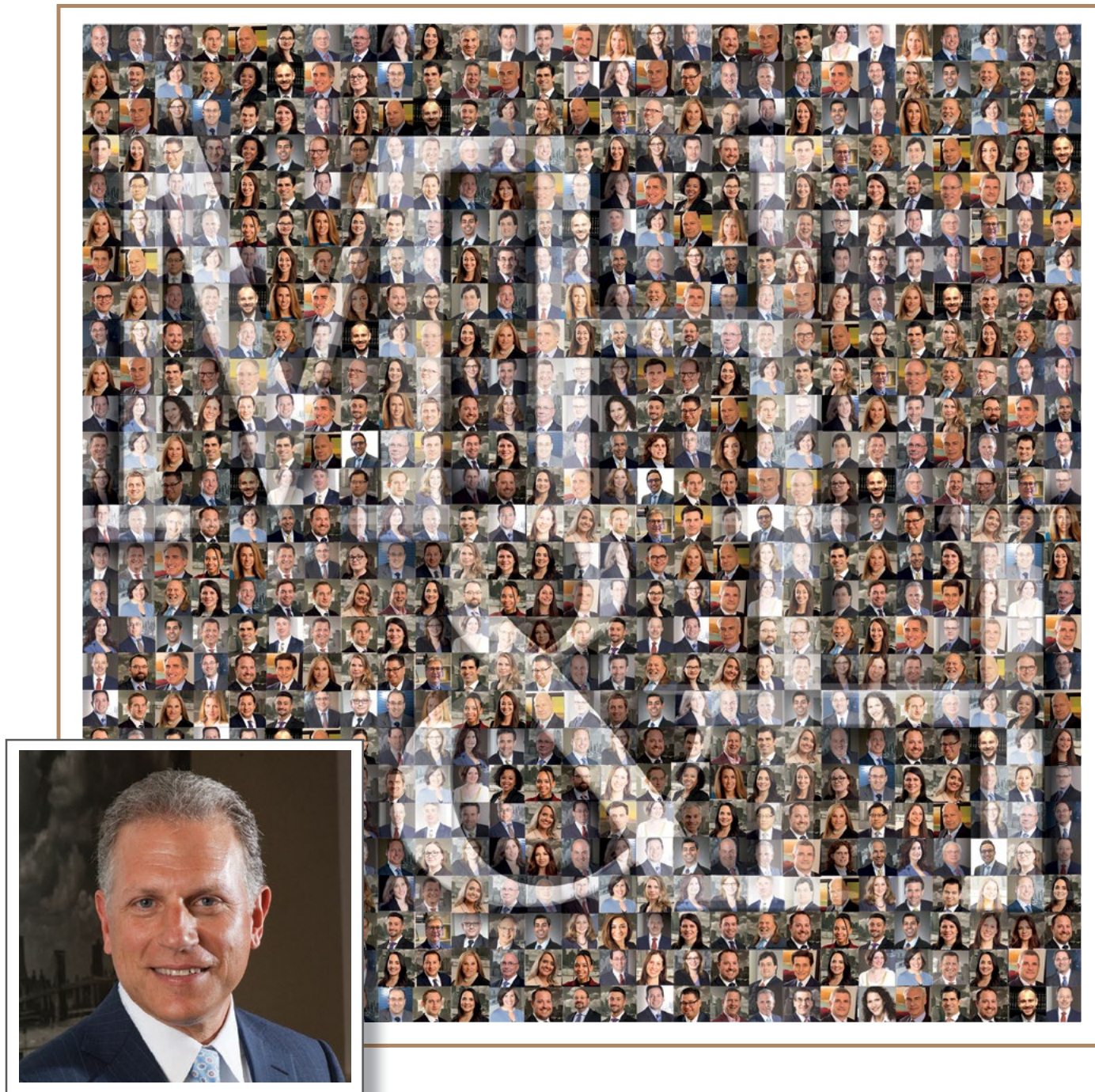




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Editor's Note

ABOUT 'LONG ISLAND BUSINESS INFLUENCERS: LAW 2023'

Long Island is home to some of the nation's greatest legal minds. In this special section, "Long Island Business Influencers: Law 2023," we feature 36 top-tier attorneys who are the class of the legal community.

These attorneys have risen to the top of their profession and their firms. Whether in the courtroom, the board room, the conference room or the classroom, they have demonstrated a level of professionalism, ability and commitment that distinguishes them in their industry.

These exceptional lawyers are experts in their subject matter, which spans dozens of industries and areas of the law – corporate, employment, securities, real estate, tax certiorari, healthcare, environmental, bankruptcy, matrimonial, personal injury, trusts and estates, elder law and many other concentrations. These attorneys are dedicated to representing the interest of their clients, whether large corporations, small businesses, municipalities, individuals, or families. Their dedication and inventiveness have shaped laws and changed lives.

When business leaders need guidance, they turn to these trusted advisors, who have helped steer Long Island companies through all the stages of their lifecycles. Advising companies on everything from formation to succession planning and all the phases in-between, these leading lawyers have helped strengthen Long Island's business community. They have counseled growing businesses on financing and real estate and helped them understand the risks and opportunities associated with mergers and acquisitions. They have helped businesses set up legally compliant employment policies and practices to help ensure their workplaces are free from harassment and discrimination. They have expertly guided clients through trying times, such as reductions in force or the global pandemic. They have found creative solutions to the problems that keep business owners up at night.

In addition to providing their clients with expert guidance, these leaders in law serve as mentors for the next generation. Most provide mentorship to up-and-coming attorneys in their firms, educating them and empowering them to become better attorneys and leaders in the future. A couple of the featured attorneys lead Long Island law schools, helping to shape today's students into tomorrow's lawyers.

These meritorious professionals are also builders of their communities. They are members of nonprofit boards, providing governance and guidance to help ensure these organizations can serve their constituents. Through philanthropic support and volunteering their legal expertise, these attorneys have supported dozens of charities and causes and strengthened the Long Island community.

Law is the first industry to be highlighted in LIBN's Influencers 2023 series. We will feature additional industries throughout the year.

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Engaged to handle some of the region's most highly contested and sensitive lawsuits, Leo K. Barnes, Jr. focuses on complex business litigation in federal court, the commercial division and various arbitration forums. An experienced trial and appellate attorney, Barnes represents businesses of all sizes in complex commercial litigation and arbitration, including breach of contract, business divorces, sophisticated commercial fraud, claims premised upon federal and state statutes, restrictive covenant claims, unfair competition matters, tortious interference, trade secrets and actions regarding breach of duty of loyalty.

Barnes is a founding member of Melville-based Barnes & Barnes, which was recognized in the 2022 LIBN Reader Rankings as a Best Litigation Law Firm. Individually, the attorney was included on that publication's 2022 leading lawyers list. Barnes was also named to the 2022 Super Lawyers list, as he has been each year since 2011.

Barnes' 2022 highlights included being appointed to the prestigious judicial screening committee of the Suffolk County Bar Association and serving as an instructor at the New York State Bar Association's Commercial Litigation Academy. Over the course of his 25-plus-year career, he has amassed a long list of recognitions and appointments from both the bench and the bar. Judges in federal and state courts have tapped him to serve as a court-appointed receiver. Suffolk County's administrative judge added him to the roster of mediators for the Commercial Division; he serves as an arbitrator for the New York State Unified Court System's Attorney/Client Fee Dispute Program; and he is a regular CLE lecturer. A prolific writer, Barnes is also frequently quoted in various publications, including the New York Law Journal, Law360 and The Suffolk Lawyer, regarding decisions and issues that impact commercial litigation.

A resident of Miller Place and a graduate of the Hofstra University School of Law, Barnes is active in a wide variety of charitable and volunteer endeavors. He served a two-year term as vice president of Chaminade High School's 22,000-plus-member Alumni Association. Previously, he served as the Ice Hockey Reunion chairman and as a member of the 25th Reunion committee.



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Annamarie Bondi-Stoddard, the long-time managing partner of Pegalis Law Group in Lake Success, represents patients in medical negligence cases, with a focus on women's health issues, children's birth injuries, cancers, surgical and neurosurgical cases, and medical specialty cases where negligence is involved. Over the last 30 years, she has developed an encyclopedia-like knowledge of medical terms. An advocate for patient proactivity, she lectures on patient safety and medical malpractice for community groups and law industry professionals.

Bondi-Stoddard was named a 2021 Lawyer of the Year on Long Island for plaintiffs' personal injury litigation and a 2020 Lawyer of the Year on Long Island for plaintiffs' medical malpractice by the Best Lawyers in America. In addition, she is one of only 5 percent of all U.S. attorneys to be listed in Best Lawyers, a distinction she has earned every year since 2007. In 2019, she received the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Leadership in Law series from LIBN. Bondi-Stoddard has also been recognized as one of the New York Metro Super Lawyers every year since 2007. She has served as an officer on the New York State Trial Lawyers executive board, as well as dean of the New York State Trial Lawyers Institute. The Long Island Press honored her with its Long Island Power Women in Business Award in 2018 and 2019. LIBN named her to its Top 50 Women in Business Hall of Fame. She was also named among the Top Women in Law by Hofstra University and awarded the Corporate Leadership Recognition Award from United Cerebral Palsy of Nassau. Bondi-Stoddard has also been recognized three times in LIBN's "Who's Who in Women in Professional Services."

The attorney has written extensively on medical malpractice in publications such as the Long Island Corridor Journal of Strategic Alliances and the New York Law Journal. Bondi-Stoddard is a member of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association, Nassau-Suffolk Trial Lawyers Association, Nassau County Bar Association, Nassau County Women's Bar Association, American Association for Justice and the New York State and New York County Bar Associations. She obtained her law degree from Boston University and her undergraduate degree from Seton Hall University as a summa cum laude graduate, with departmental honors.

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For the last 34 years, Mark J. Brosnan has represented countless families, individual institutional fiduciaries, businesses and financial institutions in a wide range of matters, including estate planning and administration, Surrogate's Court litigation, real estate and business transactions, taxation and commercial litigation. The lead attorney for Brosnan & Associates in Garden City, Brosnan serves as a trusted advisor to many families and business owners throughout the state.

Prior to and during law school, Brosnan was an accountant with a certified public accounting firm, where he gained experience as an auditor and tax practitioner.

