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## Ones to Watch: Law

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Hon. John Czygier

**Hon. John Czygier**  
**Senior Counsel**  
**Lewis Johs Avallone Aviles**

Lewis Johs Avallone Aviles in Islandia recently added Hon. John Czygier to its legal team. The attorney, who focuses on trusts, estates and elder law for the firm, most recently served as judge of the Surrogate's Court of Suffolk County, where he spent more than 17 years. Czygier, a Hofstra University School of Law graduate, began his career in the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office before going into private practice, during which he handled a broad spectrum of matters, with a concentration in estate administration and litigation.



Michael Dischley

**Michael Dischley**  
**Associate**  
**Hurwitz & Fine**

Hurwitz & Fine in Melville recently added Michael Dischley to its litigation and insurance coverage departments. His practice is focused on New York State Labor Law, construction site accidents, premises liability, automobile and commercial trucking litigation, toxic tort, product liability, professional liability, insurance law and general liability insurance defense. Prior to joining Hurwitz & Fine, Dischley was an associate at Ahmuty Demers & McManus, a large insurance defense firm, where his practice also included defending medical and veterinary malpractice actions in both civil actions and before regulatory boards.



Jason Lo

**Jason Lo**  
**Associate**  
**Kaplan, Kaplan & DiTrapani**

Jason 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. He recently joined Kaplan, Kaplan & DiTrapani in Syosset as an associate. In this role, he concentrates his practice in commercial and residential real estate. He prepares lease agreements, reviews property titles and performs closings. Before joining the firm, Lo was an associate at Huang & Associates in Manhattan. Prior to that, he worked in Manhattan as a legal specialist consultant with Prime Clerk.





Debbie Morken

**Debbie Morken  
Of Counsel**

**L'Abbate, Balkan, Colavita, & Contini**

Debbie Morken recently joined L'Abbate, Balkan, Colavita, & Contini in Garden City as of counsel in the attorney liability practice group. A former associate at Farrell Fritz in Uniondale, Morken practices in the area of professional liability defense, concentrating on complex attorney malpractice claims arising from underlying commercial litigation, real estate and corporate transactions. Prior to joining L'Abbate, Balkan, Colavita, & Contini, Morken represented corporations, partnerships and individuals in federal and state courts involving contract disputes, business torts and employment matters.



John Penn

**John Penn  
Partner**

**Kaufman & Associates**

John Penn is the newest partner in the Hauppauge office of Kaufman & Associates, a corporate and securities law firm that he recently rejoined. Penn most recently served as senior counsel at RBC Capital Markets in Jersey City, N.J. Prior to that, he was special counsel in the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's office of mergers and acquisitions. He represents emerging growth, middle-market and public companies and investment firms in corporate, securities, financing, borrowing, mergers and acquisitions, and other legal matters. He also advises banks and other financial institutions.



Dermond Thomas

**Dermond Thomas  
Of Counsel**

**Campolo, Middleton & McCormick**

Recently joining Ronkonkoma-based Campolo, Middleton & McCormick, Dermond Thomas is based in the firm's newly established Westbury office. Thomas, who came aboard in an of counsel capacity, has experience advising sovereign nations as well as global companies. He also has municipal experience, having served on the board of trustees for the Incorporated Village of Valley Stream. Thomas advises clients on matters including mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, corporate and public finance, commercial agreements, corporate strategy, implementation of business development initiatives, shareholder engagement and corporate governance.

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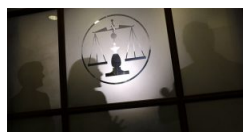
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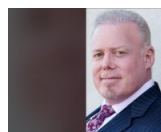
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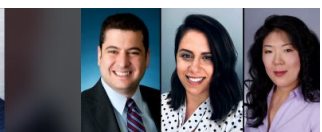
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