

IN BRIEF

The Nassau Lawyer welcomes submissions to the IN BRIEF column announcing news, events and recent accomplishments of its current members. Due to space limitations, submissions may be edited for length and content.

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Michael H. Sahn, managing partner of Sahn Ward Coschignano, PLLC, has proudly announced that Super Lawyers has recognized 14 attorneys from the firm for 2018 honors. Firm attorneys selected to the 2018 New York Metro Super Lawyers list include **Michael H. Sahn**, **Chris J. Coschignano**, **Wayne G. Edwards** (Land Use/Zoning), **Jon A. Ward**, **Andrew M. Roth** (Business Litigation) and **Miriam E. Villani** (Environmental). Eight additional attorneys have been selected to the 2018 New York Metro Super Lawyers "Rising Stars" list including partners **Daniel H. Braff**, **Adam H. Koblenz**, **Joseph R. Bjarnson**, **John Christopher** and **Elaine M. Colavito**, and associates **Michael J. Barone, Jr.**, **Joshua D. Brookstein** and **Nicholas J. Cappadora**.

Joel M. Greenberg, a partner at the healthcare law firm of Greenberg, Dresevic, Iwrey, Kalmowitz & Pendleton in Garden City, has been selected as a Super Lawyer for the eighth consecutive year.

L'Abbate, Balkan, Colavita & Contini, LLP proudly announces that nine firm attorneys have been recognized as 2018 *New York Metro Super Lawyers* and *New York Metro Rising Stars*. Attorneys receiving the New York Super Lawyer designation include NCBA Past President **Marian C. Rice**, **Anthony P. Colavita**, **William M. McCaffery**, **Amy M. Monahan** and **Kenneth J. Balkan** (Professional Liability – Defense), **Richard P. Byrne** (Insurance Coverage) and **Peter L. Contini** (Employment Litigation). Rising Stars

include **Kimberly Stewart** and **Lauren Davies**.

Thirteen partners from **Forchelli Deegan Terrana, LLP** have been chosen by their peers as *New York Super Lawyers* including **Jeffrey D. Forchelli**, **Daniel P. Deegan**, **John V. Terrana**, **Joseph P. Asselta**, **Frank W. Brennan**, **William F. Bonesso**, **Andrew E. Curto**, NCBA Treasurer **Gregory S. Lisi**, **Gerard R. Luckman**, **Judy L. Simonic**, **Peter B. Skelos**, **Jeffrey G. Stark** and **Russell G. Tisman**.

Jerry Siegelman, a partner at Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C. practicing in the area of commercial real estate transaction, has joined the Board of Directors of the Gold Coast Arts Center whose mission is to promote the arts to a greater audience of people from all walks of life.

Montfort, Healy, McGuire & Salley LLP has announced that **James Michael Murphy**, the firm's managing partner who concentrates his practice in the defense of personal injury matters, has been elected Chairman of the Nassau Suffolk Trial Lawyers Association. He is the sixth partner from the firm to be elected to this position within the organization which was founded in 1962 by Hy Herman, who served as its first Chairman, and Fredric Montfort, who founded the firm.

David Abeshouse is pleased to have been honored again, for the seventh year running, with the Super Lawyers designation for the category of Alternative Dispute Resolution Law in the New York Metro Area. For the fourth time, Mr. Abeshouse has authored a chapter entitled, "Morphing to Mediation: ADR as an Alternative" in a forthcoming book published under the auspices of the American Bar Association's Senior Law Division, *Second Acts for Solo and Small Firm Lawyers*.



Marian C. Rice

Farrell Fritz had a combined total of 30 attorneys selected to the 2018 *New York Metro Super Lawyers* and *New York Metro Rising Stars* lists. Included among the attorneys selected to the 2018 *New York Metro Super Lawyers* list are: **Kathryn Carney Cole**, NCBA Past President **John P. McEntee** and **James M. Wicks** (Business Litigation); **Jed C. Albert**, **Eric M. Kramer** and **Patricia C. Marciniak** (Estate & Probate); **John (Jack) J. Barnosky**, **Ilene Sherwyn Cooper**, **John R. Morken** (Estate & Trust Litigation); **Patrick T. Collins** (Bankruptcy: Business); **Charlotte A. Biblow** (Environmental); **Louis Vlahos** (Tax); and **Joel R. Weiss** (Criminal Defense: White Collar). The nine firm attorneys selected to the 2018 *New York Metro Rising Stars* list include **Edward D. Baker**, **Jaclene D'Agostino**, **Robert M. Harper**, **Franklin C. McRoberts**, and **Jacklyn A. Zitelli**. Farrell Fritz also congratulates ten attorneys who were selected by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2019, including: **Brian Corrigan**, **John (Jack) Barnosky** and **Ilene Sherwyn Cooper** (Litigation – Trusts & Estates and Trusts & Estates); **John R. Morken** (Litigation – Trusts & Estates); **Robert E. Sandler** (Real Estate Law); **Charles M. Strain** (Health Care Law). Special kudos to **Charles M. Strain** and **Ilene Cooper**, both of whom received the "Lawyer of the Year" award for Long Island. This recognition is awarded to individual attorneys with the highest overall peer-feedback for a specific practice area and geographic location.

