified Environmental Planner in 2011 and was one of only 33 people in the United States to attain the designation in its initial year.

Jijina has managed many significant environmental and development projects on Long Island. She has served as president of the New York Metropolitan chapter of the American Planning Association, president of the New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA), and served for three years as a New York delegate to NY-

WEA's national organization, the Water Environment Federation. In 2010, Jijina became the second woman among 57 members to be inducted into the NYWEA Hall of Fame in recognition of her commitment to improving the quality of the waters throughout New York State and providing many years of leadership to NYWEA.

She is also a Long Island trustee of the Energia Partnership, which brings together a diverse group of ethical leaders from Long Island's public, private and not-for-profit sectors to help address Long Island's most complex issues: education, institutional racism, poverty and the working poor, land use, energy, transportation, health care and media/social networking.

Jijina has been a member of the Farmingdale Village Pops for more than 15 years and is an active member of the United States Power Squadrons, a nonprofit, educational organization focusing on the marine environment.



ELENA KARABATOS

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An experienced negotiator of settlements and trial lawyer, Elena Karabatos is a partner in the matrimonial law firm of Schlissel Ostrow Karabatos, PLLC.

In addition to serving as president of the New York Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, she is a member of the Attorney for the Children Advisory Committee for the Tenth Judicial District. Karabatos is also a member of the Matrimonial Practice Advisory and Rules Committee for the New York State Office of Court Administration, the executive committee of the Family Law section of the New York State Bar Association and the New York Family Law American Inn of Court.

An active member of the Nassau County Bar Association, Karabatos is currently the treasurer and a member of the executive committee. She was appointed by the presiding Justice of the Appellate division to a special committee of the Nassau County Courts to make recommendations to the court system for the establishment of model custody litigation practices. Karabatos also co-authored the second edition of Separation Agreements and Marital Contracts

and attended the Trial Advocacy Institute of the American Bar Association Family Law Section.

Additionally, Karabatos is an adjunct faculty member of Hofstra Law School. She frequently lectures on a variety of family law topics for various organizations. For many years, Karabatos served as the course chairperson for the continuing legal education program on Matrimonial Litigation and Equitable Distribution at Fordham Law School, where she lectured on various topics.

A member of the New York Association of Collaborative Professionals, she is certified in advanced mediation by the Straus Institute of Dispute Resolution and by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York in mediating custody and visitation matters. She has also been a facilitator and lecturer for the Nassau County PEACE (Parental Education and Custody Effectiveness) program.

Karabatos is a member of the Planning Board for the Village of Sands Point. She received her bachelor of arts degree from Tufts University and her juris doctorate from Brooklyn Law School.



SISTER HELEN KEARNEY

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Sister Helen Kearney has been the president of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Brentwood, since 2011. The largest order of Catholic women on Long Island, the Sisters of St. Joseph have a 160-year tradition of ministering wherever they are needed. Their mission includes empowering women and girls, education, health care, social justice, ecological conservation and spirituality.

In addition to founding St. Joseph's College, the Sisters operate five high schools for girls in New York, as well as an academy in Puerto Rico. At the 211-acre Brentwood complex, the Sisters operate an adult literacy program for women, as well as a skilled nursing facility, an organic garden and a renewal center. In addition, the Sisters founded *Providence House* and *Hour Children*, to help incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women and their children. The Sisters advocate for social justice and are currently working to use and preserved

their land in Brentwood in an ecologically-sound manner. They have a rich history of leading and supporting innovative programs for and involving women and girls.

Prior to becoming president, Sister Helen served on the congregation's leadership council, liaised with the schools and educational ministries, expanded mission awareness programs, facilitated Boards of Trustees for the Sisters' sponsored ministries, and served on the Brooklyn Diocesan Commission to Prevent Sexual Abuse. She currently serves on the CSSJ Federation and Council for the U.S. Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Sister Helen received her MA and PhD in psychology from New York University, and is a licensed NYS psychologist. She was the director of St. Joseph's College Laboratory School, professor of child study at St. Joseph's College, and a consultant on early childhood to parochial and public schools.



CHERYL KORMAN

PARTNER • RIVKIN RADLER LLP

Hall of Fame Honoree

Cheryl Korman is a partner at Rivkin Radler LLP, where she is resident in the Long Island office. She is a member of the law firm's Litigation & Appeals Practice Group and is involved in all aspects of appellate litigation. Korman has successfully handled complex appeals in every Appellate Division in the State of New York, as well as in the New York State Court of Appeals, and has argued before the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, as well as other federal district courts.

Korman has obtained significant appellate victories for Rivkin Radler's clients in the areas of insurance, real estate, banking, breach of contract, municipal law, products liability, premises liability and other business-related disputes. Author of several articles that have appeared in both the New York Law Journal and Insurance Advocate, Korman has also lectured at continuing legal education seminars and client in-house seminars on various topics. She is an active member of

the Committee on the Courts of Appellate Jurisdiction of the New York State Bar Association.

Korman is committed to mentoring young attorneys through her leadership in the firm's Women's Initiative, as well as her involvement with and commitment to the firm's newer associates. She is a member of the steering committee of the newly-formed Women's Collaborative, in partnership with the Long Island Association and Long Island University, which encourages partnerships and presents opportunities for the advancement for professional women.

