

## Bleakley Platt & Schmidt, LLP: Timeless Values, Contemporary Expertise

Bleakley Platt combines highly skilled, results-driven legal representation with exceptional personalized attention, all at rates well below those charged by other New York City-based firms.

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**B**leakley Platt's skilled and experienced attorneys offer a broad spectrum of legal services, ranging from complex commercial litigation to trusts and estate litigation; commercial lending to traditional and complex real estate transactions; corporate and commercial transactional work to health care law; and elder law and special needs planning to matrimonial services.

"We practice law at the highest level with exceptional lawyers," says William P. Harrington, the firm's Chairman. "We compete with national law firms and often partner with them. But we can offer our clients something the national law firms cannot: individualized and highly skilled services at reasonable rates. Bleakley Platt's sensitivity to cost and willingness to consider alternative fee arrangements—such as contingency fees, flat fees, hybrid fee agreements, and retainers—are further factors that distinguish the firm from its local and statewide competitors."

Managing Partner Peter N. Bassano puts it this way: "With 80-plus years in Westchester County and the Hudson Valley, we are established, experienced, accomplished, and ready to partner with our clients to take on any legal challenges they might face."

### Hallmarks of Professional Service

Located just 30 minutes from Manhattan, the firm has a long and rich history of service and professionalism within Westchester and the New York metro area. Clients include Fortune 15 companies, regional and national companies, start-ups, individuals, and estates, and with a combination of homegrown talent and strategic lateral hires from New York City firms, Bleakley Platt has the experience and expertise to represent individual and corporate clients in the most complex legal matters.

Bleakley Platt also has a proud tradition of judicial success. Six former members have served in the State Appellate Division or Supreme Court. The firm is the only one in New York to count among its alumni two federal judges who simultaneously served as chief judges of the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York (the Honorable Charles L. Brieant, Jr. and the Honorable Thomas Platt). A number of firm attorneys have served in federal and state clerkships and have the



**The Bleakley Platt & Schmidt, LLP Executive Committee**

(standing, l to r) **Robert Braumuller, Partner**; **Susan E. Galvão, Partner**; **Matthew G. Parisi, Partner** (seated, l to r) **Peter N. Bassano, Managing Partner**; **William P. Harrington, Chairman**

in-depth knowledge of the judicial process essential to a successful, effective litigation practice.

Bleakley Platt operates within close proximity to the state and federal courthouses, including the White Plains Federal Building and Courthouse, named for former firm partner, the late Charles L. Brieant Jr. Such proximity grants attorneys an ease and familiarity with the local courthouses and its jurists, further distinguishing Bleakley Platt from its competitors.

### Commitment to Community

Bleakley Platt has a deep-rooted commitment to social responsibility and the needs of the community. "We believe we have a responsibility to serve the needs of our community's various charitable organizations and their constituents," says Harrington. In keeping with this basic mission, the firm has fostered long-term charitable and pro bono relationships with many non-profit groups, including the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center, the Food Bank of Westchester, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, and The Inner-City Scholarship Fund of the Archdiocese of New York.

Bleakley Platt & Schmidt, LLP, offers the full spectrum of services clients might find at a national firm. The following is a partial list of the areas in which the firm's attorneys practice and excel.

- **Appellate Law**
- **Commercial Finance Law**
- **Construction Law**
- **Corporate Law**
- **Environmental Law**
- **Health Law**
- **Labor & Employment Law**
- **Litigation**
- **Matrimonial Law**
- **Real Estate Law**
- **Trust and Estate Planning, Administration and Litigation**