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DAVID BAMDAD



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MAURA MCLOUGHLIN



JACQUELINE RAPPEL



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David Bamdad

Partner
Meltzer Lippe

Partner David Bamdad was recently appointed chair of the trust and estate litigation practice at Meltzer Lippe in Mineola. The attorney regularly counsels fiduciaries, beneficiaries and distributees in contested and uncontested proceedings before the Surrogate's Court and other trial and appellate courts. Bamdad, who is also regularly appointed by surrogates as a guardian ad litem, recently presented a full-day New York State Bar Association continuing legal education course on estate litigation. He also speaks regularly at the annual Private Wealth and Taxation Institute at Hofstra Law.

Matthew Marcucci

Associate
Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein

An associate in the litigation and dispute resolution department at Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein in Garden City, Matthew Marcucci handles complex disputes involving breach of contract, fraud, intellectual property violations, shareholder disputes and business divorces, among other matters. His clients range from publicly traded multinational corporations to middle-market businesses to individual professionals. He has also represented Native American tribes. In 2018 and 2019, Marcucci was selected as a "Rising Star" by industry publication Super Lawyers. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Fordham University School of Law.

John McKay III

Member
Bond, Schoeneck & King

Litigation and healthcare attorney John McKay III is a member of Bond, Schoeneck & King in Garden City. Last October, he was part of a team that won a landmark decision for a group of fiscal intermediaries involved in New York's Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program. New York State Supreme Court granted an Article 78 petition filed by Bond declaring the Department of Health's rate reimbursement methodology "null and void." The victory prevented DOH from implementing a rate reimbursement system that would have severely impacted fiscal intermediaries and elderly and disabled populations.

Maura McLoughlin

Managing Attorney, Commercial and Estate Litigation
Departments
Farrell Fritz

Farrell Fritz in Uniondale recently welcomed Maura McLoughlin as managing attorney for its commercial and estate litigation departments. In this role, the attorney is responsible for the management and tracking of the firm's commercial and estate litigation cases. She serves as a resource on planned and implemented rule changes in addition to creating, maintaining and updating forms files with respect to pleadings, discovery and recurring brief issues. Prior to joining Farrell Fritz, McLoughlin spent nearly 18 years as managing attorney at Cahill Gordon & Reindel.

Jacqueline Rappel

Partner
Forchelli Deegan Terrana

Jacqueline Rappel, an accomplished commercial and Surrogate's Court litigator, is a recent addition to Forchelli Deegan Terrana in Uniondale. The attorney, who previously provided of counsel services to multiple law firms, concentrates her practice in complicated commercial and Surrogate's Court litigation, as well as business conflict and business dispute resolution. Rappel litigates claims in federal and state courts in a wide variety of commercial matters, such as corporate dissolution, breach of contract and shareholder and member disputes. She has also tried numerous proceedings in the Surrogate's Court, including aggressively contested probate matters and judicial accountings.

Christopher Vatter

Partner
Jaspan Schlesinger

Christopher Vatter concentrates his practice on complex commercial and construction litigation matters for both private and public entities. He also represents financial institutions in general litigation and foreclosures, collections and loan workouts. A partner at Jaspan Schlesinger in Garden City, Vatter successfully represented an owner of a commercial property whose building was damaged as a result of the adjacent owner's construction activities. He obtained summary judgment as to liability against the contractor and the adjacent owner for damages caused to the building.