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WHO'S WHO in Corporate Law

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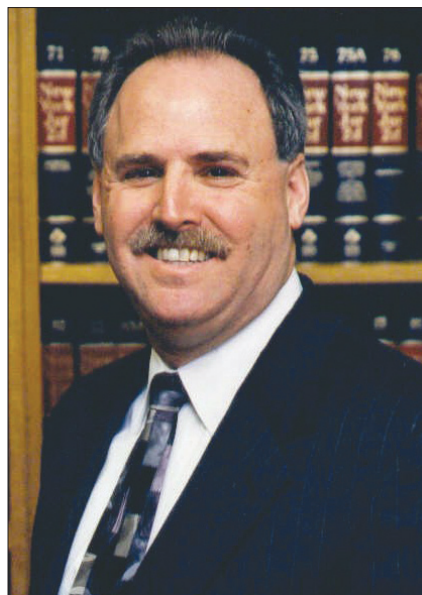
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Ira Halperin is a partner at Meltzer Lippe, Goldstein & Breitstone, LLP in Mineola. Halperin also co-heads the firm's corporate law group. Halperin has extensive experience representing public and private companies engaged in complex mergers and acquisitions, public offerings, private placements, corporate financings, venture capital investments, restructurings and other commercial transactions.

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Halperin represents institutional lenders and borrowers in connection with bank, asset-based and non-traditional financing for business enterprises. He also represents private investment entities in connection with their organization and their acquisition and disposition of investments. His experience includes partnership and limited liability company law.

He also serves a variety of business enterprises and individuals on an ongoing basis in their general corporate and securities matters including organization of new business ventures, '33 and '34 Securities Acts filings, NYSE, Nasdaq and NASD submissions, corporate governance matters, executive compensation matters, proxy solicitations, debt and equity consent solicitations, confidential-



ity and non-competition agreements.

While the needs of clients may have changed due to the current economic conditions, the role of a corporate lawyer has always been, and continues to be, to use all of his or her knowledge and resources to assist clients in managing and growing their businesses, Halperin said.

"The better corporate counsel have knowledge apart from that learned in a law book," he said. "For instance, at a time when financing is scarce and cash flow is crucial, those lawyers that can understand and analyze a company's financial statements are able to provide a much higher level of service to their clients."

"Additionally, I find that one of the best ways I can assist my clients is through the professional relationships I have developed with lenders, venture

and private equity investors, accountants and tax advisors," he said. "More so today than ever, clients appreciate being introduced to someone who can help them with their business needs."

Prior to joining Meltzer Lippe, Halperin was counsel in the NYC office of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP and prior to that was an associate in the NYC office of Kay, Scholer LLP.

Halperin is admitted to the NYS Bar. He is also a certified public accountant and served as vice president and chief financial officer of several NY and LI companies during an 11-year period.

Halperin serves as general counsel to and is a member of the board of directors of the Long Island Software & Technology Network and the Long Island Life Sciences Initiative. He is also on the board of directors of Millennium 3 Partners and the Institute of Management Accounts, LI Chapter.

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