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### CLIENT ALERT

#### Beware of Trademark Scams

by Kathryn Dalli, Esq.

Trademark owners are often targeted by companies with official looking letters purporting to be from an official government agency. These companies usually have the word "trademark" in the name, e.g., "Patent & Trademark Bureau" or the like, and their purpose is to extract an exorbitant amount of money from you. The only official agency in the United States that registers trademarks is the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office ("USPTO") and the USPTO will never send you a letter asking for money or soliciting a service. Other companies will try to sell you services that are completely worthless. Do not fall prey to these companies. Call your attorney or the USPTO directly if you are unsure what to do if you receive one of these letters concerning your trademark, or trademarks in general.

### WHAT WE'RE UP TO

#### Senior Partner Steve Latham Hosts Pro Am Golf Tournament to Benefit the Retreat



On September 11th, Senior Partner Steve Latham hosted a Pro Am golf tournament to benefit a local charity, The Retreat, at the Atlantic Golf Club in Bridgehampton. The Retreat provides a wide range of services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, their families and the Eastern Long Island community, including counseling, legal advocacy, educational programs, a 24-hour bilingual hotline and maintaining a shelter. Mr. Latham has served on the Board of The Retreat for many years. [Read More](#)

#### Walk to End Alzheimer's

Partner, Anne Marie Goodale and Melissa Doris, an associate in the firm, are members of the planning committee for the Alzheimer's Association East End Walk in Yaphank, New York. Several members of the law firm, their families and friends participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's at the Suffolk County Farm in Yaphank, New York. The team raised over \$2,000 to aid in the fight against Alzheimer's and to support those affected by the disease. In addition, the firm was a sponsor of the event.



#### Brotherhood for the Fallen Charity Event

Senior Litigation Associate Craig H. Handler recently participated in the first annual Brotherhood for the Fallen Charity Airsoft Tournament, which was hosted by the charities' NYC Chapter. The Brotherhood is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to supporting the families of police officers killed in the line of duty. The firm was a proud sponsor of the event and together with Mr. Handler, helped to raise over \$1,500.



### ATTORNEY SPOTLIGHT

#### Senior Partner Christopher Kelley Selected as Pro-Bono counsel to Sag Harbor Cinema Arts Center



Senior Partner Christopher Kelley has been selected as Pro-Bono counsel to the Sag Harbor Cinema Arts Center, a project sponsored by the not-for profit Sag Harbor Partnership. Mr. Kelley will be land use and General Counsel to the project which seeks to rebuild the Sag Harbor Cinema destroyed by fire in December of 2016. The efforts will include reconstruction of the landmark building to include a multi-screen theater with spaces for educational and arts related activities. The land use applications were submitted to the Village of Sag Harbor in October of 2017. [Read More](#)

#### Associate Daniel R. Bernard Admitted to the Florida Bar



Daniel R. Bernard is a tax attorney who focuses his practice in the areas of estate planning, trust and estate administration, taxation and estate litigation.

Dan is admitted to the New York bar, the New Jersey bar and most recently the Florida bar. This affords Dan the opportunity to represent clients in all three states. Dan's combination of admission to the New York bar and Florida bar in particular will be especially useful to clients who split their time between New York and Florida. Dan is also admitted to practice before the United States Tax Court. [Read More](#)

### FIRM BLOG

#### What is Adverse Possession?

by Christopher E. Kelley, Esq.

Adverse Possession is when a person makes a claim to real property not based on buying it or receiving a deed for it but because they have possessed or occupied the property in a manner adverse to the true owner. The concept, dating back in English history, is that a person can make a claim to property by using it in such a way that the true owner should know of the use and exert its ownership by "ejecting" the possessor. In modern times this is done through an ejectment action in court. [Read More](#)

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