



# Twomey, Latham, Shea, Kelley, Dubin & Quartararo LLP

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## Twomey Latham December Newsletter

### WHAT WE'RE UP TO

#### Twomey Latham Sponsors and Participates In The 2017 Alzheimer's Association Caregiver's Conference

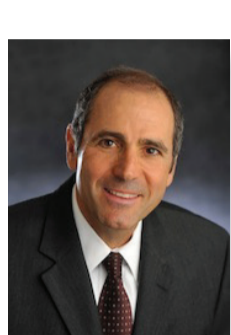


Partners Anne Marie Goodale and Laura Dunathan sponsored the Alzheimer's Association's Caregiver's Conference on November 17, 2017 at the Huntington Hilton, in Melville, New York. Associates Melissa Doris and Bernadette Tuthill also participated in the conference which provided family and professional caregivers with information and resources on topics related to Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

#### Patrick Fife and Reza Ebrahimi Assist Client With Major Downtown Bay Shore Redevelopment Project

Patrick Fife and Reza Ebrahimi recently represented a local developer in obtaining approvals from the Islip Town Planning Board and tax benefits from Islip Industrial Development Agency that will help transform a neglected professional office building in the heart of downtown Bay Shore to a mixed-use development with 26 residential apartments and over 29,000 square feet of office and retail space. After Reza and Patrick represented the developer in the acquisition of the property last year, Patrick and the developer worked closely with the local community and local officials to address potential concerns and put together a project that will add to downtown Bay Shore's continued revitalization. [Read More](#)

#### Senior Partner David Dubin Conducted Continuing Education Session For Real Estate Brokers



David Dubin, Senior Partner at Twomey Latham and a former Professor of Environmental Law at Southampton College, conducted an intensive continuing education session for 15 real estate brokers at Cook Maran in Southampton, NY on November 8, 2017.

Cook Maran Services, the real estate education arm of the insurance firm, provides licensing and continuing education courses in its East Hampton and Southampton offices.

Mr. Dubin conducted a three hour session on real estate transactions from an attorney's perspective, including a comprehensive review of the contract of sale and related documents prepared by real estate attorneys. [Read More](#)

#### Partner Lisa Clare Kombrink Attends National Land Conservation Conference

Partner Lisa Clare Kombrink recently attended Rally 2017, the National Land Conservation conference in Denver, Colorado. Serving as the premier training and networking conference for professionals in the land conservation field, Rally '17 offered more than 130 educational sessions focused on land conservation topics, as well as special networking events. [Read More](#)



#### Associate Bernadette Tuthill Participates In Estate Planning Discussion



On November 10th, Associate Bernadette Tuthill took part in an Estate Planning panel discussion for The New York State Society of CPAs, Suffolk East End Committee. Topics discussed included: when professionals should be raising the issue of estate planning with clients, coordination of planning with the client's accountants and financial advisors, the different types of estate planning documents, the pros and cons of various types of trusts, as well as when specific types of trusts should be considered for a particular client.

#### Associate Attorney Jessica Klersy Joins Twomey Latham



Twomey Latham is pleased to announce that Jessica Klersy has joined the firm as an Associate Attorney. Ms. Klersy focuses her practice in the areas of estate planning, trust and estate administration, and elder law.

Ms. Klersy graduated from St. Joseph's College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology followed by graduating from the Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center of Touro College in 2017, where she earned awards as a pro bono scholar. While in school, Ms. Klersy worked as a student attorney in the Touro Elder Law Clinic. During her last semester of law school, Ms. Klersy devoted more than 500 hours assisting women in Domestic Violence with Nassau Suffolk Law Services.

Ms. Klersy is admitted to practice law in the State of New York and is a member of the New York State Bar Association.

#### Members of Twomey Latham Participate in 13th Annual Polar Bear Plunge



Members of the firm, along with family and friends, participated in the 14th consecutive Polar Bear Plunge on Saturday, December 9th at Coopers Beach in the Village of Southampton to support Heart of the Hamptons. Twomey Latham has fielded a team for 13 consecutive years. The temperature was 32 degrees, there was a snow dusting, and the water was a tepid 48 degrees. The mission of Heart of the Hamptons is to provide meals, clothing and services to those in need. Many thanks to the participants and to those who sponsored them.