Her community involvement includes volunteering for the Nassau Chapter of the American Heart Association, chairing the 2008 Go Red For Women Luncheon, and serving on the board of directors and co-chairing the Circle of Red, a society of women dedicated to influencing change in the community regarding heart health.



NICOLE LARRAURI

MANAGING PARTNER • EGC GROUP

As managing partner of EGC Group, one of New York's fastest growing marketing and digital agencies, Nicole Larrauri manages marketing, retail and digital strategies for Brother International, Thomson Reuters, Canon and Emerging Vision, among others. She has also produced and moderated the Long Island Digital Summit, the region's largest digital event.

After receiving a degree in fine arts, Larrauri

worked at several large marketing agencies. She began working at EGC in 1998, was made a partner in 2008 and has been instrumental in the agency's growth.

Currently, she is a member of the Young Presidents Organization (YPO), and member of the boards of ACIT, Farmingdale's Visual Arts Department and the Huntington Arts Council.

MAUREEN LESLIE

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF
OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS •
ADELPHI UNIVERSITY

Hall of Fame Honoree



A well-respected leader in higher education, business and Long Island health care organizations, Maureen Leslie is a driving force in educating physicians and healthcare professionals in the area of business. As assistant director of off-campus programs for Adelphi University, she championed the MBA program for physicians to provide them with an in-depth understanding of the world of business and its direct relationship to the rapidly changing health care industry.

Leslie successfully negotiated an exclusive partnership between the Huntington Chamber of Commerce and Adelphi University creating the only onsite MBA program offered through a Chamber to its membership. The program made the MBA affordable and convenient to small business owners and corporations in the Huntington/Melville area. In addition, she negotiated another unique partnership in which Adelphi offered an onsite MBA program with a specialization in health services administration to employees of St. Francis Hospital. She also developed an MBA program specifically for physicians affiliated with Catholic Health Services, and currently runs

several programs at Winthrop Hospital and The Suffolk County Medical Society.

Before joining Adelphi, Leslie was the interim executive director of The Long Island Center for Business & Professional Women where she managed and advanced the organization through community outreach. She received a bachelor of arts degree cum laude from Molloy College, where she also worked as director of alumni relations, and completed human resource management and leadership management seminars at the C.W. Post campus of Long Island University. She maintains active membership in Delta Epsilon Sigma, Phi Delta Kappa International, the American Association of University Women, and is recognized in Who's Who in American Education.

Leslie serves on the board of directors of the Huntington Chamber of Commerce and Women Economic Developers of LI, and formerly served on the board of directors of the Long Island Center for Business & Professional Women. She mentors high school and college students and works with organizations that provide corporate training and internship opportunities.



VANESSA LOCKEL

SUFFOLK COUNTY REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

This April, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo named Vanessa Lockel his Suffolk County Regional Representative—a position in which she serves as the Governor’s chief external and political affairs liaison for the Suffolk County region.

From October 2013 until her recent appointment, Lockel was the Suffolk County Regional Lead for the Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery Community Reconstruction Program. In this role, she worked with 11 different communities throughout Suffolk County devastated by Superstorm Sandy to create reconstruction plans that contained resiliency projects to be implemented with \$50 million in funding. Lockel worked with elected officials, non-profit leaders, small business owners and local residents to ensure all voices were heard and decisions were made in a timely manner.

Prior to her work with the Governor’s Office, Lockel was executive director of the NYC Beverage

Association, deputy press secretary and financial education coordinator for the Office of State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli and director of community outreach for the New York State Banking Department (Department of Financial Services). She was also program director at Westchester IDA Network in Hawthorne, NY, international product manager at Merrill Lynch & Co. and research specialist at JP Morgan Investment Management, Inc.

Lockel received her bachelor of arts in theater from Bates College and a master of public administration with a concentration in financial management from Columbia University. She was also a PhD candidate at Stony Brook University’s School of Social Welfare from 2004 through 2008, and a member of Molloy College’s Energeia Partnership, a leadership academy dedicated to identifying and addressing the complex and multi-dimensional issues challenging the Long Island region.

PATRICIA MARCIN

PARTNER •
FARRELL FRITZ, P.C.



As a partner at Farrell Fritz, P.C., Patricia Marcin concentrates in gift, estate and tax planning, including the preparation of wills and trusts and the administration of trusts and estates. She helps clients plan for the transfer of their assets through lifetime gifting techniques; analyzes estate and fiduciary income tax issue in estates; engages in post-mortem estate tax planning; and helps clients navigate practical issues arising after death.

In addition to hosting monthly Long Island Trusts & Estates discussion groups open to all practitioners, Marcin mentors associates and paralegals in the trusts and estates department within her firm. She is a member of the Nassau and Suffolk Estate Planning Councils, the Trusts & Estates section of the New York State Bar Association, the Surrogate's Court Estates & Trusts committee of the Nassau County Bar Association and the Accountant/Attorney Networking Group.

Marcin has taken a leadership role in numerous community organizations, as well. She is co-founding director of, and pro bono legal counsel to, the Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation, a not-for-profit corporation that raises funds to ensure excellence for all students in

the Cold Spring Harbor Public Schools. She is a former co-president of Cold Spring Harbor's Special Education Parent Teacher Association and has served on the School Improvement Team for Lloyd Harbor School and Cold Spring Harbor Junior/Senior High School.

