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Farrell Fritz Promotes Brian Doyle, Jeffrey Rust and Joseph La Ferlita

Farrell Fritz, P.C. is pleased to announce the promotions of **Brian C. Doyle** and **Jeffrey P. Rust** to partner and **Joseph T. La Ferlita** to counsel, effective January 1, 2012.

Brian C. Doyle, a resident of **Southampton, NY**, concentrates his practice in business, commercial and state court criminal litigation. He represents businesses in a wide range of litigated matters throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Mr. Doyle also represents individuals in Suffolk County in construction, land use, business and broker disputes, in adverse possession claims and in district and county court criminal matters.

Mr. Doyle earned his J.D. degree from the **Wake Forest University School of Law** and his B.A. from the **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**. He is a member of the New York State and Suffolk County Bar Associations and serves as chair of the Suffolk Bar Association's East End Committee.

Jeffrey P. Rust, a **Baldwin, NY** resident, concentrates his practice in healthcare and corporate law. He advises hospitals, health systems and medical practices, as well as private and public companies in various industries. His practice includes mergers and acquisitions, physician-hospital joint ventures, equity and debt financings, corporate governance, employment matters, shareholder and partnership agreements, contract drafting and negotiations and the formation and operation of for-profit and not-for-profit entities. He provides counsel to healthcare providers regarding compliance with federal and state fraud and abuse laws, reimbursement issues, self-referral and Stark implications of hospital-physician relationships and a variety of legal, business and transactional matters.

Mr. Rust is a member of the Long Island Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation's board of directors, as well as a member of the New York State and American Bar Associations.

Mr. Rust earned his J.D. degree from **The University of Akron School of Law**; his M.B.A. in Finance from **The University of Akron College of**

Business; and his B.S. in Management from the **State University of New York College at Geneseo**.

Joseph T. La Ferlita, a **New York City** resident, concentrates his practice in trust and estate law, with an emphasis on estate planning, estate and trust administration and tax controversy. He counsels individual planning clients, beneficiaries, individual and corporate fiduciaries and not-for-profit entities, including public charities and private foundations, in connection with a multitude of estate and trust-related matters. These include the drafting of wills and trusts, estate tax and generation skipping tax planning, audits of estate tax returns and income tax returns, the formation of not-for-profit entities, obtaining Private Letter Rulings from the Internal Revenue Service, probate proceedings, administration proceedings, judicial accounting proceedings, judicial proceedings for “advice and direction” on behalf of executors and trustees, spousal elective share proceedings and proceedings for the construction and reformation of wills and trusts. He represents clients in the Surrogate’s Court and the United States Tax Court.

Mr. La Ferlita is especially active in the Trust and Estate Section of the New York State Bar Association, where he serves as Chairman of the Surrogate’s Court Committee and Member of the Estate and Trust Administration Committee. He plays a key role in drafting proposals for new and amended estate-related New York statutes, some of which ultimately have been signed into law by the Governor of New York State.

Mr. La Ferlita earned his LL.M. in taxation from **New York University School of Law**; his J.D. degree from **St. John’s University School of Law**; his M.A. degree from **Boston College**; and his B.S. degree from **Fairfield University**.

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