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Lauren Kanter-Lawrence, Esq., Director of Communications at Campolo, Middleton & McCormick, LLP, has been elected to the Board of Directors of Women Economic Developers of Long Island (WEDLI). The organization promotes the growth of economic development in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.



Farrell Fritz Welcomes Steven J. Lee to Uniondale Office as a Construction Law Associate Farrell Fritz welcomes **Steven J. Lee** of Flushing to the firm's commercial litigation practice group, where he focuses his practice on construction matters. Prior to attending law school, Steven founded a construction company, Evolution Contracting, Inc. (Flushing, NY), where he remained president for ten years. Immediately prior to joining Farrell Fritz, Steven was an associate in the Insurance Fraud practice group at Rivkin Radler LLP. Previously, he was an associate/law clerk at Wormser, Kiely, Galef & Jacobs, LLP and a New York State Pro Bono Scholar law clerk at the New York Legal Assistance Group. Steven earned his Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from the **Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University**. While in law school, he co-founded and directed the Veterans Legal Assistance Project. Steven holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the **State University of New York at Geneseo**. Steven, who speaks conversational Korean, is admitted to practice in New York State.



Futterman & Lanza hires new paralegal for Smithtown office Danielle Versteeg has joined Futterman & Lanza, LLP in the Smithtown office. Futterman & Lanza is a law firm focusing on elder law and estate planning for over a decade. Futterman & Lanza has been serving Long Island clients from their Smithtown office and has recently opened satellite offices in Valley Stream and Southampton to better serve their clients. Danielle Versteeg was formerly a paralegal at Grabie & Grabie for two years. Danielle earned her Bachelor's degree at SUNY Purchase and is currently learning Spanish. She has a personal interest in art and enjoys painting and drawing. Danielle resides in Centereach, NY. Photo attached: Photo taken by Sharyn O'Mara



Uniondale, New York – July 2018 – Evan H. Krinick, Managing Partner of Rivkin Radler LLP, has announced that Margarita Christoforou, Cassandra Rivais and Jonah Zweig have joined the firm as Associates.



Margarita Christoforou, of St. James, has joined the firm's Health Services Practice Group. Margarita represents various healthcare entities, including hospital systems, medical groups and physician practices, long-term care providers, ambulatory surgery centers, Management Services Organizations (MSOs), Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs), Independent Practice Associations (IPAs), Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) and health insurance companies, as well as other organizations affiliated with the health care industry. Prior to joining Rivkin Radler, Margarita was an Associate Counsel at Crystal Run Healthcare LLP, Middletown, NY.



Cassandra Rivais, of Albany, NY, has joined the firm's Health Services Practice Group. Cassandra represents various healthcare providers on regulatory and transactional matters. Prior to joining Rivkin Radler, Cassandra completed a two-year clinical ethics fellowship at Alden March Bioethics Institute of Albany Medical Center. She performed clinical ethics consultations to resolve various types of disputes in the clinical setting and provided ethics education for medical students. Cassandra has provided various forms of educational services, ranging from in-house staff training, guest lectures at Albany Law School, and undergraduate nursing students courses. Prior to joining Rivkin Radler, Cassandra was Of Counsel to Sholes & Miller, LLP, Fishkill, NY.



Jonah Zweig, of Jamaica, NY, has joined the firm's General Liability Practice Group. Jonah represents a wide variety of clients in personal injury cases, including construction/labor law matters, premises

liability suits, general negligence actions, and motor vehicle claims. He successfully practiced in both the trial court and appellate levels and has extensive experience in motion practice, the conducting of depositions and discovery conferences, and appellate practice. Prior to joining Rivkin Radler, Jonah was an Associate at Saretsky, Katz & Dranoff, LLP, New York, NY. About Rivkin Radler
Established in 1950, Rivkin Radler LLP has offices in Albany, NY; Hackensack, NJ; New York City; Poughkeepsie, NY; and Uniondale, NY. The firm, which employs approximately 180 attorneys across 21 practice groups, is nationally recognized and was named an *American Lawyer Media "Go-To" Firm* by its clients. In addition, the firm is among the National Law Journal's 350 largest firms in the U.S. For more information about the firm, visit www.rivkinradler.com.

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We are excited to announce that Nicole Craveiro, Administrator at Scotto & Melchiorre Group, successfully passed the Society for Human Resource Management Certified Professional exam (SHRM-CP®). This credential affirms that Nicole has mastered technical HR knowledge and has the ability to effectively apply that knowledge in the workplace. Congratulations Nicole!