In addition, after serving as a member of the professional advisory committee for the North Shore-LIJ Foundation, Marcin was appointed to North Shore-LIJ Huntington Hospital's board of directors. She has chaired the development committee of Huntington Hospital's board of trustees since 2013. Marcin is also a member of the advisory board for the Tourette's Center of Excellence at the North Shore-LIJ Health System. She is a member of the Caumsett Foundation's board of directors, the board of advisors for the North Shore Holiday House, and also serves as vice chair on the board of advisors for the Long Island Community Foundation.

Marcin graduated summa cum laude from the Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, where she serves on the Dean's Advisory Board, and received her bachelor of arts degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.



MARGARET M. MCGOVERN, PhD, MD

PHYSICIAN-IN-CHIEF, STONY BROOK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
 PROFESSOR & CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS,
 STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Margaret McGovern, MD, PhD, was appointed chair of the department of pediatrics of the Stony Brook School of Medicine in 2007. Board-certified in pediatrics, clinical genetics and clinical molecular genetics, she previously served at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine as professor of human genetics, pediatrics and obstetrics and gynecology, as well as vice chair of the department of human genetics and the program director of the General Clinical Research Center. She was appointed physician-in-chief of Stony Brook Long Island Children's Hospital in June 2010 and has since recruited many outstanding clinical and research faculty to meet the hospital's comprehensive needs.

A distinguished alumna of Stony Brook University, Dr. McGovern received her PhD and medical doctorate degrees from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine where she was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha honorary society. She completed her residency in pediatrics and fellowships in clinical genetics and clinical molecular genetics at the Mount

Sinai Hospital.

Dr. McGovern's professional affiliations include the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Association of Professors of Human and Medical Genetics, as well as the American Society of Human Genetics. She has served as the principal investigator on funded research grants from the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and the Department of Defense.

The author of numerous peer-reviewed article and book chapters, Dr. McGovern is an internationally-recognized authority in the inborn errors of metabolism. She has also served on national committees including the Food and Drug Administration Immunologic Devices Review Panel, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CLIA Committee, the Office of Veterans Affairs Advisory Panel on Genetics and Genomics, the Association of American Medical Colleges Medical Students Objectives Panel and the New York State Task Force on Life and the Law.



RHONDA L. MEYER

ATTORNEY • PEGALIS & ERICKSON, LLC

An attorney at Pegalis & Erickson, LLC, Rhonda Meyer has more than 25 years of experience representing medical malpractice plaintiffs. She has extensive experience with cases involving birth injuries resulting from negligent obstetrical and peri-natal care, neonatal medicine, cardiothoracic surgery and orthopedic surgery.

At Pegalis & Erickson, Meyer handles the pre-trial work for the firm's youngest clients—babies who sustained severe neurological injuries at birth that require a lifetime of care. She has prepared numerous cases which have resulted in multi-million dollar verdicts and settlements. Her diverse experience includes medical legal cases involving radiation oncology, pediatrics, pulmonary medicine, vascular surgery, infectious disease, nephrology, neurosurgery, and cancer-related medicine.

In both 2015 and 2014, Meyer was named to

the New York Metro Super Lawyers. She is admitted to practice in New York and United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. She is a member of New York State Trial Lawyers Association, Nassau County Bar Association, Suffolk County Bar Association, and the Huntington Lawyers Club.

Meyer received her law degree from Hofstra University School of Law and her undergraduate degree from State University of New York at Stony Brook. An avid soccer player, she has played with the Long Island Ladies' Soccer League for the past 25 years. Her volunteer activities have been dedicated to girls' sports: as a girls' coach at the Northport Youth Center Soccer League, basketball coach at St. Hugh Church in Huntington Station, and softball coach for the Huntington Tri-Village Little League.



STEFANA MULLER

DIRECTOR, PRODUCT MANAGEMENT • CA TECHNOLOGIES

Stefana Muller is an experienced product management professional who has spent the past 15 years embedded in software application and development. She has launched successful solutions into the internet security, consumer, managed services, enterprise IT and cloud markets, while helping her customers transform software solutions into innovative cloud services. Currently, as director of product management at CA Technologies, Muller is responsible for defining and building solutions to help application development teams “shift-left” and move to a true DevOps model at a rapid pace.

Muller is very active in the DevTest Global User Community and runs the DevTest Customer

Validation program giving customers the ability to continuously provide feedback on her product line throughout the Agile sprint cycle.

Taking an active role in promoting women in technology, Muller participates in ABI.NY initiatives and the Grace Hopper Conference, runs events for the Islandia chapter of Women @CA, and recently started the first Long Island Women in Tech MeetUp group, which already has nearly 40 members. As an active member of the CA Council of Technical Excellence, a technology think tank with a mission to help create and sustain a culture of innovation at CA Technologies, Muller is a mentor to several individuals in engineering, support and product management.



HILLARY NEEDLE

PRESIDENT • HILLARY NEEDLE EVENTS INC.

Hillary Needle brings more than 20 years of senior management expertise in event planning to the company, Hillary Needle Events Inc., which she created in 2009. She brings organizational skills and staffing knowledge for a range of special events including large galas, golf outings, networking receptions, food tastings, fashion shows, art auctions and educational symposiums. She is successful in developing and implementing strategies that help organizations brand and grow existing events in addition to building an event from concept to celebration.