From 1988 to 1994, Brosnan practiced law with a prominent Long Island firm and gained experience in real estate, banking and commercial litigation matters. He then went on to co-found and manage Brosnan & Hegler before leading Brosnan & Associates. His firms have been considered among Long Island's most reputable trusts and estates law firms.

Over the course of his career, Brosnan has handled several thousand estate planning and estate and trust administration matters. He has also prepared and filed thousands of estate tax and gift tax returns, fiduciary and individual income tax returns and fiduciary accountings. As a result, Brosnan has deep expertise in estate planning, estate administration, real estate transactions, estate, gift and income taxation, and Surrogate's Court litigation involving estates and trusts.

From January 2001 through December 2011, Brosnan also represented the Nassau County Public Administrator, which administers estates of Nassau County residents who die without wills and without known relatives. He has been appointed by the Surrogate's Courts as a guardian ad litem to represent infants and persons with a disability in numerous proceedings. Brosnan has also authored several publications for the New York State Bar Association and charitable organizations and conducted estate planning seminars presented by various financial institutions, professional associations and charitable organizations.

Brosnan has attained an AV Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell, the highest rating available. He is a graduate of St. John's University School of Law. He also holds a Bachelor of Science in accounting from St. John's.



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Christopher Byrnes began his career at Schroder & Strom in 2009 as a law clerk. A year later, he was named an associate attorney upon passing the New York State Bar Exam, and in 2021, he was elevated to the partnership of the Mineola-based firm. The attorney focuses his practice on commercial and residential property tax appeals across Long Island and throughout New York State. He handles every aspect of property tax assessment litigation, from property valuation and negotiation to trials and appellate advocacy. Throughout his career, Byrnes has successfully resolved thousands of property tax appeals, saving clients millions of dollars. Real estate developers, Fortune 500 corporations, condominiums, cooperatives, homeowner associations, nonprofits, small businesses, property managers and private homeowners appreciate his expertise.

Byrnes regularly provides pro bono legal services to elderly, low-income homeowners seeking assistance with senior citizen property tax exemptions. In the wake of Hurricane Sandy, Byrnes helped dozens of residential and commercial property owners obtain property tax relief resulting from the damage sustained to their properties. In 2016, he received the Pro Bono Legal Services Recognition Award from the Iranian-American Bar Association.

Byrnes is also heavily involved with the Community Associations Institute, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to providing education and resources to condominiums, cooperatives and homeowner associations. He served on the board of directors of the Long Island Chapter from 2015 through 2021, when his term limit expired. In 2018, he served as chapter president. In 2016, 2017 and 2019 Byrnes served as co-chair of the chapter's annual trade show (its biggest fundraiser), helping to boost attendance by more than 65 percent during that span.

His memberships also include the Nassau and Suffolk County Bar Associations, the New York State Bar Association, Community Bankers' Mortgage Forum, the Federalist Society and the Institute for Professionals in Taxation. He is also a past president of the Great South Bay Chapter of Business Networking International. LIBN presented Byrnes with a 40 Under 40 award in 2018. He was also named to Super Lawyers' New York Metro Rising Stars from 2018 through 2022.

After earning his bachelor's degree in history from Stony Brook University, Byrnes earned his law degree from Hofstra University. He resides in Huntington Station with his wife and their three children.



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Joe Campolo has been getting things done in the business community for more than 25 years and is a recognized leader for tackling large projects and delivering results. From advising business owners and CEOs on mergers and acquisitions, business and legal strategies to running his own business, Campolo is immersed in finding creative solutions to complex problems. His deep, inner knowledge of the business world allows him to understand the perspective of business owners as they think about growing and selling their companies.

As a top business strategist, Campolo is a go-to advisor for the who's who of Long Island business, and he is a member of the prestigious Long Island Business Hall of Fame. Recognized as an authority on negotiation, Campolo enjoys an advantage in both complex transactions and litigation and is routinely retained in "bet the company" legal matters by companies large and small. He takes a holistic approach to understanding all aspects of a client's business. His deep network of trusted advisors enables him to seamlessly provide critical services to high-net-worth clients, helping protect, manage and grow their businesses and other important assets.

With a reputation for investing in the local business community, Campolo has grown his network through his work with organizations such as Stony Brook University, HIA-LI, Tesla Science Center and the Long Island MacArthur Airport advisory board. In these positions, Campolo advocates for business owners and collaborates with the business community to lead high-profile and complex economic initiatives. Notably, Campolo spearheaded the projects that revealed the extraordinary economic impact of the Long Island Innovation Park at Hauppauge and now leads a task force to revitalize and grow this economic anchor. He was also instrumental in securing a new airline at Long Island MacArthur Airport, bringing unprecedented growth opportunities for the region.

Campolo is also deeply involved in philanthropy, starting his own nonprofit, CMM Cares. Built on the belief that bringing the business community together can make a difference in the lives of individuals and families, CMM Cares supports Long Islanders facing unexpected challenges. Campolo also serves on the boards of the Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind and America's VetDogs, and has served on many others throughout his career.

Campolo served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps. He is a member of St. George's Golf & Country Club in Stony Brook and is an executive producer of "Tribute," an award-winning short film. He graduated from Stony Brook University and Fordham University School of Law.



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Based in Melville, Allan Cohen leads the Long Island office of Nixon Peabody, an international full-service law firm. He represents a wide variety of companies, ranging from large public entities to mid-sized closely held and family-owned businesses to technology-based startups. Cohen dedicates much of his practice to mergers and acquisitions, including buy-side and sell-side work and representing strategic and private equity acquirers. Cohen also works with emerging companies in the formation and organization of their businesses and seed, angel and venture capital financings. He is involved in a wide range of industries, including healthcare, manufacturing and distribution, food and beverage, medical device, consumer products, life sciences and biotechnology. The attorney distinguishes himself by his adeptness at handling his clients' varied legal needs and providing the type of business-minded outside counsel that companies would expect from an in-house general counsel. His clients view him as the "quarterback," ensuring that not only their business law, but also their employment law, litigation, intellectual property, regulatory and other legal needs are met.

Cohen serves on the advisory board of the Long Island Food Council and as pro bono counsel to Erase Racism. He has also received much recognition from Long Island-based and statewide publications. He has been awarded the Champion for Children and Families Award by Variety Child Learning Center, and he received the Cornerstone Award from the Lawyers' Alliance for New York for his pro bono work for the Harlem Dowling-West Side Center for Children & Family Services. He is also a past recipient of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's MS Leadership Award and has served as chair of the American Heart Association Long Island Heart Ball and an honorary chair of the Family and Children's Association awards committee. His past affiliations include service on the boards of directors of Phoenix House of New York and Phoenix House of Long Island, membership on the steering committee for the New York State Innovation Hot Spot Program, committee membership for the Coalition on Child Abuse and Neglect and consultancy to Junior Achievement.

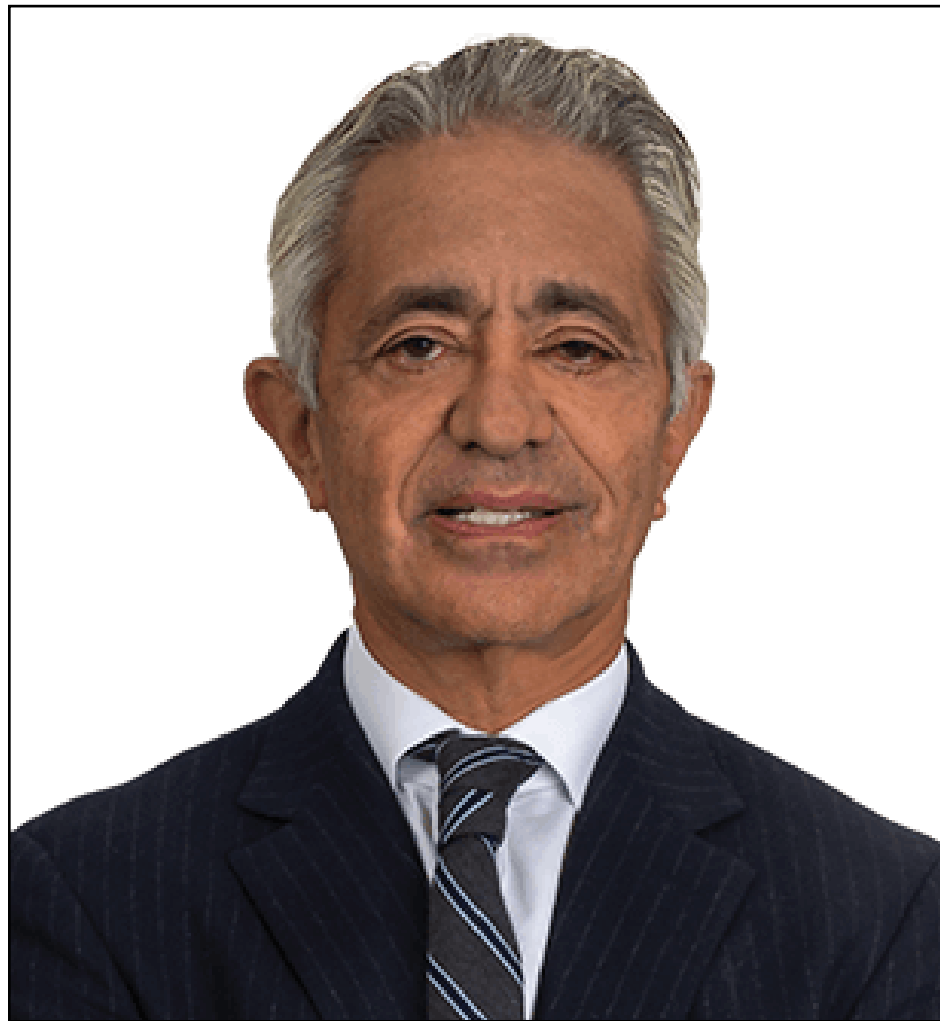
Cohen graduated from Columbia Law School, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. His bachelor's degree is in economics from Binghamton University, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He also studied pre-law at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

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Jennifer B. Cona is the founder and managing partner of Cona Elder Law, a Melville-based elder law and estate planning law firm now in its 25th year in business. Cona's practice focuses on asset protection, Medicaid planning, estate planning, probate and estate administration, estate litigation, special needs planning and guardianships.

The attorney also heads up the firm's healthcare reimbursement and recovery practice group. Under Cona's guidance, the firm works to secure and ensure a payment source for long-term healthcare, working together with both families and healthcare facilities to sustain quality care for older adults.