VAI Named to CRN's 2018 Solution Provider 500 List

Ronkonkoma, N.Y. – June 4, 2018 – VAI, a leading ERP software developer, today announced that CRN, a brand of The Channel Company, has named VAI to its 2018 *Solution Provider 500* list. The *Solution Provider 500* is CRN's annual ranking of the largest technology integrators, solution providers and IT consultants in North America by revenue. The *Solution Provider 500* is CRN's predominant channel partner award list, serving as the industry standard for recognition of the most successful solution provider companies in the channel since 1995. The complete list will be published on CRN.com, making it readily available to vendors seeking out top solution providers to partner with.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Art League of Long Island boasts an impressive roster of art instructors who not only teach but also "do". The Art League's instructors are award-winning artists on the local, national, or international stage. Their work is on exhibit in the Jeanie Tengelsen Gallery August 25 to September 16. An open house and public artists' reception takes place August 25 from 11am to 3pm. The open house and reception are free and open to the general public. Visitors are provided a first-hand look of the inner-workings in the Art League's specialized art studios through live demonstrations by Art League instructors. Meet the instructors and learn about their classes and approach to teaching at the artists' reception in the Jeanie Tengelsen Gallery. Monday through Thursday 9am – 9pm, Friday 9am – 4pm and weekends from 11am – 4pm. The Art League is located at 107 East Deer Park Road in Dix Hills. The Art League of Long Island's last juried art competition of 2018 challenged artists from the Long Island region to submit original artwork addressing the subject of light in their artwork. Open to creative interpretation, 165 artists submitted 465 images of their artwork for the opportunity to exhibit in the gallery. Exhibition juror Karen Levitov selected works by 59 of those artists to be displayed in the gallery. Of those 59 works, nine were singled out for Awards of Excellence and Honorable Mentions. The exhibit is on view through August 5th at the Jeanie Tengelsen Gallery. It is open free of charge Monday through Thursday 9am – 9pm, Friday 9am – 4pm and weekends from 11am – 4pm. The Art League is located at 107 East Deer Park Road in Dix Hills. For more information visit www.artleagueli.org or call (631) 462-5400.



Jim Barlow of Ameriprise Financial Services is hosting breakfast and lunch workshops each week in August and September to educate employees who have a 401K/403b plan (existing or former plan). Hauppauge location includes members, **Brendel's** restaurant, and Islandia location, **The Garage**. Option strategies relating to proper allocation will be discussed and you are encouraged to "bring in" a recent statement for a "hands on meeting". For a list of times and dates call **516-479-5871** or e-mail james.a.barlow@ampf.com



On June 25th, Molloy's 9th Annual Business Bootcamp was held. This four-day interactive learning experience provides rising high school

seniors with opportunities to experience different business majors. With just a few hours to prepare and some advice from entrepreneurs, 72 students participated in Molloy's version of Shark Tank, creating products to pitch, along with, commercials to promote their products. During the Wall Street simulation, they had to decide to buy, sell, or hold "candy" based on market conditions. Also, students presented on trending business topics. It was an intense week overshadowed by incredible growth and success. Ultimately, it is why *Molloy Means Business*.

SBPLI Hosts FIRST Robotics Info Night on August 21 at Hauppauge High School *Free Event for Parents, Educators and Other Interested Adults, as Well as Potential Volunteers, to Learn about FIRST Robotics Programs.* School-Business Partnerships of Long Island, Inc. (SBPLI) will be presenting a full and detailed description of all *FIRST* (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) programs for students ages six through eighteen, including *FIRST* LEGO League Jr., *FIRST* LEGO League, *FIRST* Tech Challenge, and *FIRST* Robotics Competition at its Info Night on August 21. This event will be held at 7 p.m. at Hauppauge High School, located at 500 Lincoln Boulevard in Hauppauge. Participants will learn about the benefits of STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) provided by these robotics programs, how to start new teams, network with others, and learn about all the resources available from SBPLI and *FIRST* to start a team. **Please note that it is not possible to place students on teams at this time.** Individuals interested in Technical and Non-Technical Volunteer opportunities in our programs can learn how to sign up for various events and how to receive training for different roles. *FIRST* LEGO League Jr. is for students ages six to nine, while *FIRST* LEGO League is open to nine- to sixteen-year-old students. Middle and high school students can take part in either the *FIRST* Tech Challenge (12 to 18 years of age), while high school students ages 14 to 18 can join the *FIRST* Robotics Competition. Admission is free; however, the event is open to adults only. Those who know of any parents, teachers, administrators or community organization leaders who may be interested in learning more about these robotics programs can invite them to the event. For more information on SBPLI or *FIRST*, please visit www.sbpli-lifirst.org or call (631) 627-8400.

OTHER NEWS & HAPPENINGS



Local human service agency EAC Network is the proud recipient of a \$30,000 State Farm Good Neighbor Citizenship Grant to support its Teen Driving Equation program, which cultivates and enforces positive driving skills and responsibilities among teens so they develop safe driving habits.

The grant supports efforts to promote the use of seat belts and the proper use of car seats, reduce excessive speed and passenger distractions, provide a comprehensive curriculum on safe driving practices, and host driving simulations so teens can "experience" the dangers of impaired and distracted driving.