Previously, Needle served as the director of development for the American Heart Association and as executive vice president for eight years at an event planning corporation active in fundraising event management for not-for-profit organizations.

In addition to her not-for-profit background, Needle is accomplished in medical marketing and public relations. She has organized publicity, written speeches and newsletter articles and created published materials and event journals.

Needle recently served as moderator for the Hauppauge Industrial Association's executive breakfast, "Women of Influence." Next month, she will be a featured panelist at Mom-mentum's (formerly National Mother's Center) annual women's leadership conference. She has presented workshops for the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Long Island Chapter's Annual Philanthropy Day conference and has served as a presenter and panelist for the Jewish Community Relations Council - LI Leadership Program.

In addition, Needle is chairperson for membership of the Nassau County Museum of Art's corporate committee and an active member of the Executive Women's Golf Association of Long Island, as well as the Long Island Association and its Long Island Women's Collaborative.

She is a cum laude graduate of Hofstra University, where she received a bachelor of arts degree in communications/journalism and currently serves as vice president for programs in the Hofstra University Alumni Organization.



MELISSA NEGRIN-WIENER

PARTNER • GENSER DUBOW GENSER & CONA

As partner at Genser Dubow Genser & Cona (GDGC), Melissa Negrin-Wiener manages the government benefits department while concentrating her practice in the areas of Medicaid eligibility planning, asset protection planning, disability matters, guardianships, estate planning and veteran benefits. She also supervises the preparation of Medicaid applications for nursing home care, home health care and community benefits.

Negrin-Wiener currently serves as the president of the Suffolk County Women's Bar Association. She is a state-certified court evaluator and counsel to guardian and incapacitated persons, and is accredited by the Department of Veterans Affairs. In addition, Negrin-Wiener is an advanced elder law mediator trained by the New York Peace Institute and serves as mediator on the Nassau County Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Panel.

Negrin-Wiener assisted in the development of GDGC's workplace wellness program, "Tools and Advice for Working Caregivers," an employee benefits program provided at no cost to employers who assist employees caring

for aging loved ones. She also serves as the chair of GDGC Charitable Events, a not-for-profit organization committed to enhancing the quality of life for the elderly, disabled and underprivileged.

In addition to being active in a variety of community outreach programs, Negrin-Wiener dedicates much of her time to raising money for charitable causes including the Long Island Fight for Charity, the American Heart Association, the MS Walk and GDGC's Midnight Run relief mission to hand deliver food and warm clothes to NYC's homeless.

A graduate from Binghamton University with a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy, politics and law, Negrin-Wiener received her juris doctor from Hofstra University. She is a member of the Suffolk County Bar Association's Elder Law committee, the New York State Bar Association, the Nassau County Bar Association, the Suffolk County Women's Bar Association and the Advanced Elder Law Focus Group. She is also a member of the Hauppauge Industrial Association and serves as the charities coordinator for 100 Women Who Care About Long Island.



MAUREEN O'DONNELL

FINANCIAL ADVISOR • NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL

As a financial advisor at Northwestern Mutual since 1986, Maureen O'Donnell strives to educate clients and prospective clients as to the tools available to help them achieve financial security, while motivating them to act to protect against the economic impact of living too long, dying too soon or becoming disabled. O'Donnell's professional specialties include financial and retirement income planning, as well as life insurance, disability income and long-term care planning.

Recipient of the National Association of Insurance

and Financial Advisors Quality Award in 2011-2013, O'Donnell was also a Qualifying/Life Member of the Million Dollar Round Table from 2010-2013. She is a board member of the Life Enrichment Center of Oyster Bay and volunteers at The INN in Hempstead and the Ronald McDonald House in New Hyde Park.

O'Donnell received a bachelor of science degree in marketing/management from Bryant University and was awarded the designation of Chartered Life Underwriter from The American College.



PATRICIA O'HARE DELGENIO

VICE PRESIDENT, HUMAN RESOURCES FIELD SERVICES,
METROPOLITAN MARKET • RAYMOUR & FLANIGAN FURNITURE

Patricia O'Hare DelGenio joined Raymour & Flanigan in 2006 and, since then, has greatly contributed to the company's rapid growth within Long Island, Manhattan and the boroughs, as well as in northern, central and southern New Jersey. During her tenure, DelGenio's area of responsibility has grown from two to 42 locations, totaling about half of the company's revenue. As vice president of human resources field services, DelGenio leads her team of five regional HR leaders to execute her mission of creating an exemplary associate experience.

She is currently the vice president sponsor of the company's leadership best practice team. A well-accomplished facilitator of many leadership development workshops offered through Raymour & Flanigan's Leadership Development Institute, DelGenio has contributed to the professional devel-

opment of hundreds of leaders.

Before joining the Raymour & Flanigan team, DelGenio was the director of human resources at AmeriCorp, a financial services firm in Syosset. She also worked in advertising, internet software and account services after graduating cum laude from Dowling College's School of Business.

DelGenio is a frequent contributor to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island, as well as the Long Island Veterans Administration. She was the chair of AmeriCorps active charity committee and has been recognized by the Education and Assistance Corporation for her team's contribution to the EAC Meals on Wheels food pantry. Recently, DelGenio became affiliated with Almost Home Outreach, a Huntington-based organization which provides support, services and resources for pets and their owners.