Cona is the recipient of numerous awards for her business acumen and commitment to the community. She is recognized by Best Lawyers in America and is rated a Super Lawyer. She has also received the New York Law Journal's Top Women in Law (inaugural class); Hofstra University's Outstanding Women in Law (inaugural class), and LIBN's Leadership in Law, 40 Under 40 and Top 50 Women in Business Hall of Fame awards, among many others. Under her direction, Cona Elder Law has received the prestigious HIA-LI Business Achievement Award and the Outstanding Corporation Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Cona is the founder of the firm's own nonprofit, Senior Dreams Come True, which grants wishes to low-income seniors, from helping a senior meet basic needs to fulfilling a life-long dream. She is also the immediate past chair of the board of trustees of the Long Island Alzheimer's and Dementia Center and currently serves as secretary on the board. She also serves on the board of the United Way of Long Island. She is the founder and chair of the Advanced Elder Law Focus Group, an industry think tank. Cona is also a New York State-certified guardian, court evaluator and counsel to incapacitated persons and is accredited by the Department of Veterans Affairs. She is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, the Elder Law and Trusts and Estates Sections of the New York State Bar Association, the Nassau County Bar Association, the Suffolk County Bar Association and the Estate Planning Council of Nassau County.

A recognized authority on elder law, Cona has appeared as a guest on WNBC-TV, WABC-TV, CNN-fn, News 12, WLNY News 55, WOR, WCBS AM, WBAB and WFAN. She has also been featured in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, Newsday, the New York Law Journal, Kiplinger's, Reader's Digest and LIBN.



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The managing partner at Uniondale-based Farrell Fritz, Robert C. Creighton concentrates his practice on general corporate work, with a particular emphasis on merger and acquisition transactions and the representation of banks in commercial lending matters.

Creighton counsels businesses in connection with acquisitions, dispositions, mergers, joint ventures and other business combinations, shareholders' agreements, partnership agreements and employment agreements, and matters of corporate law generally. He has also counseled institutional lenders in connection with commercial lending transactions, including secured and unsecured commercial financing, leveraged acquisitions, term loans, revolving credits and syndicated facilities.

Well-versed in the healthcare industry, Creighton's experience has ranged from advising a regional managed care company with regard to strategic transactions to advising physicians' practices in connection with general corporate advice to advising nonprofit hospital boards on various corporate governance issues.

City & State New York has named Creighton to its Long Island Power 100 for the past three years. This recognition highlights the most powerful political figures in Nassau and Suffolk counties – elected officials, government appointees, business and labor leaders, academics and advocates. He maintains a Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent peer review rating, which is given to attorneys who are ranked at the highest level of professional excellence for their legal expertise, communication skills and ethical standards by their peers.

Creighton serves on the board of directors of the Long Island Housing Partnership, a private-sector initiative that invests private and public funds and expertise to create affordable housing exclusively in Nassau and Suffolk counties. He also serves as vice chair of EPIC Long Island's board. EPIC Long Island provides treatment, care, education and support to those with epilepsy, and to individuals with intellectual or emotional challenges.

Creighton's other community activities include serving as board chair for the Family Service League, an organization that helps individuals, children and families to mobilize their strengths and improve the quality of their lives. He is also on the board of the Energeia Partnership, which brings together a diverse group of ethical leaders from Long Island's public, private and nonprofit sectors to help address the region's most complex issues. Creighton previously served as chairman of the board of directors for the Arthritis Foundation in Long Island and as a board member of the Long Island Philharmonic.

After graduating from Georgetown University, Creighton earned his law degree from Boston University School of Law.



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The founding partner of Mineola-based tax certiorari law firm Cronin & Cronin, Brad Cronin has established long standing relationships with major real estate developers, real estate owners, local politicians and numerous related real estate professionals. His skill in representing commercial property owners in obtaining tax reductions and refunds has resulted in his representing properties in virtually every community on Long Island. His successes include reducing the real estate taxes on many of the largest and high-profile properties on Long Island. Cronin attributes his success to establishing a reputation for integrity, honesty and hard work.

Cronin has been an invited speaker and participant on panels to discuss various subjects affecting tax certiorari and valuation of property such as condominiums, environmental contamination and valuation issues in the tax certiorari field. As a member of the Nassau and Suffolk condemnation and tax certiorari committees, he has worked to implement changes to facilitate the timely resolution of commercial tax protests.

Cronin has been featured in numerous publications regarding real estate tax. He writes a quarterly column in the New York Real Estate Journal entitled "Ask the Expert" regarding real property tax issues. He has established legal precedent for various issues in the field, including the valuation of golf courses, apartment buildings and retail properties. Martindale-Hubbard has given him the highest rating for both competency and ethics. LIBN has consistently included him in its Who's Who in both Tax Certiorari and Real Estate Law.

The Cronin & Cronin Law Firm represents a cross section of many of the largest developers, property owners, national corporations, REITs and retail chains, successfully obtaining court-ordered tax relief for all types of commercial properties, including racetracks, apartment buildings, office complexes, malls, shopping centers, golf courses and marinas. The firm has extensive trial experience having successfully litigated and resolved high-profile cases in counties throughout New York State and established a number of landmark decisions in the field.

Cronin is on the executive board and is a past president of the Long Island Real Estate Group, which has donated more than \$2 million to local Long Island charities for real estate projects. He is a co-founder of the Northwell Health Department of Medicine leadership circle committee and serves on the Village of Plandome planning board.

Cronin and his wife of more than 40 years live in Manhasset, where they raised three children. Two of their children are now partners in the law firm.



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MICHAEL DILEO

**PARTNER
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Michael DiLeo joined what was then known as Brown & Altman in 2008 and was elevated to the firm's partnership in 2014. Today, DiLeo manages the commercial real estate lending practice at Brown Altman & DiLeo, which is based in Melville.

DiLeo has extensive experience in the field of commercial real estate development and finance. Over the course of his career, he has represented lending institutions in commercial lending transactions, loan workouts and restructuring, litigation and bankruptcy matters.

The attorney represents lending institutions in a broad range of commercial loan transactions, including commercial real estate loans, lines of credit, mezzanine and bridge financing, Small Business Administration and industrial development agency lending, and complex real estate and asset-based financing transactions. He also represents developers and business owners on the borrowing side of loan transactions, helping them achieve financing objectives. This includes 1031 exchanges, tenant-in-common transactions and industrial development agency applications.

DiLeo also represents lenders in connection with loan workouts and restructuring matters, having negotiated the terms of defaulted loans to become performing assets. He has also represented landlords and tenants in commercial leasing transactions, as well as lenders and creditors in New York State and federal district and bankruptcy courts in loan enforcement actions.

Prior to joining Brown Altman & DiLeo, the attorney operated his own real estate investment and consulting firm, where he assisted commercial lenders and hedge funds in making financing available to real estate developers and invested in his own commercial and multifamily residential real estate projects. He was also formerly associated with the law firms of Phillips, Lytle in Manhattan and Rivkin Radler in Uniondale.

A lifelong resident of the Town of Oyster Bay, DiLeo is committed to preserving landmarks and open space and serves as chairman of the Town of Oyster Bay Landmarks Preservation Commission and has served on the Save Environmental Assets Fund advisory committee.

DiLeo is a graduate of the Hofstra University School of Law.



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A magna cum laude graduate of Hofstra University, Donohue obtained his law degree from the Hofstra University School of Law. His legal background includes estate planning, administration and litigation, corporate planning and commercial litigation. He has also practiced real estate law.

Since 1997, Donohue has devoted his practice to representing injured workers before the Workers' Compensation Board as a highly respected New York workers' compensation attorney.

In 1999, he joined his current firm, which was formerly known as Sherman, Federman, Sambur, and McIntyre, and was elevated to the partnership in 2004. A decade later, Donohue was named managing partner.

Donohue has spoken on workers' compensation and Social Security issues before many unions and professional organizations. He continues to advocate for claimants before the board at both the trial and appeal levels.

Along with serving his community for more than 25 years, Donohue has been recognized as a distinguished advocate for workers' compensation. He has received Lawyers of Distinction's Recognizing Excellence in Workers' Compensation Law award and LIBN's Leadership in Law award.

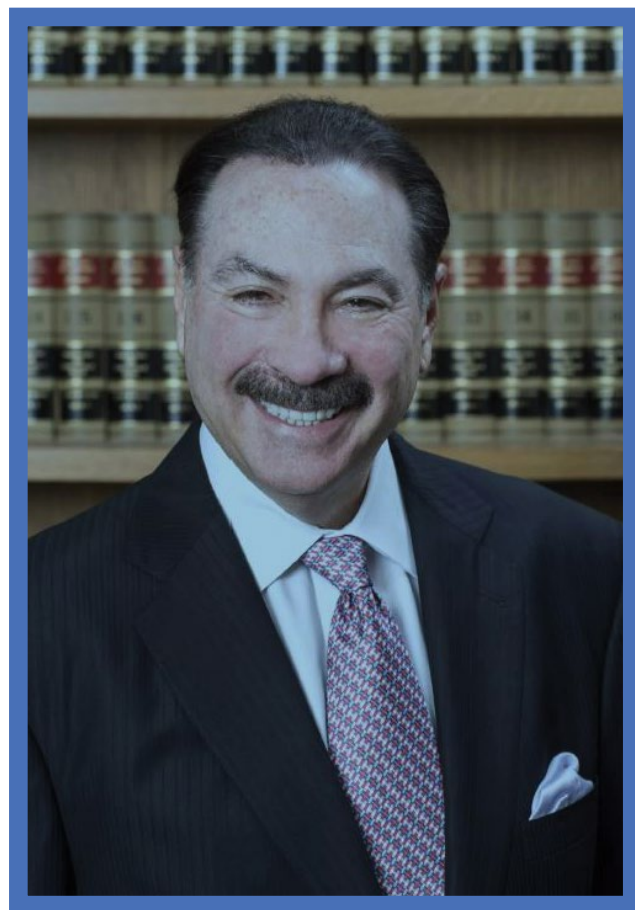
Donohue has stated that he enjoys workers' compensation law because it allows him to "advocate in a real, personal way for injured workers while standing right beside them."

