

This year marks the firm's 45th anniversary. From our humble beginnings in 1973, to our current status as the largest law firm in eastern Suffolk County, our clients and the community we serve have been and will continue to be the lynchpin of our success. From all of us at Twomey Latham – thank you.

Over the course of the year we will publish vignettes from the firm's history as an insight into how times have changed on the East End of Long Island in celebration of the firm's 45th anniversary.

45 years ago Tom Twomey founded the Law Firm in a small office above the appliance store on Main Street in Riverhead. His largest client was the Long Island Farm Bureau, which led him into the forefront of environmental battles in the United States opposing the siting of four nuclear power plants on the Long Island Sound in Jamesport.

Since that time, our firm has grown to over 30 lawyers and 60 staff and we have continued our commitment to important environmental causes and sensitivity to national and local concerns about the environment.

Throughout our 45 years we have fought citizens battles while at the same time assisting families and local businesses in navigating through environmental and land use regulations. As you will hear about in future entries, our firm has expanded beyond the original focus of land use and real estate practice to almost all areas of civil lawyering.

We look forward to sharing the history of our firm throughout the year to commemorate this milestone achievement.

## WHAT WE'RE UP TO

### Senior Partner, John Shea, Opens 2018 Riverhead Chamber of Commerce Kickoff Breakfast

On January 11th, Twomey Latham sponsored the Riverhead Chamber of Commerce's 2018 Kickoff Breakfast. Senior Partner, John Shea, opened the event, sharing some of the history of the firm as well as the economic advances in the Town of Riverhead over the past 45 years.

The firm has a long history of participation in many aspects of the Long Island community and is dedicated to advancing the economy and quality of life in Riverhead and throughout Suffolk County.

### Chris Kelley Serves as Pro-Bono Land Use Counsel For Reconstruction of Sag Harbor Cinema

On January 10, 2018, the Sag Harbor Partnership Inc., a not-for-profit corporation seeking to purchase and rebuild the Sag Harbor Cinema, which was destroyed in a tragic fire in December of 2016, closed on the purchase of the cinema property. To do that, the corporation had raised almost \$8 million through commitments large and small. It continues its fundraising efforts to raise the additional \$6 million to complete the proposed reconstruction. [Read More](#)



### Suffolk's Business Law Team Presents and Sponsors Long Island Metro Business Action Meeting

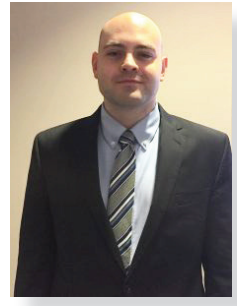


Partners Reza Ebrahimi, Patrick Fife and Bryan Van Cott of Twomey Latham's Business Law Team, recently presented at and sponsored Long Island Metro Business Action's (LIMBA) January 5th meeting, focused on the state of the County and new initiatives. Deputy County Executive Jon Kaiman was the events keynote speaker, and he spoke about the County's effort to save money through its new shared services initiative. [Read More](#)

### Associate Attorney Terrence P. Russell Joins Twomey Latham

Mr. Russell focuses his practice in the areas of estate planning, trust and estate administration, and elder law. Mr. Russell is graduate of St. John's University School of Law, where he was a member of the Moot Court Honor Society and the Journal of Civil Rights and Economic Development. After his graduation and admission to the New York State Bar, he practiced at a small firm in Melville in the areas of estate planning, elder law, and tax controversy.

Mr. Russell is admitted to practice in the State of New York, and he is a member of the New York State Bar Association.



## FIRM BLOG

### What You Need To Know About The New Tax Law

By Bryan Drago, Esq.



The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "Act"), signed into law on December 22, 2017, provides substantial (but mostly temporary) changes to the tax code. This article is a summarized review and discussion of the key provisions of the new law. This article is designed to provide an introduction to the law and to supply some information to you (the taxpayer) before meeting with your attorney, tax advisor, investment manager and insurance agent for recommendations and before changing or implementing any financial, tax, or estate planning changes. [Read More](#)

### Suffolk County Legislature Amends Suffolk County Sanitary Code And Imposes New Requirements On Wastewater Management

By Alexandra Halsey-Storch, Esq.

On December 5, 2017, the Suffolk County Legislature passed legislation amending the Suffolk County Sanitary Code, which imposes new requirements on wastewater management intended to improve water quality throughout Suffolk County. Executive Steve Bellone signed the legislation into law on December 21, 2017. The ban goes into effect on a county wide level July 2019. [Read More](#)



### Plastic Bag Fee Takes Effect in Suffolk County

By Craig H. Handler, Esq.



Effective January 1, 2018, shoppers in Suffolk County are required to pay a \$0.05 fee for each non-reusable carryout bag used in a retail establishment. The new law, codified in Article XI, Chapter 704, applies to all plastic and paper bags that are provided by a covered store to any customer at the point of sale for use in carrying goods from the store. [Read More](#)

## ATTORNEY SPOTLIGHT

### Lisa Kombrink's Continued Work in Farmland and Open Space Preservation



Partner Lisa Kombrink recently appeared before a four-judge panel in the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court on behalf of the Suffolk County Legislature and the Suffolk County Farmland Committee in a case watched closely by land conservationists all over the country. Ms. Kombrink argued that laws creating the County's premiere farmland preservation program allow farmers to build barns, fences, irrigation and other improvements needed for agricultural production. [Click for Full Bio](#)

### Associate Melissa S. Doris Assists Clients With Long-Term Care Planning

Ms. Doris focuses her practice in the areas of Estate Planning, Trust & Estate Administration, Residential Real Estate and Elder Law. She represents clients of all financial backgrounds, from those with modest means to multi-million dollar estates. Ms. Doris is active in the Alzheimer's Association as a Walk to End Alzheimer's Committee Member. As someone who has witnessed a loved one suffer from the disease, she is understanding and passionate about helping clients navigate the hurdles of Alzheimer's, dementia and the aging process in general. This has led to a professional interest in assisting clients with long-term care planning and the Medicaid process. [Click for Full Bio](#)



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