MAUREEN PARADINE

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT • 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, INC.

An innovator in the HR field, Maureen Paradine uses her experience and talents to implement and optimize next-generation processes and advanced technologies instrumental in the growth of thousands of employees, as well as the success of several companies.

As senior vice president of human resources for 1-800-Flowers.com, Paradine has worldwide responsibility for all HR activities. She recently re-engineered the 1-800-Flowers.com human resource function, transforming it into an enterprise that utilizes online social technologies for recruitment, selection, on-boarding and performance management. Implementation of the company's social

technology-based performance management system has generated a transparent platform for performance reviews where feedback is continual.

Prior to joining the company, Paradine was vice president of human resources at The Hain Celestial Group, where she implemented a cutting-edge technology platform for benefits, HRIS, policies, pay grades and payroll that resulted in streamlined processes, increased operational efficiencies and substantial cost reductions.

Paradine received her BA in business from Hofstra University and her masters in industrial psychology from New York University.



MARINA PEREDO, MD

OWNER • MARINA I. PEREDO, M.D., P.C.

OWNER • SPATIQUE, INC.

OWNER/MEDICAL DIRECTOR • SKINFLUENCE, M.D., P.C.

Labeled a “Super Doctor” by The New York Times, Dr. Marina Peredo’s entrepreneurial talents have enabled her to grow several successful businesses including Marina I. Peredo, M.D., P.C. and Spatique, Inc. in Smithtown, and Skinfluence, M.D., P.C. in Manhattan.

After graduating with honors from Mount Sinai School of Medicine in 1991, Dr. Peredo worked at Frank Demento, M.D. & Associates, P.C. in Garden City and Dermedx Dermatology, P.C. in Smithtown, before opening her own practice in 2005.

An active member of the community, Dr. Peredo has received such honors as the “Teacher of the Year” award from Mount Sinai School of Medicine for outstanding mentorship. She is actively involved with the

Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Gift of Life Family Home and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Dr. Peredo has also used her own practice to provide free cancer screenings for community members.

Peredo is a member of the American Academy of Dermatology, the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery, the Skin Cancer Foundation, Long Island Dermatology Society, Women’s Dermatologic Society, New York State Society of Dermatology and the Dermatology Foundation. She has published and presented on numerous topics and has been featured on several media outlets, including The New York Times, Cosmopolitan, The View and Good Morning America.



LAUREN PERSICO

SENIOR EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT & PARTNER
DRIVEN LOCAL

Four years ago, Lauren Persico began her career at Driven Local, a Melville-based digital marketing solutions provider, as a social media account manager. She has since been promoted to senior executive vice president and partner at the company, which maintains more than 1,600 clients throughout the United States. Persico is responsible for operations and managing the company's three offices—in New York, Colorado and Connecticut – which comprise more than 80 employees. Under her leadership, Driven Local will do approximately \$19 million in sales in 2015.

Persico travels regularly, speaking as a digital expert at digital summits. She can often be found on campus at some of the largest companies in the digital space, including Google, Bing, Yahoo and Facebook.

An advocate for giving back and helping Long Island's youth keep up with the digital shift in how people communicate and operate in their personal and business lives,

Persico volunteers as a judge and mentor with the Half Hollow Hills King of the Hills competition and School to Business Partnership. In addition, she volunteers as a digital marketing expert for program coordination and curriculum development for the Suffolk County E-Learning program.

She has been involved with mentorship programs and internship development through the St. Mary's High School girls varsity basketball program and St. Dominic's High School girls varsity lacrosse program, and volunteered as a coach, events and fundraiser coordinator at Long Island Xtreme AAU basketball program. In addition, she has volunteered with the Boomer Esiason Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the Susan B. Komen For the Cure Association and the Flushing chapter of Nicky Nick and Co. She is a member of the National Association of Professional Women and the Inventors Association of Manhattan.



MARIAN RUSSO

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
• VILLAGE OF
PATCHOGUE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

As executive director of the Patchogue Community Development Agency, Marian Russo oversees the administration of the Section 8 rental subsidy program, as well as the Community Development Block Grant Funds. She assists the mayor on special projects, specifically coordination of the Village's participation in the Artspace Patchogue Lofts project and the rehabilitation of 31 West Main Street. In addition, Russo meets regularly with the executive director of the Business Improvement District and the Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Patchogue Arts Council and the beautification committees.

Before becoming a community development professional, Russo worked as an associate attorney at Roe Wallace Esteve Taroff & Taitz, LLP. She went on to become a grants administrator and first-time homebuyer counselor for Community Housing Innovations, where her law background helped with grant writing and explaining real estate transactions to first-time homebuyers.

Russo is currently president of the Long Island Community

Development Organization; vice president of the newly-formed Long Island Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, a local chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials; and past president of the Association of Long Island Housing Agencies.

In addition to serving as secretary of the Greater Patchogue Foundation, Russo is founder and president of the Greater Patchogue Foundation Active in Disaster, which was formed after Hurricane Sandy to help the community prepare and network before, and provide relief and recovery after, a disaster. She has volunteered with and served as co-chair of Alive After Five, and currently chairs the "Street Team," which helps with vendor set-up and providing visitor information. Russo is also a member of the Sunday Services committee at her congregation and emcees events for Of Colours, an art collaborative at Artspace in Patchogue.