He added, "Coming from a family with a construction union background, I learned firsthand the dangers faced by workers in construction settings as well as many, many other work environments. I learned that injuries can and will occur on the job in countless scenarios. I also learned that workers are almost powerless against an insurance carrier without a strong and effective advocate, as the carrier always has attorneys at their disposal."



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An experienced and accomplished litigator, Howard Fensterman is the managing partner and co-founder of Abrams Fensterman in Lake Success. Fensterman has overseen and guided every aspect of the firm's expansion since its inception with 13 attorneys in 2000.

The firm currently includes more than 110 attorneys and 240 employees in five offices throughout New York State. His vision turned Abrams Fensterman into one of the largest full-service law firms on Long Island and the largest in Brooklyn.

Fensterman was appointed by Gov. David A. Paterson to serve on the New York State Public Health and Health Planning Council from 2008 until his term ended in 2014. He formerly served on the council's establishment and project review committee. In addition, Fensterman was chairman of the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency from 2004 until 2009. He is currently a member of the board of trustees of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America Long Island Chapter. Fensterman also serves as chairman of the board at the Chabad of Port Washington.

Since 2019, Fensterman has been named to City & State New York's Long Island Power 100 List, recognizing the 100 most powerful people on Long Island. In 2022, he was also included on City & State's Law Power 100 List, which recognizes the legal minds influencing city and state politics. He and his son, Jordan, were honored in 2016 with the Dor L'Dor – Generation to Generation award from the Chabad of Port Washington. That same year, Fensterman was recognized by Schneps Media as a King of Long Island. In 2014, LIBN honored Fensterman with a Leadership in Law award, recognizing his demonstrated leadership in the legal profession and the community and his positive impact on Long Island.

Fensterman received his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. He is admitted to practice in New York, New Jersey, Maryland and the District of Columbia.



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In 1976, Jeffrey D. Forchelli founded the law firm presently known as Forchelli Deegan Terrana. He grew the firm from a three-lawyer general practice to a 70-lawyer multidisciplinary practice, a testament to his skillful leadership. Today, the Uniondale-based firm is one of Long Island's largest full-service law firms.

Forchelli concentrates his practice on complex land use, zoning and real estate matters for major real estate developers and national corporations. He is chair of the firm's land use and zoning practice group and co-chair of its real estate practice group.

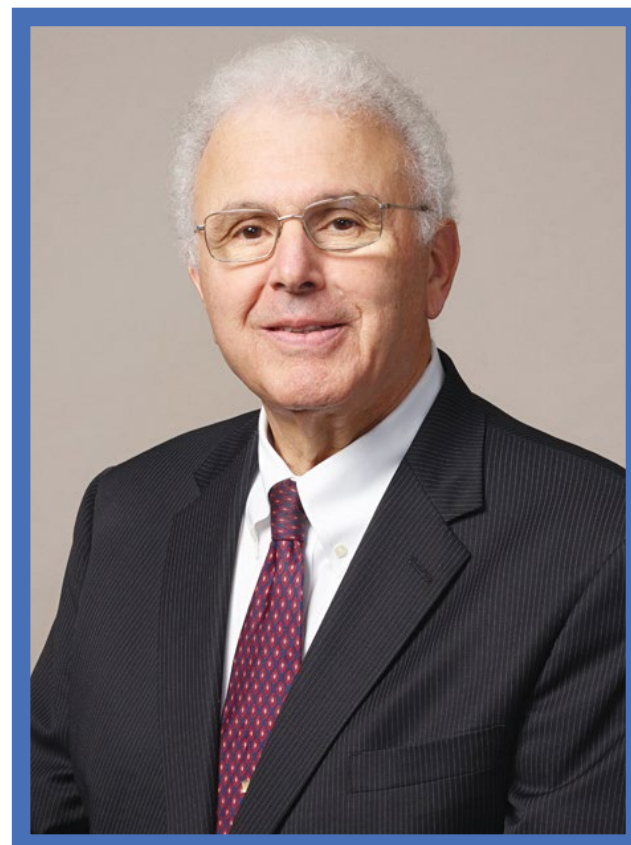
Since 2009, Forchelli has been selected to the New York Metro Super Lawyers list for land use and zoning every year. He has also been selected by his peers for inclusion in the annual Best Lawyers in America list for land use and zoning law since 2018. Forchelli has an AV Preeminent Martindale-Hubbell peer review rating – the highest peer rating standard.

Forchelli has been honored by several bar associations, educational institutions, hospitals and social service and nonprofit organizations for his unwavering commitment to supporting the furtherance of their missions.

He earned his law degree from Brooklyn Law School, where he currently serves as a trustee. In 2003, he endowed his first chair in his name and a year later endowed a second chair in honor of his late father, Don Forchelli, who was also a lawyer. In 2005, Brooklyn Law School opened the Jeffrey D. Forchelli Conference Center in his honor.

Forchelli's Bachelor of Science degree is from Wagner College, where he has served as a trustee for many years and is now the chairman of the board of trustees. Also a supporter of Hofstra Law, Forchelli endowed a scholarship in his name in 2003 for students who are civic-minded and have demonstrated an obligation to the larger community. Forchelli and his firm created the Forchelli Deegan Terrana LLP Annual Scholarship for entering students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and/or financial need.

In addition, Forchelli proudly serves as a member of the St. Francis Hospital Foundation board. The hospital, a nationally recognized leader in cardiovascular care and surgery, has a history of care and compassion, consistent with his personality. Forchelli and his wife, Sadie, dedicated the garden at the entrance to the hospital in honor of their late friend, Dr. Harry Barbaris. Forchelli has also served as an elder and a deacon of the Marble Collegiate Church.



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Patricia Galteri serves as managing attorney of Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein and chairs the management committee for the firm, which has offices in Garden City, Manhattan and Washington, D.C. and provides clients with personalized legal guidance across a wide array of practice areas.

Galteri is a graduate of Hofstra University School of Law, where she also received her Bachelor of Business Administration.

In addition to her management role at Meyer Suozzi, Galteri chairs the firm's wills, trusts and estates department. Her practice includes the development of estate and family business plans to ensure the tax-efficient transfer of wealth to the next generation while meeting the specific personal goals of her clients. Her in-depth knowledge of the preparation of federal and state estate tax returns enables her to defend positions on gift and estate tax returns under audit. Galteri has appeared in Surrogate's Court to participate in contested probate and accounting proceedings.

In 2021 and 2022, Galteri was selected as one of New York's Top Rated Lawyers for family law and trusts and estates by New York Magazine and the New York Law Journal. In 2016, 2017, 2020 and 2021, Galteri was named to the Super Lawyers list as one of the top attorneys in New York. In 2019 and 2021, she was recognized as one of the Long Island Herald's Top Lawyers of Long Island. Schneps Media named Galteri a Power Woman of Long Island in 2021 and LIBN named her to the 2022 leaders in law list. In 2017, Hofstra University honored her with the Outstanding Women in Law Award, which recognizes women who make meaningful and inspiring contributions to the legal community. In April 2022, Galteri was honored by the university again as she was inducted in the inaugural Hofstra Hall of Fame.

Early in her career, Galteri worked as a staff attorney in the tax department at a "Big Five" accounting firm in New York City, performing tax research for high-net-worth executives and multi-million-dollar public and private companies.

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The Long Island managing partner for the statewide law firm of Harris Beach, Thomas Garry champions the region's economic development through his role as an attorney and business leader. Garry has extensive experience in land use and zoning issues, public finance law and municipal governance.

Garry and his team have been instrumental in guiding hospitals and other healthcare providers in the creation of new ambulatory care and patient-centric facilities to address the region's changing demographics and healthcare needs.

He also advises developers seeking approval for windmill energy farms off the shore of Long Island and other projects tied to New York's efforts to convert to a zero-carbon grid in the next few decades. In particular, he has been involved in guiding developers toward approvals for interconnection agreements to transmit power from the wind farms into the New York energy grid.

In this role, Garry represents municipalities and serves as special counsel to many towns and local agencies, providing legal advice on issues such as the development and implementation of master plans, compliance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the creation of planned development districts, zoning overlay zones, transportation issues and smart growth projects. He also represents developers and municipalities in litigation involving such matters as land use and zoning and breach of contract.

Garry is widely recognized as a leading authority in election law and represents clients in New York state courts, including the Appellate Divisions and the Court of Appeals. He served as New York State counsel for the Biden for President campaign in 2020. After the election, Garry cast his vote as an elector in the 2020 Electoral College.

As office managing partner for Harris Beach Long Island, Garry has helped grow the office from a handful of attorneys to almost 30.

In 2022, Garry was elected by LIBN to the Long Island Business Hall of Fame at Hofstra University. He has been named one of Long Island's most influential leaders by City& State New York since 2018 as well as one of New York's top lawyers. He also received the Spirit of Xaverian Award for professional accomplishment from Xaverian High School, his alma mater.



THOMAS GARRY
LONG ISLAND MANAGING PARTNER
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MARC L. HAMROFF
MANAGING PARTNER
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Marc L. Hamroff serves as managing partner of Moritt Hock & Hamroff, which has offices in Garden City, Manhattan and Florida. Throughout his career, Hamroff has distinguished himself as a leader in the legal industry and the local community.

Hamroff chairs the firm's financial services practice, which includes the bankruptcy, equipment leasing, secured lending and creditors' rights groups. He has spearheaded the representation of secured lenders, banks, distressed debt funds, private equity and equipment finance companies in addressing complex issues in a wide range of transactions nationwide. In 2022, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award for Legal Excellence from the Equipment Leasing & Finance Association.

The attorney frequently speaks and publishes for finance trade groups, professional and business organizations. He is often quoted in prominent publications. He also publishes the firm's finance and law newsletter and contributes to the firm's secured lending and finance blog. As part of the firm's Attorney Mentoring Program, he serves as a mentor to less senior attorneys, providing guidance and advice on business development, professional growth goals and firm culture.

Teaching at Hofstra Law School for more than 10 years, Hamroff currently serves as an adjunct professor of law in secured transactions. In 2013, he was appointed to the dean's advisory board and in 2015 to the business law honors committee. In May 2016, Hamroff delivered the commencement address to Hofstra Law School and received a Doctor of Laws, honoris causa. Under his direction, the firm established the Moritt Hock & Hamroff Business Law Honors Fellowship in support of an incoming Hofstra law student who has demonstrated an interest in pursuing a career in business law. In further support of the school, Hamroff established the Marc Hamroff '83 Annual Scholarship, awarded to a deserving entering student based on academic achievement and/or financial need. In 2022, he was inducted into Hofstra Law School's inaugural Hall of Fame.