Steven P. Seltzer, Deputy General Counsel to Moritt Hock & Hamroff LLP who practices in the area of commercial disputes, was recently appointed to the Board of Overseers (Eastern Region) of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, a voluntary group providing guidance and feedback regarding programming, student life and many other aspects of the seminary that prepares students to become rabbis, cantors and professional educators in Judaism's Reform Movement.

Lamb & Barnosky, LLP attorneys selected for inclusion on the New York Super Lawyers list for 2018 include Eugene R. Barnosky (Schools and Education), **Sharon N. Berlin, Esq.** and **Richard K. Zuckerman** (Employment and Labor Law). Ms. Berlin and Mr. Zuckerman have been selected by their peers for recognition in the 2019 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®. Mr. Zuckerman has been further honored as 2019 "Lawyer of the Year" in the practice areas of Employment Law - Management on Long Island. Mr. Barnosky will be the moderator of a panel on the topic entitled "Employment Law – Some Bargaining and Non-Bargaining Issues" at the 22nd Annual Pre-Convention School Law Seminar sponsored by the NYS School Boards Association and NYS Association of School Attorneys at the Sheraton New York Times Square, New York City while Ms. Berlin will present on the topic "Sexual Harassment in a Viral News World" at the 99th Annual Convention & Education Expo sponsored by the NYS School Boards Association and will be presenting at a two day National Business Institute Seminar entitled "The Human Resource

Manager: Essential Skills for Everyday Issues" on the topics *Hiring, Terminating, FMLA and More* and *Discrimination, Discipline and Employee Performance*, respectively. The firm has been selected as one of *CorporateLiveWire's* 2017/2018 winner in the category of "Excellence in Employment Law Services-USA." This award represents the pinnacle of business achievement, championing the best in their respective fields.

Karen Tenenbaum, of Tenenbaum Law P.C., recently spoke at the FoodBizLI Food and Beverage Expo on the topic "Don't Lose Your Restaurant Due to Unpaid Taxes." Ms. Tenenbaum and **Leo Gabovich** presented at the NCBA Dean's Hour on October 2nd about IRS and NYS Tax Collection. The firm's tax attorneys, joined by **Hana Boruchov**, will also be hosting a tax problem resolution desk and speaking on NYS Residency Audits at the New York State Society of Enrolled Agents Conference in Saratoga, NY. Ms. Tenenbaum has also been named a New York Metro Area Super Lawyer as a practitioner of Tax Law.

Five Pegalis & Erickson LLC attorneys have been selected for the highly regarded list, *Best Lawyers in America*® 2019. The five attorneys recognized for Plaintiffs Medical Malpractice are: **Steven Pegalis**, **Stephen Erickson**, **Annamarie Bondi-Stoddard**, **Sanford Nagrotsky**, and **Robert Fallarino**. In addition, three of those attorneys: Steven Pegalis, Stephen Erickson, and Annamarie Bondi-Stoddard, were also named to *Best Lawyers*® for Personal Injury Litigation.

Alan J. Schwartz has been appointed Associate Village Justice of the Incorporated Village of Centre Island.

Six attorneys at Catalano Gallardo & Petropoulos, LLP have been recognized by their peers and named to the 2018 New York Metro Super Lawyers and Rising Stars lists. NCBA members selected as Super Lawyers include **Ralph A. Catalano** and **Matthew K. Flanagan** (Professional Liability – Defense), **Domingo R. Gallardo** (Civil Litigation – Defense) and **Gary Petropoulos** (Insurance Coverage). Rising Stars include **Katherine A. Giovacco** and **William L. Schleifer**.

Brian Andrew Tully, founder of Tully Law, PC, was selected to the 2018 New York Metro Super Lawyers list. He was recognized in the practice areas of Elder Law and Estate Planning & Probate for the eighth straight year.

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Karabatos Interviewed on "Law You Should Know" Radio Program



NCBA President **Elena Karabatos** was a guest on the radio program "Law You Should Know." President Karabatos talked about the many benefits lawyers receive when they join the Association, and the numerous services members provide to the local community. Hosted for 30 years by NCBA member **Kenneth Landau**, the show is taped at the radio station at Nassau Community College.

The program will be broadcast Wednesday October 24 at 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 28 at 7:00 a.m. on WHPC on 90.3FM and at NCCradio.org. To find the podcast, search "WHPC" on iTunes or speaker.com.

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