Russo received her bachelor of arts cum laude in interdisciplinary social sciences and her juris doctor degree magna cum laude from the Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center.



SUSAN RUZENSKI

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR • HELEN KELLER NATIONAL CENTER
FOR DEAF-BLIND YOUTHS AND ADULTS

Susan Ruzenski has dedicated her adult life to working and advocating with and for people who are deaf-blind. Since 2014, she has served as executive director of the Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, the only comprehensive national program that provides information, referral, support and training exclusively to youths and adults who are deaf-blind.

Ruzenski began working at the Helen Keller National Center 35 years ago as supervisor of the residential program. Over the next several decades, she advanced through other positions of responsibility, most recently serving as director of direct services be-

fore being named executive director.

A tireless advocate for inclusiveness, Ruzenski is dedicated to making sure that more leadership positions within HKNC go to deaf-blind people. She is currently mentoring the organization's associate executive director, who is deaf-blind, so that she can learn every aspect of HKNC and become involved with the organization's growth and priorities.

Ruzenski is a doctoral candidate at Teachers College, Columbia University in Adult Learning and Leadership; holds a bachelor of arts in special education from Dowling College; and holds a master of arts degree in Deaf Education from New York University.



LISA SICURELLI

CO-FOUNDER AND MANAGING PARTNER
AMBASSADOR ABSTRACT, LLC

With more than 10 years of experience in the residential real estate and title industries, in 2005 Lisa Sicurelli co-founded Ambassador Abstract LLC, a full-service title company in Huntington providing title insurance to residential and commercial properties, as well as for major lending institutions. Today, she oversees all aspects of the company's business and – under her guidance – Ambassador Abstract has flourished during one of the industry's more challenging periods.

A licensed salesperson with Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty since 1994, Sicurelli has been a top producer. She was named Rookie of the Year in 1994, and went on to earn entry into the company's

prestigious Gold Circle of Excellence for its top agents. In 2011, Sicurelli secured the highest residential sale in Suffolk County west of the Hamptons—a waterfront property for \$12.3 million.

Sicurelli provides ongoing training and mentoring on title insurance for new agents joining Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty. She has been a member of the Long Island Board of Realtors since 1994, and is an avid supporter of the National New York Kidney Foundation, the American Heart Association and the North Shore Animal League. Sicurelli graduated from Marymount Manhattan College with a bachelor of science degree in psychology.



DEBRA A. SILVERMAN

PARTNER/DIRECTOR • GARFUNKEL WILD, P.C.

Debra Silverman joined Garfunkel Wild, P.C. as a member of the business, health care, HIPAA compliance and insurance regulatory practice groups in 1988. She represents hospital systems, teaching and community hospitals, faculty practice plans and physician group practices, with an emphasis on managed care contracting, health care delivery networks, accountable care organizations, clinical integration, physician arrangements, antitrust and regulatory matters.

In addition to administering the firm's managed care group, Silverman handles direct negotiations with major managed care organizations (including Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Aetna, CIGNA, United Healthcare and EmblemHealth, as well as Medicare

and Medicaid managed care plans) for fee-for-service, accountable care and full-risk arrangements.

A frequent lecturer for the Healthcare Financial Management Association, Silverman was also a contributing author of the New York Health Law Update. She has been a moderator, presenter and featured speaker at several seminars, association meetings and symposiums.

Silverman graduated cum laude from Princeton University and received her juris doctorate from the University of California, Hastings College of Law. She is a member of the New York Bar Association, the American Bar Association (Health Law section), and the American Health Lawyers Association.



JUDY LYNN SIMONCIC

PARTNER • FORCHELLI, CURTO, DEEGAN,
SCHWARTZ, MINEO & TERRANA, LLP

After graduating from Hofstra University School of Law in 1992, Judy Lynn Simoncic started her legal career working in the Oyster Bay Town Attorney's office. By 2003, she had become the first woman named partner at Forchelli, Curto, Deegan, Schwartz, Mineo & Terrana, LLP.

Simoncic concentrates her practice in the areas of zoning, land use, environmental, municipal and real estate law. She represents national franchises, Fortune 500 companies, national corporations, large real estate development companies, as well as individual real estate developers in the development of both residential and commercial properties throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties.

Simoncic regularly appears on behalf of her clients before municipal boards on a diversity of zoning applications such as variances, special use permits, change of zones, site plan approval, and major and minor subdivisions. Her skills in land use and zoning matters have impacted

a number of projects on Long Island, including the subdivision of the former Northrop Grumman Corporation campus involving 700 acres of land in Bethpage, the subdivision and redevelopment of approximately 65 acres of The Long Island Home/South Oaks Hospital Campus property in Massapequa, the subdivision of 108 acres of land known as the former Winthrop Estate in the Village of Old Westbury, and the subdivision and preservation of the Smither's Estate in Mill Neck. She also represents clients in a variety of litigation matters including Article 78 Proceedings and District Court proceedings related to zoning matters.

Simoncic is admitted to practice before the State Bars of New York and New Jersey and is a member of the New York State Bar Association, the Nassau County Bar Association and the Long Island Real Estate Group. In 2011, she was appointed to the Options for Living Inc. Board of Directors.



