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## Meet the New NCBA President

By Valerie Zurblis

John P. McEntee, a commercial litigation partner at Farrell Fritz, P.C., is the 112th president of the Nassau County Bar Association. An accomplished trial lawyer, he represents prominent businesses such as the New York Islanders and CA Technologies in a broad variety of business disputes.

John McEntee has been an active member of NCBA for 24 years, and is a sustaining member. He has served on the Board of Directors for the past eight years, five of them on the Executive Committee. He is tapped frequently for special task forces for the Bar on issues including the unauthorized practice of law, NCBA's website and By-Laws.

In 2011, as Second Vice President and chair of the Pro Bono Committee, he was instrumental in launching the first Pro Bono FAIR (Free Assistance, Information and Referral), now held annually every October.

McEntee currently serves on the Federal Courts, Commercial Litigation, Labor and Employment Law and Corporation, Banking and Securities Law committees. He has also been a member of the advisory boards of the Nassau Academy of Law and We Care Fund.

### Professional Achievements

In 2003, John McEntee was recognized by the New York Law Journal for having obtained the highest jury verdict in New York State in 2002, \$100.4 million, representing the family of a rookie New York City police officer, Edward Byrne, who, while guarding the home of a witness in Jamaica, Queens, was mur-



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dered in his patrol car upon the orders of an imprisoned drug gang leader.

In 2011, McEntee was honored as Public Interest Attorney of the Year by Touro Law School for his pro bono representation of a young mother who was the victim of a vicious sexual assault and robbery in upstate New York. After years of contentious litigation in the Supreme Court in Nassau and Albany Counties and the Surrogate's Court in Cayuga County, including a jury trial and multiple appeals, the litigation concluded successfully with a six-figure payment to the victim.

Before joining Farrell Fritz, McEntee served as an Assistant District Attorney in Nassau County (District Court, County Court, and Rackets Bureaus) and as an Assistant Deputy Attorney General

with the New York State Organized Crime Task Force.

McEntee has been selected for inclusion in the New York Super Lawyers® – Metro Edition (Business Litigation) and in Long Island Business News in its listing of "Who's Who in Law" on Long Island. He is included in the Bar Register of Preeminent Attorneys published by LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell, and is an elected Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America.

He is a co-author of Commercial Litigation Strategies published by Aspatore Books, a division of Thomson Reuters, and serves as a member of the Advisory Board of the Commercial Law WebAdvisor.

### Community Service

In addition to his service at NCBA, McEntee is a member of the Board of Trustees of Molloy College, a member of the House of Delegates of the New York State Bar Association, a Fellow of the New York State Bar Foundation, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Bar Association, Eastern District of New York Chapter.

A graduate of SUNY Brockport and St. John's University School of Law, McEntee is admitted to practice in New York, the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

John resides in Rockville Centre with his wife, Pamela, and their sons Robert, a recent graduate of Colgate University, and Thomas, a student at American University.