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Ilene S. Cooper Named as One of Long Island's Top 50 Women in Business for the Third Time

Ilene S. Cooper, a partner at Farrell Fritz, has, for the third time, been named by the Long Island Business News as one of Long Island's Top 50 Women in business. Ms. Cooper practices in the area of Trusts and Estates, litigating in Surrogate's Courts throughout the metropolitan area. She is also an Adjunct Professor of Law at Touro Law School.

Ms. Cooper writes the *New York Law Journal's* Trusts and Estates Update column, the New York State Bar Association's Trusts and Estates Newsletter *Case Notes* column, is a columnist for *The Suffolk Lawyer* and is a former co-editor of *Jurist*. Ms. Cooper authored a comprehensive course text, <u>Wills</u>, <u>Trusts and Estates</u>: <u>Essential Tools for the NY Paralegal</u>.

Ms. Cooper pursues many philanthropic endeavors. She serves on the Board of the Child Abuse Prevention Services (CAPS), the Hills Foundation and the Suffolk County Child Care Council. She is a past Board member of the Suffolk County Bar Association and the Suffolk County Women's Bar Association.

Ms. Cooper will be inducted as a Hall of Fame Honoree at an awards dinner at the Crest Hollow Country Club on May 24, 2005.

Steven N. Davi Named Pro Bono Attorney of the Year by the Touro Law Center

Steven N. Davi, associate, has been named Pro Bono Attorney of the Year by the Touro Law Center. Mr. Davi practices in the area of Commercial Litigation.

Over the last few years, Mr. Davi has handled several time-intensive *pro bono* matters with significant impact for the clients, to whom these services were provided. Mr. Davi has, for example, provided invaluable pro *bono* legal assistance and advice to a non-profit organization whose mission is to bring critically needed health care information and services to minority communities.

Mr. Davi was honored at the Touro Law Center on March 23, 2005.

Two New Associates Join Farrell Fritz, P.C.

Michael A. Schoenberg

Michael A. Schoenberg, Associate, has joined the firm's Commercial Litigation Practice Group. He is based in the Uniondale office and concentrates on bankruptcy and creditor's rights.

Mr. Schoenberg received his Juris Doctor degree in 2003 from Hofstra University School of Law, where he served as Research Editor of Hofstra Law Review. He earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree from University of Maryland-College Park in 2000.

Mr. Schoenberg was previously associated with a prominent New York City law firm, where he gained experience in the areas of corporate finance and financial restructuring.

Jeffrey P. Rust

Jeffrey P. Rust, Associate, has joined the firm's Corporate Practice Group. He is based in the Uniondale office and concentrates on mergers and acquisitions and banking.

Mr. Rust received his Juris Doctor degree in 1999 from The University of Akron School of Law, where he served as Editor in Chief of Akron Law Review. He earned his Masters in Business Administration from The University of Akron College of Business in 2002 and his Bachelor of Science from the State University of New York, College at Geneseo in 1992.

Prior to joining Farrell Fritz, Mr. Rust was an attorney at Gibney, Anthony and Flaherty and later at Rivkin Radler.

About Farrell Fritz

Farrell Fritz is a full service law firm and has earned a strong reputation in the New York business community by providing expertise in numerous areas of practice. Highly respected for its experience in many areas of law, Farrell Fritz handles legal matters in the areas of corporate and banking, environmental, franchise and distribution, labor and employment, land use and municipal litigation, real estate, tax, and trusts and estates for a variety of corporations, institutions and individuals. The firm's managing partner is Charles M. Strain. For further information, please visit our website, www.farrellfritz.com.