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Sally Donahue

Partner

Jaspan Schlesinger

The Garden City law firm recently promoted Donahue to a partner in the trusts and estates practice group. Formerly of counsel, she concentrates her practice in Surrogate's Court litigation and handles all aspects of trust and estate matters and guardianships. The Touro Law Center graduate has more than 20 years of experience as an attorney. Prior to joining Jaspan Schlesinger, she was a court attorney/referee for Nassau County Surrogate's Court, a role in which she presided over non-jury hearings, rendered rulings in depositions and mediated cases to settlement.

Jeffrey Falk

Partner

The Law Firm of Falk & Klebanoff

Since 1995, Falk has operated the West Hempstead law firm, which offers legal services to clients in New York and New Jersey. A member of both the New York and New Jersey bar associations, Falk practices in state and federal courts on a wide range of matters. His areas of concentration include personal injury, traffic violations, real estate law, immigration law and commercial litigation. Falk, who received his law degree from the New England School of Law in 1984, worked for several firms before establishing his own firm.

Jaspreet Mayall

Partner

Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman

A partner in the telecommunications group and the debtor/creditor rights and bankruptcy group, Mayall has a wide range of responsibilities for the East Meadow-based firm. He counsels wholesalers and retailers of wireless products and services, handling their agreements and negotiations with wireless providers. He also advises clients on mergers, acquisitions, joint venture agreements and other matters. In 2011, the Appellate Division, Second Department of the New York Supreme Court reappointed Mayall to a second four-year term as a member of the committee on character and fitness for the 2nd, 10th and 11th judicial districts.

Afsheen Shah

Partner

Garfunkel Wild

Shah is a member of the Great Neck law firm's corporate reorganization and bankruptcy practice group. Representing businesses, hospitals, landlords and creditors' committees, she focuses on debtors' and creditors' rights, workouts, business acquisitions and restructurings. She joined Garfunkel Wild in 2003 from East Meadow-based Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, where as an associate she participated in individual and corporate bankruptcy matters. She earned her Juris Doctor from the Hofstra University School of Law.

Matthew Spero

Partner

Rivkin Radler

Elected a partner in the Uniondale law firm at the start of the year, Spero practices in the corporate and commercial group. He represents debtors, creditors, creditors' committees, lenders, principals and landlords in business reorganizations, restructurings, workouts, acquisitions and liquidations. Spero is a frequent speaker at continuing legal education seminars and was honored last year by the Nassau County Bar Association as an Access to Justice Champion for his pro bono representation of the indigent in Landlord-Tenant Court.

Louis Vlahos

Partner

Farrell Fritz

As the lead tax attorney for the Uniondale-based firm, Vlahos is well-versed in corporate, individual and partnership income taxation as well as estate and gift taxation. He advises clients on a wide range of matters, including corporate operations and reorganizations, sales and acquisitions, and corporate and partnership distributions, redemptions, liquidations and spin-offs. The Harvard Law School graduate also works with the firm's trusts and estates group. He writes for the firm's blog on tax law for closely held businesses and presents continuing education tax programs for lawyers and accountants.

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Highlights: Rivkin Radler