In addition to his professional endeavors, Hamroff was a long-standing member of the board of directors of the American Heart Association on Long Island. In part as a result of his efforts for the AHA, he was appointed by the New York State Senate to a two-year term on the Tobacco Use Prevention & Control Advisory Board and was later elected to the Northeast regional board of the American Heart Association Founders Affiliate. He is also actively involved, having served as both chair and co-chair, with the AHA's Annual Golf Classic named after his late father, Joel Hamroff.

McLaughlin & Stern Managing Partner Geoffrey R. Handler concentrates his practice in the areas of corporate law, trusts and estates, and taxation. He specializes in the comprehensive representation of high-net-worth families and their business enterprises. Ancillary to his practice in these areas, Handler has also overseen the acquisition and management of private aircraft for his clients, as well as related charter operations.

Early in his career, Handler was involved in complex litigation involving major financial institutions. This background has provided him with a certain perspective in advising individuals, families and business clients. With fellow McLaughlin & Stern partner Peter Alkalay, Handler was counsel to a purchaser of a Major League Baseball franchise. He has also been instrumental in advising several clients when their businesses joined together with well-known private equity firms.

Handler has served as a director for several corporate clients, including a major media company operating throughout the country and abroad. The attorney also sits on the boards of several private foundations. He has been called upon to act in a fiduciary capacity as a trustee and executor for many of his clients and has represented accounting firms and other law firms in merger transactions.

McLaughlin & Stern, which traces its roots to 1898, has several offices throughout the New York area, including Garden City, as well as in Florida.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Handler is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Chicago Law School. He is admitted to practice in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. When he's not working, Handler enjoys running and golfing.

The WE CARE Fund, which is the charitable arm of the Nassau County Bar Association, honored Handler at its 2022 Golf & Tennis Classic.



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Jay M. Herman began his legal career in the field of property valuation litigation (tax certiorari and condemnation law), working as a trial attorney for the state's two largest assessing jurisdictions, New York City and Nassau County. Fortunate to be associated with both jurisdictions at a time when each litigated matters on a frequent basis, Herman gained tremendous trial experience working on virtually every property type. He was also fortunate to work on real property tax legislation and equalization or ratio matters.

Herman subsequently became a partner in several major Long Island law firms. In 2005, he and Robert S. Katz, his longtime friend and former colleague in the tax certiorari department of the New York City Law Department, formed Herman & Katz. The firm consisted of two attorneys and three support employees.

Today, more than 17 years later, the firm Herman Katz Cangemi Wilkes & Clyne has three offices, in Melville, Manhattan and Westchester, and consists of 11 attorneys and 25 support staff members. Herman and the firm practice throughout New York State and have developed a national presence by overseeing national portfolios for major clients. Herman's litigation experience has involved properties from Buffalo to East Hampton.

The growth and success of HKCW&C is directly related to the firm's attorneys, support staff and litigation successes, including cases of first impression involving innovative legal and valuation theories.

Herman has served as chairman of both Nassau County and Suffolk County's condemnation law and tax certiorari committees as well as Suffolk County's judicial screening committee. He is a member of the Counselors of Real Estate, a by-invitation organization of credentialed real estate problem solvers. Herman is also a member of the Institute of Professionals in Taxation, where he and other HKCW&C attorneys have lectured numerous times to a national group of attorneys, consultants and corporate real estate leaders. He is also affiliated with the IAAO (International Association of Assessing Officers) and The Appraisal Institute and has lectured before both organizations.

Herman was selected in 2021 as one of the leading lawyers by LIBN and he has an AV Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell, the highest rating available.



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David J. Heymann’s approach to the law combines experience, personal style, intelligence, practicality and judgment. In his practice as a corporate lawyer, Heymann primarily advises real estate developers, investors, REITs and other real estate-related companies on complex structuring and joint venture issues. He serves as general counsel, trusted advisor and as a sounding board on major decisions and judgment calls for his clients. And as managing partner of Meltzer, Lippe, Goldstein & Breitstone, Heymann plays a similar role for the Mineola-based firm, which was founded more than 50 years ago.

Heymann came over to Meltzer Lippe in 2015, when the firm merged with Post Heymann & Koffler, a boutique firm that had been co-founded by Heymann in 1994. Post Heymann & Koffler joined forces with Meltzer Lippe to take advantage of its sophisticated practice, particularly in tax, real estate partnership transactions (Heymann’s principal area of practice) and mergers and acquisitions work.

Under Heymann’s leadership, Meltzer Lippe has expanded to more than 70 attorneys and added multiple practice areas, including bankruptcy and elder law. Additionally, the firm opened a Boca Raton, Fla. office in 2021 and expanded its Manhattan presence, now occupying the 19th floor at Heron Tower, located at 70 E. 55th Street.

As managing partner, Heymann is highly focused on maintaining a collegial, family-friendly and respectful culture at the firm, whatever the internal and external challenges may be. He has few rules but expects strict adherence to a few basic principles: treat everyone as an adult and respectfully; get your work done, do it well and in a timely manner; and allow people to be who they are. His daily morning joke or pun, dubbed “MLGB Daily Smile,” is a hit at the firm.

“The next generation of attorneys is critical to the firm’s wellbeing, so it is very important for me to remember how I wanted to be treated as a young attorney,” Heymann said. “A good leader looks to empower people, thereby creating new leaders. If you are constantly telling people how to do something, you stifle their creativeness. I want innovative thinkers. Good leaders create an environment where people feel comfortable to be themselves.”

Heymann considers his role to be about more than making the firm successful during his tenure. “Together with the other firm leaders, it is about making sure the next generation of high-quality lawyers and leaders is created to ensure the firm’s continued success for many generations to come,” he said.



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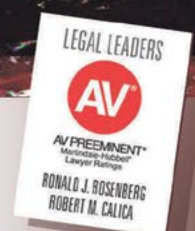


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Evan H. Krinick, a partner in Rivkin Radler's appeals, commercial litigation and insurance coverage practice groups, has served as the firm's managing partner for a decade. During this time, he has overseen the growth of the Uniondale-based firm from three offices and 140 attorneys to five offices and more than 200 attorneys.

Krinick was the youngest person elected to the partnership of Rivkin Radler and the youngest elected to its management committee. He has argued close to 20 cases in the New York Court of Appeals on a variety of civil matters, as well as two criminal cases assigned by the court. He has personally argued more than 100 appeals in state and federal appellate courts in New York and across the country. In addition, he has authored numerous amicus curiae briefs on behalf of trade organizations accepted by various courts on issues of importance.

Krinick has served as lead counsel in numerous commercial litigations and arbitrations. Since 1993, he has been outside counsel to LIPA, handling the decommissioning of the Shoreham plant; negotiation and litigation of the Shoreham property tax settlement; litigation defending the acquisition of LILCO; litigation arising from Superstorm Sandy; negotiation and litigation of property tax payments on generation facilities; litigation with Suffolk County and Suffolk towns on the application of the 2 percent property tax cap; and litigation and negotiation arising from Tropical Storm Isaias.

Early in his career, Krinick represented the Town of Hempstead and Nassau County in landmark voting rights cases.

He is a member of the Long Island Association's board of directors and a former member of the Touro Law Center board of governors. He is also the former chairman of the leadership council for Mentor New York.

A prolific writer, Krinick is the author of the annual insurance law summary for the New York Law Journal special section. He was recently appointed by the president of the New York State Bar Association to serve on a statewide task force on the post-pandemic future of the profession.

Before joining the firm, Krinick served for two years as the senior law clerk to the Hon. Fritz W. Alexander II, associate judge of the New York Court of Appeals.

Krinick has been named to Best Lawyers in America in the areas of appellate practice and insurance law from 2018 to 2023. Since 2015, he has been named to Super Lawyers' New York Metro edition for appellate law.



EVAN H. KRINICK

**MANAGING PARTNER
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ARTHUR S. LAITMAN

**MANAGING PARTNER
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Arthur S. Laitman joined what is now called Rosenberg Fortuna & Laitman in Garden City in 1999 as an associate. Seven years later, he was elected partner, and in 2008, he was added as a name partner of the firm. That same year, Laitman founded the firm's emerging companies practice.

Prior to founding the emerging companies practice, Laitman concentrated his practice in commercial and corporate transactions and related litigation. He has conducted jury and bench trials and examinations before trial and has drafted a number of appellate briefs for the firm's clients.

Laitman is a rare breed: a lawyer with the skills and experience to advise global corporations combined with the entrepreneurial spirit and passion to guide startups and investors from formation through exit.

As the founding partner of the emerging companies practice, Laitman works with companies all over the world at all stages – from two founders dreaming up an idea to the world's leading multinational corporations. He has worked with technology companies throughout his entire career.

From seed capital raising to expansion stage financing transactions to public acquisitions, his experience allows him to advise companies and investors through the entire company lifecycle. Recently, Laitman and his team represented three different clients who were each acquired by Fortune 500 companies.

For early-stage companies, he helps founders plan for success. This entails not only providing sound legal documentation but delivering valuable advice as to market terms and expectations. Together with his team, Laitman connects young companies to a vast network of people, ranging from accountants to private equity teams to venture capitalists, who can help them succeed.

Working with a variety of clients all over the world ranging from large multinational corporations to individuals, such as technologists, venture capitalists and corporate executives, Laitman keeps his client in mind when providing clear, actionable advice.

In today's ever-changing fast paced climate, Laitman provides his clients with state-of-the-art guidance on topics such as privacy both domestic and abroad and data practices. All advice given is with an eye to the client's vision and goals, whether it be fundraising or a possible acquisition.

Laitman was named to the Legal Affairs Counsel of the Interactive Advertising Bureau. He serves on the board of directors of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America and as a member of the North Shore-LIJ Health System Commerce and Industry Council. The attorney is chief of the New York State Honorary Fire Chiefs Association and an active member of the Nassau County Bar Association.

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Prior to Touro Law, Langan served as the dean of Concordia University School of Law in Boise, Idaho and interim dean at Nova Southeastern University's Shepard Broad College of Law in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where she also served as the associate dean for academic affairs and director of the first-year lawyering skills and values program.

