

## Names, Faces, People & Places

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### Empire National Bank supports ALS Ride For Life event

**ISLANDIA, NY** As a supporter of ALS Ride For Life, Empire National Bank hosted the group during the charity's annual Ride For Life. Patients in electric wheelchairs or scooters spread ALS awareness, information and raise research funds during this event. It takes place over several days and makes numerous stops along the way; this year's route was from Stony Brook to Manhattan.

Douglas Manditch, Empire National Bank's chairman and chief executive officer said, "We applaud the courage and determination of this year's ALS Ride For Life participants. Our employees were glad to show their support and wish them well on their journey."

Additionally, Empire National Bank was the Innovation Award sponsor at the recent Imagine Awards gala. The event was created to provide formal acknowledgement to some of Long Island's most effective and innovative non-profit organizations. Out of 20 finalists, five non-profits receive \$5,000 grants. Paws of War received the 2019 Innovation Award.

"The Innovation Award recognizes a nonprofit that has been innovative in adopting new platforms that have



Empire National Bank Islandia branch employees welcome ALS Ride For Life participants

helped the organization reach its mission. "Paws of War trains rescue dogs and pairs them with veterans. This year the group expanded its services by launching the country's first mobile veterinary unit dedicated to serving veterans and their pets. We applaud their ingenuity and commitment to helping members of our military in need," said Empire National Bank's president and chief operating officer

Thomas Buonaiuto.

Dedicated to helping small to mid-sized privately-owned businesses, professional practices, not-for-profit organizations, municipalities and real estate professionals grow and prosper; Empire National Bank is committed to bringing the personal touch back to customer service while providing a "neighborhood" banking experience.

### Baker of Certilman Balin honored by Touro Law Ctr.

**EAST MEADOW, NY** On Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Garden City Hotel, Touro Law Center held its annual "With Liberty & Justice for All" Dinner Celebration. Certilman Balin's land use and zoning partner Daniel Baker was one of the honorees. Baker is a partner in the real estate and land use and zoning practice groups at Certilman Balin. He represents clients on real estate transaction matters, land use and zoning issues, and industrial development agency (IDA) benefits. Active with his alma mater and in his community, Baker is a member of the Touro Law Center Alumni Association, a member of the Touro Law Center Dean's advisory council, and an executive board member to Touro Law Center's Institute of Land Use



Baker with award from Touro Law Center.

and Sustainable Development Law. In 2017, Baker was honored with the Law School Service Award.

### Mojo Stumer Associates makes Interior Design magazine's "PowerGrid 50 List"

**GREENVALE, NY** According to Mojo Stumer Associates (MSA), the firm has made *Interior Design* magazine's "PowerGrid 50 List." MSA was named one of the top 50 architecture and design firms currently influencing New York City and the surrounding counties. MSA was listed at number 41, with eight projects and 543,000 s/f in the works or recently completed within the New York City area.

MSA is comprised of two principals, Thomas Mojo and Mark Stumer who are involved in setting

the design direction, overseeing the design through its different phases and maintaining client contact throughout the project's duration. Supporting the principals are four associates who help structure firm policies and a staff of over 20 architects and interior designers along with a highly competent office and financial management staff.

Every project by MSA is overseen by a principal who is accessible and actively involved in every stage of a project's development.

### Forchelli Deegan Terrana's Tricolla recognized by Hofstra University

**UNIONDALE, NY** Forchelli Deegan Terrana LLP associate Danielle Tricolla has been selected as a recipient of Hofstra University's Outstanding Women in Law award.

Tricolla joined the firm in 2012 and is an associate

in the firm's litigation group. She handles a variety of litigation matters, including commercial litigation, real property actions, land use and zoning matters, regulatory claims and compliance issues, and employment litigation. She represents individuals, corporations, and municipalities in federal and state court, at both the trial and appellate levels. She has experience in handling disputes among partners of closely-held companies.

She is a graduate of University of Maryland and New York Law School, 2011, cum laude. Tricolla is a member of the Nassau County Bar Association and its commercial litigation committee and the Women's Bar Association of Nassau County. In addition, the Long Island Real Estate Group (LIREG) and the national professional women's group Ellevate.



Danielle Tricolla

### Rick of Janover elected to board of Nassau NYSSCPA

**WOODBURY, NY** According to Janover LLC, partner Kenneth Rick, CPA, was installed as a member of the



Kenneth Rick

board of directors for the Nassau Chapter of the New York State Society of CPAs (NYSSCPA). The Nassau Chapter's 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Installation Dinner was held on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Crest Hollow Country Club.

Rick has practiced public accounting for over 35 years. Serving businesses and individuals across a wide array of industries, including Family & Closely Held Businesses and Construction, Rick's clients appreciate his hands on, detailed

knowledge of their accounts and the fact that he is always just a phone call or email away. At Janover, Rick holds several leadership positions, including the firm's compensation committee, and serving on its executive board. Rick currently serves as the co-partner-in-charge of the firm's marketing initiatives.

Rick has been actively involved in the NYSSCPA, having previously served on the board of the NYSSCPA. Additionally, he served as the chapter's community affairs and public relations chairman and co-chair of the NYSSCPA Small Managing and Accounting Practice (MAP) committee. Rick has been involved with the NYSSCPA's Nassau Chapters charitable event for several years, the Annual Ellen Gordon CPAs 4(a): Cause 5K Run/Walk to End Hunger.

### Carroll of RE/MAX recognized as Top 10 RE/MAX Producer in U.S. for third year

**WEST BABYLON, NY** Professional real estate broker Michael Carroll of RE/MAX Best has ranked No. 6 overall in the U.S. among RE/MAX agents for Total Individual Commissions in 2018. This is the third straight year that Carroll has ranked in the Top 10 among all RE/MAX agents in the U.S. He was recognized by and presented with his award by RE/MAX at the company's RE/MAX R4 Conference held in Las Vegas, NV.

Carroll is a veteran RE/MAX professional who has been part of the network for almost 30 years. He is a real estate professional who understands markets and trends. He has focused on the foreclosure market selling hundreds of properties across the region. This segment continues to offer opportunities and has allowed him to grow his business and his team. Carroll is known in the Long Island



Shown (from left) are: Carroll and RE/MAX CEO Adam Contos.

market as a specialist in working with REO properties, or real estate-owned properties which are in the possession of lenders. He is an expert and leader in this specialized area of real estate and he works closely with many lenders, attorneys, financial advisors, accountants and fellow real estate professionals to sell these properties quickly and profitably.

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### McCoy and Sanders join Spano Abstract

**GARDEN CITY, NY** According to Spano Abstract, Steve McCoy has joined the company as client relationship specialist, and Laura Sanders as a clearance officer.

McCoy and Sanders join Spano Abstract with 20 and 40 years respectively, of industry experience as leaders of Eastern Abstract Corp., a pioneer in the title insurance industry in the Bronx for more than four decades. McCoy has held nearly every position at Eastern Abstract including manager, in-house closer, survey inspector, and recording coordinator. Sanders, in her role as title clearance officer, has read thousands of files and cleared innumerable issues prior to closing working with both the buyers' and sellers' attorneys. McCoy has closed thousands of residential and commercial transactions during his



Shown (from left) are: McCoy, Paul Spano, Spano Abstract president; and Sanders.

career. He also partners with many local developers as he and Sanders have been an integral part of insuring multiple commercial real estate projects in the fast-growing Bronx. McCoy also conducts title insurance educational seminars for real estate brokers throughout New York City.