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Robert C. Creighton is a partner in the banking, corporate, distressed assets and health care departments at Farrell Fritz, PC in Uniondale. Creighton concentrates in general corporate practice with a particular emphasis in merger and acquisition transactions and in representing banks in commercial lending matters.

Creighton counsels businesses in connection with acquisitions, dispositions, mergers, joint ventures and other business combinations, shareholders' agreements, partnership agreements and employment agreements, and other general matters of corporate law. He has advised entities in corporate restructurings and in connection with acquiring and disposing of distressed assets.

When Creighton hears the phrase Corporate America he thinks about the engine that drives economic activity on Long Island and throughout its economy.

"I think of businesses — large and small — that have suffered through a very difficult economy by making tough decisions and staying focused on core competencies," Creighton said. "I think of the entrepreneurs who have poured their energy into building these businesses, created jobs for so many, and who have had to make the tough decisions."

"On Long Island, I think of our industrial parks and the hundreds of businesses that occupy building after building making diverse products, or components of products, that we use every day," he said. "On Long Island, I also think of resiliency and opportunity. As the banks begin to make credit available again, we are seeing, and I expect that we will continue to see, increased M&A activity and companies making capital investments."

"I am hopeful that local government, the



higher education community and Brookhaven National Lab will work together to encourage economic development and attempt to attract industry and high paying jobs to Long Island," Creighton said.

Creighton is also knowledgeable in various types of commercial lending transactions, including secured and unsecured commercial financings, leveraged acquisitions, term loans, revolving credits, syndicated facilities and commercial paper and medium term note programs. He has significant structured finance experience and has completed numerous cross-border transactions.

He also has experience in the health care

industry, ranging from advising a regional managed care company in connection with strategic transactions, advising physicians' practices in connection with general corporate advice, to advising not-for-profit hospital boards in connection with various corporate governance issues. He has also represented health care providers and lenders to health care providers, in connection with various financing transactions.

Creighton serves on the board of directors of The Long Island Philharmonic and the Epilepsy Foundations Long Island chapter. He is a former member and chairman of the board of directors of the Long Island chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.

Upon being admitted to practice, Creighton became an associate in the corporate/banking group of Rogers & Wells, where he worked in the New York and London offices. He then joined the Structured Finance Group at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom in New York.

Creighton earned a juris doctor degree from Boston University School of Law, where he was the editor-in-chief of the Boston University International Law Journal. He earned a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University, where he majored in international management. Creighton is admitted to practice in NYS. He has an AV Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review rating.

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