At Concordia University, Langan served as a member of the student success subcommittee of the President's Advisory Council and was responsible for creating, among other things, the 5th & Front Program, which was described as a place where law and social justice meet in service to the community. She also engaged in the strategic design and development of innovative J.D. and non-J.D. programs and was responsible for enhancing the reputation of the law school.

As interim dean at Nova she led the effort to more than double enrollment in online non-J.D. masters programs, increased opportunities for student experiential learning by expanding clinical offerings and led successful fundraising efforts to support student scholarships and law school programs. She also served on numerous task forces and committees, including the Bar Pass Task Force, the law library and technology center strategic planning task force and the professionalism curriculum committee. She also was responsible for curricular and assessment changes consistent with student learning outcomes and bar passage.

Prior to entering academia, Langan practiced law in Maryland and Florida. Her scholarship focuses on law school pedagogy and law school admissions, as well as family law. A student-centered dean, Langan has been active in the American Association of Law Schools, the Inns of Court, and state and national bar associations. She is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland School of Law.



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MARK J. LESKO

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Mark J. Lesko is a shareholder for Greenberg Traurig, a global law firm with offices in Bridgehampton and Garden City. Lesko is a former federal prosecutor and experienced trial lawyer who spent years directing complex legal teams and leading large institutions in the public and private sectors. He has personally tried more than three dozen cases, handled 25 appeals and 15 appellate oral arguments, and conducted and supervised thousands of investigations, prosecutions and cases across criminal, civil and regulatory practices.

Lesko recently served as acting assistant attorney general for the Department of Justice's National Security Division. In this role, he was the DOJ's highest-ranking national security lawyer and held one of the highest security clearances in the U.S. government. Lesko oversaw nearly 400 employees who protect the nation's security against terrorism, espionage, cybersecurity threats and other national security threats. During his time as acting assistant attorney general, Lesko frequently briefed various congressional committees and the White House on highly sensitive matters. He led the DOJ's counterterrorism efforts, including a particular focus on combatting cyber-based terrorism threats, and oversaw the Export Control Section, which investigates and prosecutes espionage cases. He also led the DOJ's work on the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, supervised cases involving the unauthorized disclosure of classified information and the enforcement of the Foreign Agents Registration Act, and led the implementation of reforms related to surveillance authorizations under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

Prior to this, Lesko served as acting U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of New York, where he supervised more than 175 assistant U.S. attorneys and was responsible for all criminal prosecutions and civil litigation on behalf of the district. He was a federal prosecutor for over 13 years, and he held a number of other leadership positions in the Eastern District of New York. He received the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service in connection with the prosecution and trial conviction of NXIVM cult leader Keith Raniere.

Lesko was also the three-time elected supervisor of the Town of Brookhaven, New York's second largest town with about 486,000 residents, where he supervised about 2,000 employees and managed a \$270 million budget. He also previously served as vice president for economic development at Hofstra University and as executive director of Accelerate Long Island, where he ran a regional investment fund that invested in startup technology companies.

Francine E. Love was in fifth grade when she decided to become a lawyer and to one day have her own firm. After 24 years in corporate life, including six years with a startup, she realized her lifelong dream and opened up Love Law Firm, at the end of 2015.

Based in Uniondale, the firm now serves hundreds of entrepreneurs, startups and businesses of all sizes across a wide range of industries throughout New York State. Love brings her real-world experience of what business leaders want to deliver high-quality, business-focused legal solutions to her clients.

It is her desire that Love Law Firm be known as a different type of law firm. As she shares with her team, if other lawyers are considered sharks, those at Love Law Firm are the dolphins. “Only a daring few people pay for “shark experiences” where they defy death while being suspended in an underwater cage and are attacked. But one of the most popular vacation attractions for people of all ages are ‘swimming with the dolphins’ encounters,” she said. “Hiring a lawyer shouldn’t feel like a near-death experience.” In fact, she often ends her presentations by asking, “Isn’t it time you learned to love your lawyer?”

Love is very proud that her firm is a “three-peat” winner of the LIBN Reader Rankings Awards for Best Corporate Law Firm and Best Business Formation Law Firm in 2022, 2021 and 2020. The attorney received LIBN’s Leadership in Law award in 2021, as well. She has an AV Preeminent rating with Martindale-Hubbell, which recognizes lawyers with the highest level of professional excellence. She also received Platinum Client Champion recognition from Martindale-Hubbell, which reflects client reviews for stellar professional service.

In addition to her law firm, Love is the founder and executive director of the Long Island Business Forum, an association of businesses that are striving to achieve growth while benefiting their communities. This year the LIBF is focused on a mastermind experience to achieve explosive results for its members.

The proud daughter of a decorated Naval officer and a schoolteacher, Love is happy to have called New York her home for 35 years. She lives with her family in Nassau County, raising two children with her spouse and doting on several rescue dogs and cats.

Love graduated cum laude with a degree in psychology from Smith College before earning her law degree from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law.



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A name partner of Garden City-based Jaspán Schlesinger Narendran, Jothy Narendran chairs the firm's banking and financial services practice group. She also serves as a member of the firm's management committee and co-managing partner along with Steven R. Schlesinger.

She represents institutional and private lenders in a variety of commercial real estate financing transactions. These include acquisition and construction loans, equipment financing, leasehold financing, multi-lender participation/syndicated financing, real estate investment trust and interest rate swap transactions, revolving credit facilities, letters of credit, industrial development agency transactions, Section 1031 exchanges and reverse exchange loans, mezzanine and structured financing and defeasances.

Narendran has worked on a variety of properties, ranging from multifamily properties to assemblages of entire city blocks for the development of multi-use projects, including residential, retail and office components. She has also negotiated regulatory agreements, leases and subordination agreements with various municipal agencies. She also acts as counsel to lenders in connection with negotiating intercreditor agreements, triparty agreements, note sales and purchases.

Prior to joining the firm in 2010, Narendran was a partner at another prominent Long Island law firm. Before that, she worked for eight years as the controller of G&S Investors, a real estate development firm.

Admitted to practice in New York and New Jersey, Narendran is a graduate of Touro University Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center. She holds a Master of Business Administration from the Frank G. Zarb School of Business at Hofstra University and a Bachelor of Science in business administration from New York Institute of Technology.

Throughout her illustrious career, she has received numerous recognitions from various organizations. In 2022, she was named to the leaders in law list by LIBN, which also presented her with a Diversity in Business Award in 2019 and a Top 50 Women in Business Award in 2013. The Touro Law Center presented her with its Paul S. Miller Award in 2021 and a Public Service Attorney of the Year Award in 2009. Other accolades for Narendran include recognition among the Top Lawyers of Long Island by Herald Publications in 2019 and Long Island's Top Legal Eagles by Long Island Pulse Magazine from 2014 to 2016.



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Jacqueline Newman is the managing partner of Berkman Bottger Newman & Schein, a matrimonial and family law firm with offices in Garden City, Manhattan, Westchester and New Jersey. Newman worked her way up from an associate to the top attorney in charge of one of the most prestigious divorce firms in New York State. Her vision for the firm included offering clients all three ways to divorce – litigation, collaborative law or mediation – and the firm now boasts a team that includes top practitioners in each of these areas.

With 25 attorneys practicing across the four offices, Berkman Bottger Newman & Schein is also one of the largest firms in New York practicing exclusively in the field of family law.

Newman has dedicated much time to explaining the sometimes-intimidating world of divorce to the general public. She is the author of "The New Rules of Divorce: Twelve Secrets to Protecting Your Wealth, Health and Happiness," a book published by Simon & Schuster in 2020. She is also a frequent media commentator on major divorce news stories, and has been seen on NBC News, ABC News, Fox News, CBS News and more. She has also been interviewed by The New York Times, Reuters, Crain's New York Business, U.S. News and World Report, Business Insider and other publications on family law issues. Newman also takes pride in helping further the practice of family law. She has drafted "Practice Notes," popular reference guides for other attorneys, for Lexis Nexis. She is an adjunct professor at Cardozo School of Law, teaching divorce processes, and previously taught family law practice with firm partner Barry Berkman at Fordham University School of Law.

For her efforts, Newman has been awarded with some of the top honors in the legal profession. In 2022, she was chosen by Super Lawyers as one of the Top 100 Lawyers in New York City. Since 2013, she has been selected for inclusion in the New York Metro Super Lawyers Top 50 Women Attorneys. She holds an AV Preeminent peer review rating from Martindale-Hubbell, and from 2019 on, has she been selected as a family/matrimonial attorney serving high net-worth clients in New York by Chambers and Partners, a highly respected international lawyer research company.

In addition to serving as managing partner of Cullen and Dykman, Christopher H. Palmer chairs the firm's banking and financial services practice and serves on its executive committee. Palmer has presided over strong growth of the firm into a regional powerhouse, with nearly 200 attorneys in seven office locations in New York, New Jersey and Washington, D.C. Based in Garden City, Cullen and Dykman is now the largest law firm headquartered on Long Island.

In his practice, Palmer has broad experience in all types of complex financing as the firm represents a wide array of commercial banks and financial institutions in structuring and negotiating financing transactions. In addition, the firm's banking and financial services practice serves as general counsel for more than 80 banks in the areas of lending, regulatory and compliance matters, bankruptcy and creditors' rights, loan workout and restructuring, lender liability and land use issues involving environmental due diligence.

Cullen and Dykman dates to 1850, making it one of the oldest firms in the region. In addition to its banking practice, the firm represents a wide range of clients in other practice areas, including higher education, energy, utilities and telecommunications, construction, insurance and nonprofit.

Palmer also serves on a multitude of boards and committees for bar associations and other organizations, including serving on the board of trustees for Catholic Charities of Long Island. He also is an adjunct professor at St. John's University School of Law and currently teaches the "Real Estate Workouts and Bankruptcy" course. Most importantly, he is a devoted father to three children, Christopher, Meghan and Kate.

Chosen as an honoree at the 2023 Real Estate Achievement and Leadership (R.E.A.L.) Awards spotlighting leading professionals and visionaries in the Long Island real estate industry, Palmer will also receive the Top Business Leader of Nassau County award at the Blank Slate Media gala. He was also previously honored with inclusion on the Long Island Press Power List, celebrating the region's most influential business, nonprofit and government leaders.

A graduate of St. John's University School of Law, Palmer also holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Binghamton University. He also graduated from Chaminade High School in Mineola, where he currently serves as co-chairman of the golf and tennis committee.



