

## ■ Retirement & Estate Planning Ones to Watch



SUZANNE Q. BURKE

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### Suzanne Q. Burke

Trusts and Estates Associate, Farrell Fritz

Burke focuses her practice on estate planning and administration in both New York and Florida. An associate at Uniondale-based Farrell Fritz, Burke has drafted wills, revocable trusts, special needs trusts and qualified personal residence trusts, in addition to preparing federal and state estate tax returns, tax projections and tax audits. Prior to her current firm, Burke worked for law firms Putney, Twombly, Hall & Hiron in New York City and Rivkin Radler in Uniondale. Burke was recently appointed to the board of directors of Girls Inc. of Long Island, a Lake Ronkonkoma-based nonprofit organization concerned with empowering girls to reach their full potential.

### Martin S. Glass

Of Counsel, Campolo, Middleton & McCormick

Of counsel to the Bohemia law firm, Glass focuses his practice on elder law, estate planning, long-term care, special needs planning and asset preservation. But things didn't start out that way for Glass, who began his career as a software engineer and went to law school at night to become a patent attorney. He worked briefly in patents before finding his niche in elder law and estate planning. Glass is an active member of the New York State Bar Association's elder law and trust and estate sections and the Suffolk County Bar's elder law and surrogate court committees.

### Kenneth M. Kern

Associate, Genser Dubow Genser & Cona

Kern, who works for the Melville-based elder law and estate planning firm, was recently honored by the Long Island Alzheimer's Foundation with the Outstanding Legal Professional Service Award. Kern was recognized for his resourcefulness in finding government entitlements, special programs and legal solutions to help older adults remain in their community as long as possible. Additionally, he was singled out for his work with developmentally disabled adults. Admitted to the New York State Bar in 2006, Kern concentrates his practice in the areas of Medicaid planning, health care facility representation, guardianships, estate administration and estate litigation.

### Michael Norton

Senior Vice President, David Lerner Associates

In his capacity with the Syosset-based investment company, Norton currently manages \$160 million in client assets. Many of his clients are retired, and they look to him for counsel in supplementing their retirement income through a variety of income-producing investments. Norton entered the securities industry as a retail stock broker in 1995 and joined DLA three years later. He was promoted to his current position in 2003. For the past nine years, Norton has been a member of DLA's Cloud Club, which represents the top 20 brokers in the company out of a current pool of more than 250.

### James Savoca

Reverse Mortgage Consultant, MetLife Bank

Based in Stony Brook, Savoca recently joined Bridgewater, N.J.-based MetLife Bank, a subsidiary of MetLife Inc., as a reverse mortgage consultant for Long Island and New York City. Savoca has worked with reverse mortgages, which are designed to enable older adults to live comfortably in their homes during their retirement years, for more than 11 years, placing him among the most experienced professionals in this relatively young field. Prior to joining MetLife Bank, Savoca worked as a reverse mortgage specialist for Financial Freedom, a national reverse mortgage lender and servicer.

### ✦ Steven H. Stern

Partner, Davidow, Davidow, Siegel & Stern

Stern concentrates his practice in estate planning, elder law and special needs planning for the law firm, which has offices in Islandia, Mattituck and Garden City. A past chairman of the elder law committee of the Suffolk County Bar Association, Stern has served as editor of the professional journals of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and the New York State Bar Association elder law section. He is also a former adjunct professor in estate planning at Touro School of Law. A certified elder law attorney, Stern is admitted to the bar associations of New York and Florida.