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Bankruptcy and Creditor's Rights Committee

Congratulations to **Nicholas Pasalides, Esq.** on his appointment as co-chair of the Bankruptcy and Creditor's Rights Committee of WCBA. He and co-chair, Julie Cvek Curley, Esq., will work together and provide amazing CLE's to the bench, bar, and students. Nicholas is a partner at Reich Reich & Reich, P.C. where the practice mainly focuses on the representation of debtors and creditors in reorganization, bankruptcy and insolvency matters and workout and restructuring matters. Julie is a partner at Kirby, Aisner & Curley LLP where she focuses her practice on representing debtors in corporate and consumer bankruptcy.

Business & Commercial Law Committee

Congratulations to **Matthew D. Donovan Esq.** on his appointment as chair of the Business & Commercial Law Committee of WCBA. Matthew is a partner at Farrell Fritz where he is a business and commercial litigator who assists clients in the resolution of complex business disputes in a variety of contexts, including the ownership and management of closely held businesses, commercial real estate, and healthcare.

Construction Law Committee

Congratulations to **Jason M. Aaron, Esq.** on his appointment as chair of the Construction Law Committee of WCBA. Jason is a special litigation counsel at Fullerton Beck, LLP. He practices in the area of general liability, with an emphasis on Construction and Labor Law litigation. Jason also practices in the fields of premises liability, security/premises litigation, property damage, fire and explosion, and trucking and transportation.

Continuing Legal Education Committee

Congratulations to **Sheryl A. Sanford, Esq.** on her appointment as co-chair of the Continuing Legal Education Committee of WCBA. She and co-chair Diana Bunin Kolev, Esq. will work together to assist the bar association in bringing great CLE's to its members. Sheryl is a partner at Black, Marjeh and Sanford, LLP where she focuses her

practice on insurance and litigation defense in the areas of New York Labor law, premises liability, civil rights, construction, environmental, motor vehicle and hospitality matters. Diana is a partner at DelBello, Donnellan, Weingarten, Wise & Wiederkehr LLP where she represents real property owners in areas such as zoning and land use approvals, zoning and municipal code violations, environmental law, and real property law.

Environmental Law Committee

Congratulations to **Scott M. Press, Esq.** on his appointment as chair of the Environmental Law Committee of WCBA. Scott is an associate of Goldberg Segalla where he focuses on complex litigation involving environmental law and land use, representing clients in environmental litigation claims, regulatory and compliance counseling, and enforcement.

Intellectual Property Committee

Congratulations to **Eric Faragi, Esq.** on his appointment as chair of the Intellectual Property Committee of WCBA. Eric is special counsel at Baker Botts where his practice focuses on litigation and counseling clients in connection with intellectual property matters, particularly patent matters in high technology areas, as well as patent prosecution and portfolio management.

Law Practice Management Committee

Congratulations to **Hon. Walter Rivera** on his appointment as chair of the Law Practice Management Committee of WCBA. Judge Rivera is currently a Judge of the New York State Court of Claims. His Honor was nominated by Governor Andrew Cuomo and confirmed by the New York State Senate on June 19, 2017. Judge Rivera is an Adjunct Professor at Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University where he teaches a course in Law Practice Management. In private practice, his Honor practices in the areas of concentration included civil and commercial litigation, commercial transactions, real estate, and government contracts. Prior to being elected as a Town Justice, he served as a court-appointed fiduciary in the role of Court Evaluator, Receiver, Referee, and Guardian.

Membership Committee

Congratulations to both **Daniel E. Lust, Esq.** and **Jessica Thaler-Parker, Esq.** on their appointments as co-chairs of the Membership Committee. Dan is an associate with Goldberg Segalla where he focuses his practice on transportation, premises, and construction matters, including high-exposure incidents involving fatalities and other catastrophic injuries. Jessica Thaler-Parker works at Credit Suisse as a regulatory project manager. She is also an experienced corporate-translational generalist, representing individuals and companies in their

formation, counseling them in their business operations and in connection with various types of corporate transactions, helping to insure growth and stability.

Trial Lawyers & Tort Law Committee

Congratulations to **Adam E. Deutsch, Esq.** on his appointment as co-chair of the Trial Lawyers & Tort Committee of WCBA. He and co-chair, Nicole P. Aldridge-Henry, Esq., will work together and provide amazing CLE's to the bench, bar, and students. Adam is a partner at Fiedler Deutsch, LLP where the practice focuses on all types of catastrophic personal injury cases, from construction accidents, car accidents and trip and falls to medical malpractice and nursing home neglect. Nicole is an associate at Black, Marjeh and Sanford, LLP where she focuses her practice on insurance and litigation defense in the areas of general liability, premises liability and construction-related matters.

Women in the Law Committee

Congratulations to **Nelida Lara, Esq.** on her appointment as co-chair of the Women in the Law Committee of WCBA. She and co-chair Diana Bunin Kolev, Esq. will work together to provide members with amazing CLE's. Nelida is a partner at DelBello, Donnellan, Weingarten, Wise & Wiederkehr LLP where she represents companies and individuals in a wide range of business disputes, including real estate, joint-venture, contract, and intra-company disputes involving partnerships and LLs in connections with membership rights, withdrawals, dissolutions, and distributions. Diana is a partner at DelBello, Donnellan, Weingarten, Wise & Wiederkehr LLP where she represents real property owners in areas such as zoning and land use approvals, zoning and municipal code violations, environmental law, and real property law.