

## Names, Faces, People & Places

### BEE, HOCHHAUSL, PISCO, ROBERTS AND ROCKENSIES H2M architects + engineers names five new shareholders

MELVILLE, NY H2M architects + engineers has five new shareholders: Robert Bee, R.A., LEED AP; Alexander Hochhausl, P.E.; Jay Pisco, P.E.; James Roberts, P.E.; and William Rockensies, P.E.



Robert Bee



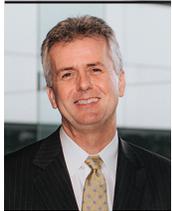
Alexander Hochhausl



Jay Pisco



James Roberts



William Rockensies

Robert Bee is a senior architect and assistant studio director with over 15 years of experience in the field of architecture.

Hochhausl is a practice leader and manager of HVAC and has over 20 years of experience in HVAC and utility generation and distribution systems.

Pisco is a vice president and dep-

uty market leader for the municipal market sector with more than 38 years of experience working on municipal

and private projects. Roberts is a vice president and market leader of water and wastewater with 35 years of experience in engineering and operations and maintenance of water supply, distribution, wastewater collection, and stormwater management.

Rockensies is a vice president and the director of construction services with 30 years of experience in engineering design and construction management.

In the tradition that they have established of inviting valued employees to join them the success of the company, H2M is proud to congratulate these five new shareholders.

H2M, founded in 1933 on the principles of integrity and design excellence, is a multi-disciplined professional consulting and design firm employing over 450 architects, engineers (water/wastewater, civil/site, structural, M/E/P, and environmental), planners, designers, inspectors, surveyors, and scientists.

### Silverman joins Keller Williams' commercial div. as associate broker

WOODBURY, NY Howell Silverman, CIREC, ITI, CREI, has joined Keller Williams' commercial division. He is



Howell Silverman

a commercial real estate associate broker in the NYC and Long Island real estate markets. He stays top of mind using up to date market insights to deliver value to his clients. When selling your home or business, he uses real estate, social media, electronic tools and databases to ensure you get the widest exposure. When buying, he has deep resources in both personal relationships with top companies and their agents, as well as being expert in electronic research.

### Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP welcomes Nora as a partner

EAST MEADOW, NY Karen Nora has joined the banking and commercial lending practice group at Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP as a partner.



Karen Nora

She was previously a partner at Smyth Nora. She concentrated in all aspects of real property law including contract drafting, residential and commercial finance, land use, foreclosure and condemnation, landlord/tenant litigation, leasing, and all matters of civil litigation.

### Lo joins Kaplan, Kaplan & DiTrapani as an associate

SYOSSET, NY According to Kaplan, Kaplan & DiTrapani, LLP, Jason Lo has joined the firm as an associate.



Jason Lo

Lo is fluent in Mandarin Chinese and is licensed to practice law in Taiwan. He began his legal career practicing law with LCS & Partners in Taipei, Taiwan, where he handled a variety of complex matters regarding mergers and acquisitions of banks, international investment and arbitration. At the firm, he also led an IPO due diligence team, issued legal opinions with partners regarding China-based issuers and assisted clients with corporate restructuring and pre-IPO agreements.

Lo is a certified anti-money laundering specialist with experience in the real estate, consumer lending, general corporate, fintech, securities and capital markets in the U.S. and China. At the firm, he concentrates his practice in commercial and residential real estate. He prepares lease agreements, reviews property titles and performs closings on all transactions. Before joining the firm, Lo was an associate at Huang & Associates, P.C. He assisted attorneys in representing banks, as well as buyers and sellers of residential and commercial real property from contract to closing. Prior to that, he was a legal specialist consultant with Prime Clerk, where he participated in bankruptcy cases.

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After three years, Lo served as a legal consultant to the commissioner of the financial supervisory commission in New Taipei City, Taiwan. He worked on such issues as financial consumer protection, electronic payments and bankruptcy law.

Lo earned his Master of Laws degree from Boston University School of Law and a Juris Doctor degree from the SUNY at Buffalo Law School, where he was the associate editor of the *Buffalo Intellectual Property Law Journal*.

### FDT ranked a top construction law firm by *Construction Executive* magazine

UNIONDALE, NY According to Forchelli Deegan Terrana LLP (FDT), the firm has been ranked #39 in *Construction Executive* magazine's inaugural "The Top 50 Construction Law Firms" list. Rankings of the most influential firms



Joseph Asselta

practicing construction law were derived from a survey taken by hundreds of law firms throughout the United States.

"We are honored to receive a ranking. Our dedicated construction law practice group prides itself on our attorneys' knowledge and experience in the field of construction law and obtaining favorable results for our clients," said Joseph Asselta, chair of FDT's construction practice group.

### EW Howell donates \$5,000 to Mentors Giving Voices Across North Babylon



Shown (from left) are: Sean Kratz, EW Howell; Maria Prendimano, EW Howell; Kimberly Skillen, assistant superintendent North Babylon School District; Jeanette Roberto, district coordinator North Babylon School District; Michelle Pressley, EW Howell; Donna Ruber EW Howell; and Daniel Williams, EW Howell.

NORTH BABYLON, NY On June 20<sup>th</sup>, volunteers from EW Howell's Benefit for a Friend committee presented the Mentors Giving Voices Across North Babylon program with a donation of \$5,000 at their year-end breakfast. The Mentors Across North Babylon connects students and staff to help

students strengthen their innate abilities, and discover their maximum potential. Since founding Benefit for a Friend in 2003, EW Howell has sponsored the organization's golf outing and commits itself to causes on a local level that help raise money for families in need.

### Racanello appoints Provetto as exec. administrative assistant and Franzone as administrative assistant

MELVILLE, NY Racanello Construction Company, Inc. has appointed Kristine Provetto as an executive administrative assistant and Maria Franzone as an administrative assistant.



Kristine Provetto

In this role, Provetto's responsibilities will include broad marketing activities, project management support and customer service. She brings to the role experience in project management, customer service, operations and human resources.

Directly prior to joining Racanello, Provetto served as a talent acquisition specialist/operations assistant with KForce Inc. There, she helped source candidates for the firm's financial services clients, managed candidate placements, researched and analyzed market trends, and developed related strategies and reports.

She also served as a project management/strategy analyst intern with Treacy Consulting (Dublin, Ireland) and an administrative assistant with ENT Associates of Nassau County.

Provetto holds a bachelor's degree in Economics from Providence College. While at Providence, she served as an economic student researcher in subjects relating to environmental economics, the economics of developing nations, economic forecasting and econometrics. Her higher education also includes studies in Economics at Macquarie University (Sydney, NSW, Australia) and studies in Psychology

at Iona College (New Rochelle).

A community-oriented individual, Provetto has served as a Colleges Against Cancer Member and Providence College Pals Volunteer.



Maria Franzone

Franzone will be involved in various office administration tasks in support of the company's day-to-day operations. She brings a proven track record in the construction industry administration, office management and customer service.

Directly prior to joining Racanello, Franzone was a pre-construction administrator with Engel Burman Construction. Her role encompassed many functions, including: documentation preparation for closings; contract documentation, distribution and status follow-up; ongoing liaison with project managers and maintaining weekly contract logs; bid documentation; scheduling of scope reviews for leveling processes; assistance with take-offs; subcontractor meetings; and preparation of project closeout documents, among others.

In addition to her position with Engel Burman, Franzone served as a construction administrator with Alure Home Improvements, and an office manager/bookkeeper with Integrated Construction Management.

Franzone's higher education includes Liberal Arts Studies at Suffolk Community College, working to earn an associates degree.

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