CAROL SOMAN

PRESIDENT AND CEO
DASHBOARD NY, FIX YOUR BOOKS 911

In 2012, after a successful career as a certified public accountant, CEO, chief financial officer and chief operating officer at manufacturing, distribution, technology and service businesses, Carol Soman decided to start her own CFO consulting company, Dashboard NY, Inc.

Soman and her team work with clients—ranging from startups to early-stage and mature businesses, as well as turnaround situations—to interpret their financial data on an ongoing basis, while strategically planning for future growth. After studying a client's operations, administrative, reporting systems and metrics, Dashboard NY identifies any problems, presents options for improvement, creates a customized solution and sets up a monitoring plan for budget and reporting systems, cash flow management and dashboards to measure key performance indicators.

Two years after starting Dashboard NY, Soman

founded Fix Your Books 911, which helps businesses get their financial books updated, accurate and clean to maximize profitability.

An active member of Long Island's business community, Soman is chairperson of the Long Island Chapter of the Financial Women's Association, an organization helping to grow the next generation of leaders and enhance women's role in finances. She is also a member of the Women's Presidents' Organization, which works to support female entrepreneurs. In addition, Soman is treasurer of the Accountant Attorney Networking group.

Through her participation in the Moxxie Network, Soman mentors young, female accounting students. She also volunteers her time providing financial advice for startup companies through LaunchPad LI and has participated in the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants' outreach program.



WENDY B. STEVENS

PARTNER-IN-CHARGE
• QUALITY ASSURANCE
WEISERMAZARS, LLP

Wendy Stevens is a former Big Four audit partner with more than 30 years of experience in providing accounting and audit services to a variety of public and private clients. She has served as a technical reviewer and has been involved with complex accounting issues, including acquisitions and dispositions, restructurings, and public and private equity and debt offerings. She provides advisory services regarding complicated accounting issues, including SEC rules and documents. Stevens has worked with companies in a multitude of industries including software/technology, retail, wholesale/distribution, real estate, media and communications, health care and manufacturing.

Stevens is currently the quality assurance leader at WeiserMazars LLP, where she is responsible for the firm's compliance with professional standards, risk management, independence and ethics, and learning and education. In addition, she serves on the WeiserMazars Accounting and Auditing Standards committee, where she participates in the develop-

ment, implementation and monitoring of the firm's accounting and auditing procedures and policies.

As the founding member and chair of the WeiserMazars Women's Network, Stevens is active in creating an environment that focuses on career development for women at WeiserMazars. She is also a member of the firm's Partner Path committee.

Stevens serves on the Mazars Group Technique & Innovation Board, whose six members are responsible for leading the worldwide organization toward exemplary quality standards through their oversight of the work of several committees and key project groups.

Stevens received her bachelor of science degree in business administration from Boston University, with a concentration in accounting. She is a certified public accountant in New York State, a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a member of the Center of Audit Quality's Professional Practice executive committee.



LIDIA SZCZEPANOWSKI

ATTORNEY, ENTREPRENEUR, OWNER • EVERYTHING LYDIA, INC.

Lidia Szczepanowski is a practicing litigation attorney with The Szczepanowski Law Firm, P.C. in Melville, as well as owner of Everything Lidia, Inc., an award-winning, multi-platform, luxe lifestyle enterprise that shares progressive information and innovative ideas about health and beauty, career, safety, home and lifestyle, while educating, challenging and inspiring women. In addition, in 2007, Szczepanowski founded the National Organization for Women's Safety Awareness (NOWSA), a not-for-profit which helps raise awareness about sexual assault and prevent violence against women and teens.

Through NOWSA, Szczepanowski raises awareness and provides viable solutions for women to live safer lives. With assistance from several elected officials, the NOWSA has established Nov. 1 - 7 as "Teen Personal Safety Awareness Week" in New York; the charity has launched several personal safety initiatives including the "I B SAFE" silicone slap bracelet personal safety awareness campaign, "Voices For A Cause" programs, "Covers For A Cause" book cover

campaign, and the NOWSA's informational website and blog.

Szczepanowski appears regularly as a legal correspondent, personal safety expert and entrepreneurial consultant in numerous media outlets and has been a keynote speaker for events at educational institutions and other organizations. She also holds the titles of Mrs. New York America 2006, Mrs. New York International 2009 and was crowned Mrs. Corporate America in 2013.

Through Everything Lidia, Inc., Szczepanowski hosts and produces The Everything Lidia Show, a talk web TV show featured on TheDailyBlu.com that fuses open discussion, legal issues, lifestyle and learning. In addition, she volunteers her time at local charities, presents seminars to elementary, middle and high school students and provides pro bono legal services to those in need.

Szczepanowski received her BBA in international business from Hofstra University and her juris doctorate from St. John's



LESLIE TAYNE

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Attorney Leslie Tayne has more than a decade of experience in the practice area of consumer and business financial debt-related services. In 2001, she launched her law firm, Tayne Law Group, P.C., formerly Law Offices of Leslie H. Tayne P.C., which is one of the few New York State law practices concentrating in debt management, debt resolution and bankruptcy alternatives for consumers, small business owners and professionals who are in need of help with managing finances. Since its establishment, the practice has grown to include offices in Manhattan, White Plains and Mount Kisco.