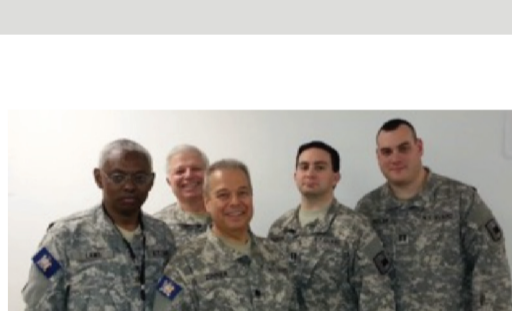
#### Twomey Latham Sponsors 12th Annual 5K Turkey Trot

Partner Martin Finnegan, Esq. participated in and sponsored Mattituck Cutchogue Teachers' Association 5K Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day. The annual run is one of the most popular road races in town and widely attended by over 1,000 runners from the Mattituck Cutchogue community and the East End. Proceeds will be donated to "Helping Hands 4 Morgan", a young girl in the school district battling brain cancer, and the M.C.T.A. Scholarship Fund.



#### Senior Associate Craig Handler Assists U.S. Marines

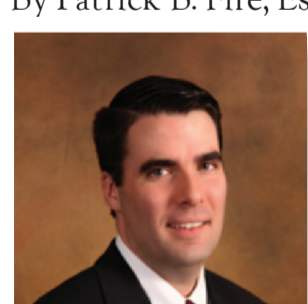
Senior Litigation Associate Craig H. Handler recently participated in a Legal Support Operation for deploying Marines assigned to the 6th Communications Battalion, Force Headquarters Group, Fleet Marine Force, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Mr. Handler, a Judge Advocate assigned to the 7th Legal Support Detachment, 88th Brigade of the New York Army Guard, assisted the Marines with legal administration in advance of their deployment overseas in support of ongoing U.S. military operations. [Read More](#)



### FIRM BLOG

#### New Commercial Division Rules Promote The Continued Use of ADR

By Patrick B. Fife, Esq.



In 1995, then Chief Judge Judith Kaye established the Commercial Division of the New York State Supreme Court as a forum to improve the efficiency with which commercial disputes were addressed by the courts and, at the same time, to enhance the quality of judicial treatment of those cases.

Over the past few years, the Commercial Division has continually revamped its rules in an effort to remain an efficient forum for the resolution of commercial disputes.

For that reason, we often recommend to clients that they seek to have commercial disputes resolved in the Commercial Division, and that they also specify New York as the choice of forum and New York law as the choice of law in their business agreements. [Read More](#)

### ATTORNEY SPOTLIGHT

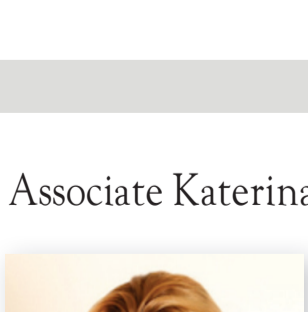
#### Partner Martin D. Finnegan Growing Practice on the North Fork



Mr. Finnegan is a former Southold Town Attorney with a practice focused on leading the firm's growing real estate transactions, land use & zoning matters and business transactions on the North Fork. After nearly six years of service as counsel to the Southold Town Supervisor, Town Board members and all elected and appointed officials, Martin returned to the firm in 2015. Mr. Finnegan practices out of the firm's Riverhead and Southold offices.

Martin is a member of the Board of Directors of the Mattituck Chamber of Commerce. Martin resides with his wife and their seven children in Mattituck where he has served as the President of the Mattituck Chamber of Commerce, as a coach for the Mattituck-Cutchogue Little League and as a member of the North Fork Business Advisory Board.

#### Associate Katerina Grinko's Focus on Immigration Law



Twomey Latham Associate Katerina Grinko has a general practice with a focus on immigration matters. Ms. Grinko recently joined the Kids In Need of Defense (KIND) organization helping abandoned children apprehended at the border on a pro bono basis. KIND is one of the leading organizations, which ensures that no child goes through the U.S. immigration court system unrepresented.

Ms. Grinko continues to advocate for immigrants' rights and assists many not only with their immigration issues but also with their other general legal needs.

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