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Hon. A. Gail Prudenti is the dean of the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University. She joined the law school in 2015 as executive director of the Center for Children, Families and the Law. Two years later, she was named dean of Hofstra Law.

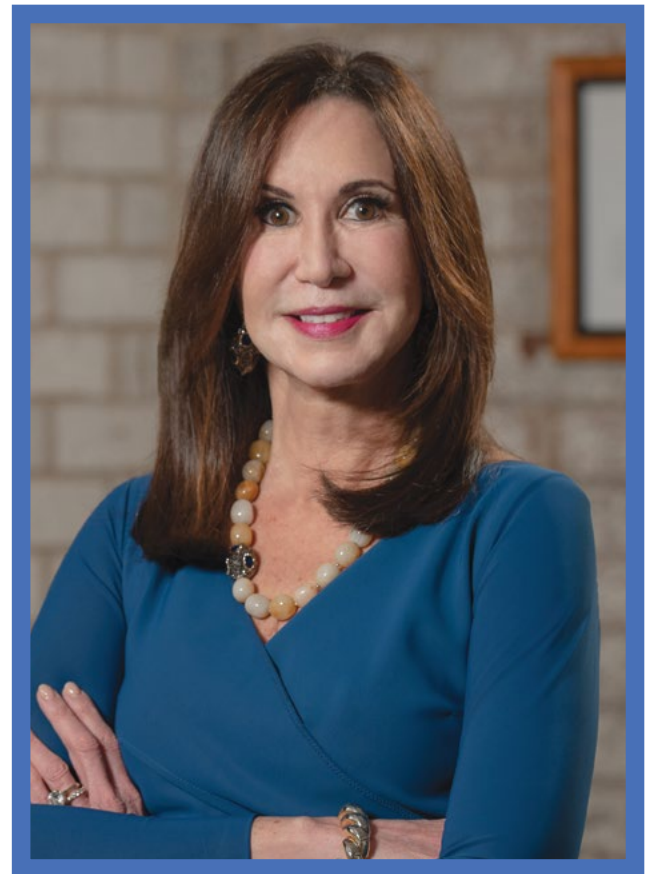
Prior to joining Hofstra Law, Prudenti distinguished herself as a well-respected jurist and hands-on administrator throughout a judicial career that lasted more than two decades. Most recently, she served as the chief administrative judge of the Courts of New York State, having been appointed by Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman in 2011. As chief administrative judge, she supervised the administration and operation of the statewide court system, with a budget of more than \$2.7 billion, 3,600 state and locally paid judges and 15,000 non-judicial employees in over 350 court facilities.

Prior to her appointment as chief administrative judge, she served as the presiding justice of the Appellate Division for the Second Judicial Department in New York State, the first woman to hold that position, having been appointed to the post in 2002 by then-Gov. George E. Pataki. Before that, she was the first woman from Suffolk County to serve as an associate justice of the Appellate Division for the Second Judicial Department.

In her various leadership roles, Prudenti has developed innovative programs and instituted many initiatives to enhance the administration of justice and promote the public's trust and confidence in the courts. In April 2020, she was appointed to a COVID-19 Recovery Task Force to oversee the pro bono network of lawyers who would assist New Yorkers suffering from the pandemic. The task force is a joint effort of the New York State Bar Association and the state court system.

Prudenti earned her law degree from the University of Aberdeen, in Scotland, which also awarded her an honorary Doctorate of Laws in 2004 and an honorary appointment as professor in the School of Law. She was also awarded an honorary Doctorate of Laws in 2016 from the Maurice A. Deane School of Law. She graduated from Marymount College of Fordham University with honors.

She lives in Great River with her husband, Robert J. Cimino, a fellow lawyer and former Suffolk County attorney.



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Ronald J. Rosenberg is among the region's most respected attorneys. He is trusted by clients for his decades of legal expertise in the courtroom, honored by elected officials for his community service and sought out by media for his insights and commentary.

A graduate of Hofstra University and St. John's University School of Law, Rosenberg is a senior partner with the Garden City firm of Rosenberg Calica & Birney. His practice includes commercial, business, real estate, land use and municipal litigation and transactions, and business entity formation and litigation.

Rosenberg began his career as an associate with a Manhattan law firm before starting his own firm, the Law Offices of Ronald J. Rosenberg. He went on to form his current firm, Rosenberg Calica & Birney, in 1999. The full-service law firm has represented and continues to represent numerous public-sector clients and municipalities, boards and public officials throughout Long Island and the New York metropolitan area. The firm has also represented various types of public and private companies, developers, business owners, professionals and individuals.

The attorney is a member of the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct, which entails oversight of local municipal courts in addition to courts throughout the state. He previously served as chair of the banking committee and as a member of the judiciary committee of the Nassau County Bar Association. Rosenberg has also been a member of the Florida Bar since 1979. Various Supreme Court justices have appointed him to serve as a special referee, referee and receiver.

In addition, Rosenberg serves as a trustee of Nassau Community College.

A featured columnist in LIBN, Rosenberg has also appeared on various broadcast news programs, including "Good Day, New York," regarding issues relating to the law and public policy.

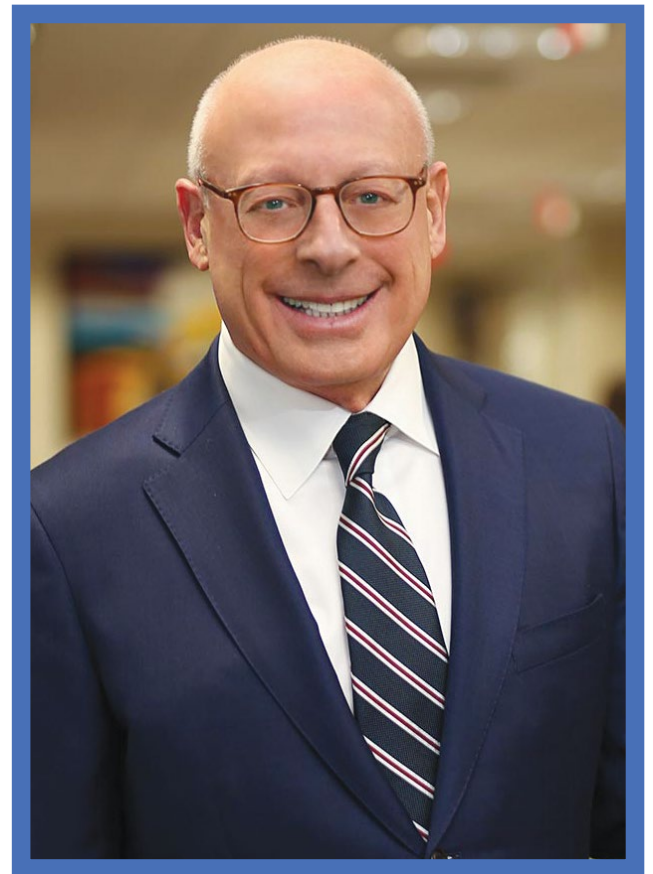
Michael H. Sahn is the managing member of Sahn Ward Braff Koblenz, a Uniondale-based law firm that he founded in 1999. Sahn concentrates his practice in the areas of zoning and land use planning, real estate law and transactions, corporate, municipal and environmental law. He also represents clients in civil litigation and appeals.

Sahn is a member of the board of overseers for Northwell Health. He also serves as chairman of the board of zoning appeals of the Incorporated Village of Flower Hill. He is frequently invited to lecture before professional groups in his areas of expertise. He is a regular contributor of articles to Innovate Long Island and the Nassau Lawyer, the journal for the Nassau County Bar Association. His most recent article for Innovate Long Island was entitled, "Hochul Comes Out Swinging in Rekindled Housing Fight." In the Nassau Lawyer, his last article was entitled "Uncertainty of the Administrative State After West Virginia v. EPA."

Every year from 2010 through 2022, Sahn was selected to the New York Metro Super Lawyers list in the practice area of land use/zoning. In 2011, he received the Leadership in Law award from LIBN. Sahn holds an AV Preeminent rating from Martindale-Hubbell, the highest level of professional excellence, and was named to the 2022 AV Preeminent Attorney-Judicial Edition.

Sahn began his legal career as a deputy town attorney of the Town of North Hempstead, where he also served as counsel to the town's board of zoning and appeals, senior deputy town attorney and commissioner of planning and research development. After serving the town, he joined the law firm of Margiotta & Ricigliano in Uniondale. Additionally, from 1984 through 1997, Sahn served as associate counsel to New York State Sen. Michael J. Tully, Jr. and associate counsel to New York State Sen. Michael Balboni, representing the Seventh Senate District.

Over his career, he has represented numerous real estate owners and developers, Fortune 500 and regionally recognized corporations, nonprofit institutions and organizations, including healthcare systems, municipal corporations and government agencies. He has proudly guided numerous projects through the zoning, environmental review and building permit process, including the new Advanced Surgical Pavilion at North Shore University Hospital. He also represented his clients in federal and state court litigation dealing with a wide variety of complex issues.



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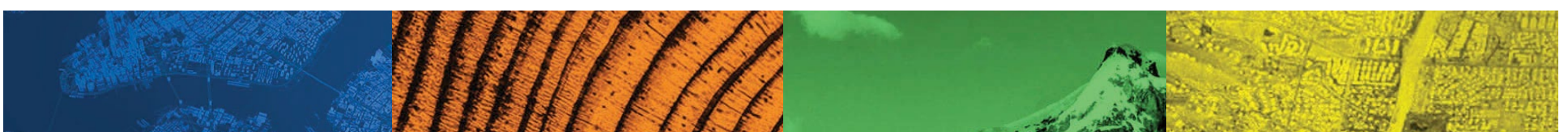
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John Shea is a senior partner at Twomey, Latham, Shea, Kelley, Dubin & Quartararo, which has offices in Riverhead, East Hampton, Southampton, Southold and Hauppauge. Shea practices in the areas of commercial litigation, corporate counseling, real estate transactions and development, environmental law, construction contracts and litigation, and estate planning for high net worth individuals.

Shea has Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating for attorneys (AV Preeminent) and has been recognized by the legal information services company as one of Long Island's top rated lawyers both overall and for real estate law. Shea has also been honored by LIBN with a Leadership in Law award, which recognizes select attorneys who have demonstrated outstanding leadership both in the legal profession and in community service.

