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Farrell Fritz, P.C. Appoints Four New Counsel

Farrell Fritz, P.C. is pleased to announce the appointment of Patrick T. Collins, Lyle C. Mahler, Adam M. Miller and Lisa M. Vaccaro as counsel, effective January 1, 2005.

Patrick T. Collins

Patrick T. Collins concentrates in bankruptcy, creditors' rights and commercial litigation. He joined the firm as an associate in August 1999. Mr. Collins is based in the firm's Uniondale office.

Mr. Collins represents debtors, secured and unsecured creditors, landlords, purchasers of assets and other parties in bankruptcy court proceedings and out-of-court workouts and debt restructurings. He defends preference and fraudulent conveyance actions as well as claims arising out of failed business transactions. Mr. Collins also frequently represents parties to commercial litigation in federal courts.

Prior to joining Farrell Fritz, Mr. Collins worked as an engineer for a prominent aerospace company and also worked for a large Dallas, Texas law firm with a national bankruptcy practice.

Mr. Collins received his J.D. from St. John's University, *magna cum laude*, where he served as Editor-In-Chief of the American Bankruptcy Institute Law Review, and earned his B.S.E. from Duke University.

Lyle C. Mahler

Lyle C. Mahler concentrates in general corporate matters and loan transactions. He joined the firm as an associate in March 1999 and is based in the firm's Melville office.

Mr. Mahler regularly counsels businesses on mergers and acquisitions and joint venture arrangements. He has extensive experience representing lenders in both secured and unsecured loan

transactions, including syndicated and asset-based loan facilities.

Prior to joining Farrell Fritz, Mr. Mahler worked in the New York office of a prominent New England law firm.

Mr. Mahler is a member of the American, New York State, and Nassau County Bar Associations. He received his J.D. from the Fordham University School of Law, where he served as an associate editor of Fordham's Intellectual Property, Media and Entertainment Law Journal. He earned his B.A., *cum laude*, from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Adam M. Miller

Adam M. Miller concentrates in real estate transactions, leasing and finance. He joined the firm's Bridgehampton office as an associate in October 2002.

Mr. Miller has significant experience in a wide range of complex real estate transactions both on the East End and in New York City. He has represented landlords and tenants, lenders and borrowers, purchasers and sellers, investors and developers, and brokers and principals in the acquisition, sale, leasing and financing of office buildings, retail complexes, shopping centers, and residential properties.

Since joining the firm and relocating to East Hampton from New York City, Mr. Miller has immersed himself in the local community. As a result, he has been named general counsel to The Hamptons and North Fork Realtors Association (HANFRA). As of January 1, 2005, Adam has been appointed as the Zoning Board Attorney for the Town of East Hampton.

Prior to joining Farrell Fritz, Mr. Miller was affiliated with two large New York City law firms.

Mr. Miller is a member of the New York State Bar Association and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. He received his J.D. from Syracuse University College of Law, where he graduated with honors, and his B.S. from Skidmore College.

Lisa M. Vaccaro

Lisa M. Vaccaro concentrates in general corporate matters, with particular emphasis on corporate finance and secured lending. She joined the firm as an associate in June 1998 and is based in the firm's Melville office.

Ms. Vaccaro counsels banks and businesses in various types of commercial lending transactions, including secured and unsecured commercial financings, leveraged acquisitions, term loans, revolving credits and syndicated facilities. She also has significant structured finance experience.

Prior to joining Farrell Fritz, Ms. Vaccaro was affiliated with a prominent New York City law firm.

Ms. Vaccaro is a member of the American Bar Association. She received her J.D. from Hofstra University School of Law, where she was Managing Editor of Hofstra's Property Law Journal, and also earned her B.A. from Hofstra University

Jodi L. Gladstone Joins Farrell Fritz, P. C. as an Associate

Jodi L. Gladstone, Associate, will join the firm's Real Estate Practice Group effective January, 10 2005. She will be based in the Uniondale office. Ms. Gladstone will concentrate on real estate transactions and finance.

Ms. Gladstone received her B.A. in Psychology, *magna cum laude*, in 1984 from the University of Pennsylvania and her J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1987. Prior to joining Farrell Fritz, Ms. Gladstone was an attorney at Graham & James, now known as Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P., and later joined Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal. Most recently, Ms. Gladstone was a sole practitioner. She is admitted to practice in the State of New York.

About Farrell Fritz

Farrell Fritz is one of the region's largest full service law firms and has earned a strong reputation in the Long Island business community by providing expertise in several areas of practice. Highly respected for its experience in many areas of law, Farrell Fritz handles legal matters in the areas of banking, corporate, creditor's rights and bankruptcy, employment, environmental, franchise and distribution, health care, litigation, municipal, land use and zoning, real estate, tax, tax certiorari, and trust and estates matters for a variety of corporations, institutions and individuals. The firm's managing partner is Charles M. Strain.