Gershow Recycling Grants Environmental Conservation Scholarship to Valley Stream Central High School Graduating Senior Bianca Balkaran Jason Baron (right), Manager, Gershow Recycling, poses with Bianca Balkaran (left), a member of Valley Stream Central High School's Class of 2018. Ms. Balkaran was awarded a one-time scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 from Gershow Recycling. As a leading environmental recycling company, Gershow awards the competitive scholarship to graduating seniors who have displayed exemplary efforts in the fields of environmental science or engineering while in high school and plan to continue to pursue higher education degrees in either of these areas of study. For more information, call (631) 289-6188 or visit www.gershow.com.



Gershow Recycling Grants Environmental Conservation Scholarship to Herricks High School Graduating Senior Hiram Yuan John Conroy (right), Manager, Gershow Recycling, poses with Hiram Yuan (left), a member of Herricks High School's Class of 2018. Mr. Yuan was awarded a one-time scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 from Gershow Recycling. As a leading environmental recycling company, Gershow awards the competitive scholarship to graduating seniors who have displayed exemplary efforts in the fields of environmental science or engineering while in high school and plan to continue to pursue higher education degrees

in either of these areas of study. For more information, call (631) 289-6188 or visit www.gershow.com.



Gershow Recycling Grants Environmental Conservation Scholarship to Freeport High School Graduating Senior Zoe Stetson Peter O'Donovan (left), Manager, Gershow Recycling, poses with Zoe Stetson (right), a member of Freeport High School's Class of 2018. Ms. Stetson was awarded a one-time scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 from Gershow Recycling. As a leading environmental recycling company, Gershow awards the competitive scholarship to graduating seniors who have displayed exemplary efforts in the fields of environmental science or engineering while in high school and plan to continue to pursue higher education degrees in either of these areas of study. For more information, call (631) 289-6188 or visit www.gershow.com.



RPM RACEWAY HOSTS CONNECTICUT GRAND OPENING RPM Raceway, America's ultimate all-electric indoor karting and entertainment destination, officially open its authentic racing experience in Stamford, Connecticut on **Wednesday, June 6**. The new two-level, 90,000 square foot facility with two quarter-mile racing tracks is RPM Raceway's first location in Connecticut and its sixth throughout the Northeast. The brand new RPM Raceway location includes racing, virtual adventures in the Hologate Virtual Reality simulator, bowling at RPM Lanes, the 14-lane bowling facility, and The Clutch Sportsbar, RPM Raceway's signature restaurant featuring a chef-driven take on upscale bar food. RPM Raceway representatives and local dignitaries in Stamford officially cut the ribbon at 11:00 AM to welcome the venue to the area.



Jennifer O'Brien State Farm Grand Opening Ceremony. With the support of the Smithtown Chamber of Commerce, Jennifer O'Brien State Farm is excited to announce its official Grand Opening. The ribbon cutting ceremony took place on July 27th at 329 East Main St., Smithtown and included attendance from local government, business owners, and community members. Jennifer is passionate about building relationships, supporting the community, and helping families plan for the unexpected. *For all HIA members, Jennifer will provide Starbucks gift cards for all who inquire on a quote.* To receive more information or for a complimentary quote, feel free to contact Jennifer at 631.724.0002 or by email jenn@insurewithjenn.com



Eight Years for Suburban Exterminating's Library Program *Suburban Exterminating works to educate children about insects and other creatures.* Suburban Exterminating entomologists continue to share their love of bugs with

Long Island children. Heading into the 8th year of our children's library program, we're thrilled to provide a "Buggy: Show and Tell" to educate children about insects and other creatures. At each library, everyone gets a chance to get up close and personal with our insects, hamsters and other animals. Many children come to our program already bug experts. Jacob, age 10 from Southampton, told us that a carpenter ant's scientific name was *Camponotus pennsylvanicus*. Arielle, age 9 from Huntington, knew that a hamster was nocturnal. The children want to know everything from "Does a tarantula sting?" to "What does a roach eat?" The free library program runs for 45 minutes to an hour for Grades 3 - 5. Come and join the buggy fun! For a complete schedule of the 2018 Summer Library Program, click the following link: <http://www.suburbanexterminating.com/summer-event.asp>. About Suburban Exterminating: Established in 1960, Suburban Exterminating Co, Inc. is Long Island, New York's leading full-service pest management company and has been providing services in all phases of pest control to homes and businesses. For the past 50 years Suburban has been dedicated to exemplifying quality, professionalism and respect when helping our fellow Long Islanders. If you'd like more information on this topic or want to contact a technician, call Jason Byer at Suburban Exterminating at (631) 864-6900. Suburban Exterminating's main office is located at 879 W Jericho Turnpike, Smithtown, NY.

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