Shea began his career with a Manhattan law firm, working on corporate transactions and commercial litigation. He was then appointed an assistant attorney general for New York State in the Environmental Protection Bureau where, over the course of five years, he handled cases including terrorist threats to the commercial transport of plutonium and other weapons-grade nuclear materials through JFK Airport and other hubs in the U.S., the siting of plutonium recycling facilities and the criminal prosecution of hazardous waste polluters. He was later appointed counsel to the White House Council on Environmental Quality, where he worked on matters including "worst case" accidents at nuclear facilities, the proliferation of nuclear technology and materials, and the federal regulations for the preparation of Environmental Impact Statements by U.S. agencies.

Shea came back from Washington to assist in the representation of local municipalities in the proceedings on the emergency plans and evacuation scenarios for the Shoreham nuclear power plant. Soon thereafter, he formed Twomey, Latham & Shea with Tom Twomey and Steve Latham. Since then, the firm has grown into a regional practice covering Manhattan to Montauk with more than 30 attorneys and 35 support staff.

A private pilot, Shea is a founding director of Patient AirLift Services, a volunteer pilot organization that arranges flights to medical treatment for veterans and those in financial need, with over 550 pilots serving 37 states. For eight years, Shea served as chairman of the environmental advocacy organization Group for the East End, and he has been a member of that board for over 35 years. His other community posts include serving as an officer and trustee of Guild Hall in East Hampton.



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Adam Silvers serves as the managing partner of Uniondale-based Ruskin Moscou Faltischek. He is also a member of the firm's corporate and securities department and intellectual property and technology group. Silvers' long record of accomplishments as a sophisticated corporate and securities attorney resulted in his being named a partner of the law firm in 2003; he was one of the youngest associates ever named a partner with the firm.

Silvers regularly counsels both private and publicly traded companies on a variety of legal issues. Over his career, he has successfully handled a wide range of complex transactions involving mergers and acquisitions, public offerings, private placements and venture capital financings, joint venture and partnership agreements, and software licensing and development agreements.

As a young associate, he took on increasingly complex legal matters, and, partly as a result of his prior employment as in-house counsel for a high-tech corporation, took on the task of spearheading and growing the firm's technology practice group.

In 2003, Silvers cofounded the CFO Roundtable, a by-invitation-only monthly gathering of CFOs from Long Island's leading private companies. At the meetings, CFOs share best practices and discuss mutual business issues. In guiding this organization, Silvers has helped to create a stimulating, rewarding environment for attendees, while helping them develop important business networks and relationships. In recognition of his many accomplishments, LIBN honored Silvers with its prestigious 40 Under 40 award in 2006, and in 2018, Silvers was inducted into the Long Island Business Hall of Fame.

Silvers is a member of the Nassau County Bar Association and has also lectured before the Suffolk County Bar Association. He has been a featured lecturer at CLE programs on topics including corporate governance, executive compensation, securities matters, intellectual property and software licensing issues. Silvers has written a number of articles, which have been published in the firm's "Corporate and Securities Update," including "The Not-So-Quiet Period: How Statements During the Registration Period Can Halt an Initial Public Offering."

In addition, Silvers serves on the board of directors of the Long Island Association and was involved with the American Heart Association, having chaired its annual Long Island Heart Ball Gala. Silvers also serves on the board of directors of Bethpage Federal Credit Union and previously served on its board supervisory committee. He also previously served as both a board member and executive committee member of Child Abuse Prevention Services of Roslyn.

Stuart Siris is a founding member of the Garden City law firm of Solomon & Siris. In addition to guiding the growing firm, he is well known and respected for his work in representing the insureds of the leading title insurance companies in the New York Metropolitan area. He is also well regarded for his expertise in the areas of real estate and commercial litigation, at both the trial and appellate levels, as well as real estate, corporate and commercial transactions. Siris provides counsel to business executives, accountants, physicians and other attorneys.

Over the course of his career, Siris has tried many jury and nonjury cases successfully to verdict and has been personally involved in almost 100 published cases, many of which have been repeatedly relied upon and cited by courts over the years.

He has been recognized as a New York Super Lawyer every year since 2014 and has served as a member of the New York State Bar Association title and transfer committee, the Nassau County Bar Association real property committee and the New York State Land Title Association. Siris has lectured for the New York County Lawyers Association and the National Business Institute.

A product of the New York State education system, Siris worked his way through college at the University at Albany and through law school at the University at Buffalo.

Siris has not only achieved litigation triumphs and attained successful transactional results for his clients, but he has also mentored numerous young lawyers who have gone on to flourishing legal careers.

Siris is most proud of devoting his spare time to coaching softball teams comprised of developmentally disabled adults and integrating those teams into the community through participation in softball tournaments with softball teams that he has played for over the years.



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Howard M. Stein is the managing partner at Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, which has offices in East Meadow, Hauppauge and New Jersey. Stein also co-chairs the firm's real estate practice group.

Stein's diverse roster of clients count on his counsel in matters relating to real property acquisitions, downtown redevelopments, sales, leasing (including obtaining economic benefits incentives), real estate finance and loan workouts. For closely held businesses and public companies, he structures complicated transactions for retail, industrial, office, hotel, wineries and residential developments. He is also actively involved in all legal facets of assisted living communities and senior condominium living.

The attorney represented the land seller of the Melville "pumpkin farm" to Canon USA for its North American headquarters, which kept the Fortune 500 Company on Long Island. He has also represented master developers in Ronkonkoma, Patchogue, Lindenhurst, the Village of Hempstead and the City of New Rochelle, among others. Recently he represented the developer of a 400-plus-unit project in Bay Shore and a multinational company in the acquisition of a 200-plus-acre winery on the East End of Long Island.

Stein taught courses in real estate law at Touro Law Center, where he serves on the board of governors and was the chairman from 2005 until 2022. In 2011, he was inducted into the inaugural class of the Touro Law Center Builder's Society.

The Suffolk County executive appointed Stein to serve on the board of directors of the Suffolk Judicial Facilities Agency. He also serves on the boards of the Association for a Better Long Island and Vision Long Island and is an associate member of the Commercial Industrial Brokers Society of Long Island.

He is also a member of the president's council of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island, which honored Stein with its Presidential Award. Long Island Cares bestowed upon him The Harry Chapin Humanitarian Award. The American Heart Association honored him at its Go Red for Women Luncheon.

From 2012 consecutively until 2022, Stein was named to the New York Metro Super Lawyers list.

Stein earned his law degree from Case Western Reserve University in 1978, after graduating from the University of Rochester in 1975. While in college, he once pitched back-to-back four-hit shutouts in a double-header over Hobart College. This feat appeared in Sports Illustrated.

Admitted to practice in the State of New York and the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, he is a member of the Nassau County Bar Association.



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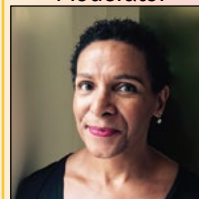
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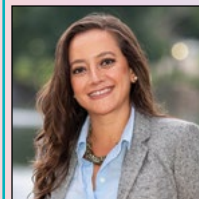
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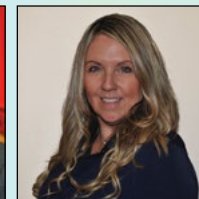
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The founder and managing partner of the Melville-based Tully Law Group, Brian Andrew Tully serves his clients and the community as a trusted senior advocate in the legal, financial and healthcare realms. He has been practicing elder care law and estate planning since 1998 and has been certified as an elder law attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation since 2003.

Tully Law Group focuses on helping their clients provide for their loved ones through creative estate planning, protecting their assets from financial risks and helping them to maintain their peace of mind and family relationships as they age.

The firm offers a comprehensive elder care service product called Life Care Planning, which combines asset protection, Medicaid qualification, care coordination, advocacy and crisis intervention. Tully Law Group also provides traditional elder law and trusts and estates services with a focus on guardianship and probate proceedings and estate and trust litigation.

Tully was recently elected to serve as president of the Life Care Planning Law Firms Association, an organization of holistic elder care law firms nationwide. Also on the national level, Tully is a member of the Life Care Planning Law Firms Association, the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, ElderCounsel, WealthCounsel and the Academy of Special Needs Planners.

On the state level, he is a member of the New York State Bar Association's Trusts & Estates Section and Elder Law Section. He has assisted in lobbying for long-term care reform in New York and has served as a New York State Bar Association publication editor. In addition, he is a member of the New York chapter of NAELA and an accredited attorney with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Tully was named to the Metro New York Super Lawyers list for the years 2011 through 2022, among receiving other industry accolades.

Tully and his wife, Ingrid, have three children and enjoy weekends filled with playful dogs, local travel and active involvement with their church community.



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A partner in the Melville office of national labor and employment law firm Jackson Lewis, Christopher M. Valentino represents companies in matters involving traditional labor, equal employment opportunity, employment litigation and related matters.

Within his practice, Valentino has extensive experience in all matters relating to Equal Employment Opportunity compliance and workplace laws and is a frequent speaker at management education programs. Since joining Jackson Lewis in 2000, he has regularly counseled clients in the development and implementation of preventive labor and employee relations programs and has represented management with respect to union organizational drives and in proceedings before the National Labor Relations Board, federal and state courts, and federal and state administrative agencies, as well as in the areas of collective bargaining, contract administration and arbitration.

In addition to his traditional labor expertise, Valentino also focuses on counseling employers on reductions-in-force, personnel decisions, the administration of employer policies and procedures, disability management in the workplace, restrictive covenants, substance abuse testing in the workplace, the development of employee handbooks, employment applications and related matters.

Valentino also has conducted hundreds of management training seminars on topics including maintaining a union-free environment, avoiding litigation, avoiding discrimination and sexual harassment; effective management interviewing, documentation and evaluation skills, and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Family and Medical Leave Act.

In addition to his role as partner, Valentino serves as a member of the firm's board of directors, playing an essential role in the development of key initiatives and policies for Jackson Lewis, which has been focused on labor and employment law since 1958. The firm has more than 950 attorneys in major cities nationwide, who help employers develop proactive strategies, strong policies and business-oriented solutions to cultivate high-functioning workforces that are engaged, stable and diverse. The firm shares its clients' goals to emphasize inclusivity and respect for the contributions of every employee.

Valentino has been honored by a variety of national organizations, including Best Lawyers in America, Thomson Reuters and Legal 500. In the latest edition of Best Lawyers in America, he was named a Lawyer of the Year in the litigation-labor and employment category.



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