Tayne and her firm deliver comprehensive consulting and support services for clients in all areas of debt including credit cards, unsecured loans, lines of credit and consumer-based loans, as well as business and student loan matters. She is highly accomplished in negotiation and settlements with large national banks, credit unions, collection agencies and multiple creditor legal representatives.

Tayne is a frequent guest speaker and presenter at colleges, bar associations and not-for-profits. She is actively involved with the Guide Dog Foundation of Smithtown as a volunteer

who cares for and trains puppies that eventually become service dogs for individuals in need. Tayne is also vice-chair for the Nassau County Bar Association's Attorney Accountant Committee, treasurer with the Jewish Lawyers Association of Nassau County, and serves on the advisory council of the Nassau Suffolk Law Services Committee, Inc. Additionally, she is a regular volunteer with Nassau County Bar's Mortgage Foreclosure Clinic, providing Nassau County residents with free legal advice regarding various mortgage issue and concerns.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, Tayne launched a specialized hotline on which she and her staff responded to questions and concerns by the many inflicted by the storm, free of charge, and offered free financial and debt advice.

A respected consumer and business debt-related expert, Tayne often comments on money and debt-related topics for various national and local news outlets. An expert blog contributor for Credit.com and author of Life & Debt, she has also participated in articles that have been featured by such noted news outlets as FoxBusinessNews.com and Yahoo! Finance.



YESENIA VASQUEZ

CFO • LASER NOW

Yesenia Vasquez is the CFO of Laser Now, a cosmetic laser service company in Franklin Square, where she also works as a laser technician.

Vasquez has raised funds for the Long Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Kidney & Urology Association, the Long Island Arts Council, the Long Island Science Museum, the Diversity Awards for the Boy Scouts Association of America, the Circulo de La Hispanidad and El Salvador Needs You, an organization established to help flood victims in Central America. She personally helps to sponsor an additional outreach program that feeds the hungry in rural El Salvador. In addition, Vasquez has volunteered as an advocate at SEPA Mujer, an organization dedicated to victims of domestic violence on Long Island. She also volunteered at the Consulate of El Salvador to ease the confusion and social barriers surrounding immigration and travel-related issues.

Vasquez currently serves as secretary of the

Salvadorean Civic committee; member of the National Association for Professional Women; mentor for the Moxxie Network, which mentors and empowers young women from all ethnicities and backgrounds to be the best they can be; member of the Latino Task Force from Girl Scouts of America; and volunteers as a translator at ROTACARE.

Vasquez has been honored by Town of Hempstead Supervisor Kate Murray for Hispanic Heritage Month, was in the Top 25 Advocates for Latino Empowerment to benefit the Hispanic Counseling Center and was named Mother of the Year in the Town of Hempstead and Business Woman of the Year by the Long Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. She was one of the top 25 advocates for the education and preservation of history to benefit Oyster Bay Historical Association and helped raise funds for breast cancer awareness at the Nassau County Women's Bar Association's Golf Outing.



ELLEN VOLPE

PRESIDENT • AMERICAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATES

Since 1988, Ellen Volpe has been president of American Business Associates (ABA), the longest-running, professionally-managed, business-to-business networking organization in New York. Volpe is dedicated to working with owners and sales executives to help them create successful, profitable businesses.

ABA brings business people together in small, professionally-facilitated councils that meet regularly to build productive relationships leading to business success. Volpe uses her personal influence to support her members' business success, as well as their causes, charities and even personal needs in times of trouble. She supports members' needs by reaching out to governmental and trade groups that can help with re-

sources and vital information, such as the Aerospace and Defense Diversification Alliance in Peacetime Transition (ADDAPT), Long Island Import Export Association and the U.S. Export Assistance Center.

Non-profit organizations such as the Long Island Community Foundation, American Diabetes Foundation, United Cerebral Palsy, Women's Fund of LI, American Heart Association, and Mom*Mentum receive access to potential donors, sponsors, volunteers and board members and other constituents.

Volpe has contributed to small business growth and stability on Long Island for a quarter century. And, she is continuing to expand ABA to support Long Island's current and future business owners.



GERALDINE WOLK

SENIOR MANAGER • EISNERAMPER, LLP

As senior manager in the Long Island office of the Private Business Services Group at EisnerAmper LLP, Geraldine Wolk provides services in income tax and tax planning, non-resident alien income taxes, trusts and estates, bankruptcies, high net worth individuals, not-for-profits, litigation support, forensics, accounting and start-up business issues.

Wolk was recently elected by her peers to become chair of the New York Society of CPAs Bankruptcy and Reorganization committee, which provides educational programming and offers resources to New York's accounting professionals.

She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the New York State

Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Estate Planning Council of Nassau County, Inc. Wolk earned her MBA at Hofstra University and her bachelor of science degree at Syracuse University.

In addition to busy professional work at EisnerAmper, Wolk is an active participant in EisnerAmper Cares, the firm's employee-run community volunteer organization. Specifically, she has volunteered with Long Island-based Sunrise Day Camp in Wheatley Heights and Splashes of Hope in Halesite, NY. Wolk also walks in the annual Heart & Sole 5K Walk/Run in support of North Shore Hospital in Plainview. She is also active in the Plainview Jewish Center, where her husband has served as the cantor for 40 years.

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