

Are You Thinking About a Career in Law?

Joseph Milizio and Joseph Trotti '80 are distinguished lawyers from Visnick McGovern Milizio LLP, a top legal firm on Long Island. Join us for a special conversation as they discuss the field of law “in the trenches” and what you can expect in law school and as a practicing lawyer.

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JOSEPH G. MILIZIO

Managing Partner Joseph Milizio leads Visnick McGovern Milizio’s Business and Transactional Law, Real Estate, Exit Planning for Business Owners, LGBTQ Representation, and Surrogacy, Adoption, and Assisted Reproduction practices. He is a key

member of the VMM Family InstituteSM and COVID-19 Legal Assistance practices.

Milizio represents start-up and established businesses, providing day-to-day general counsel and advice. He has significant experience in various areas of transactional law with an emphasis on business transactions, including acquisitions, sales, entity and owner representation, franchising, leasing, and transactional real estate matters. He represents a wide range of businesses, including retailers, manufacturers, real estate entities, healthcare providers, and other professional industries and organizations.

His diverse corporate and real estate finance experience includes the representation of both borrowers and lenders. He regularly advises clients on corporate governance, dispute resolution, and estate planning matters. As head of the Exit Planning for Business Owners practice, he works with proprietors and other representatives as a consultant and legal advisor in planning for and implementing exit and succession strategies.

Milizio founded the firm’s groundbreaking LGBTQ Representation practice nearly twenty years ago, one of the first in the nation. The practice provides legal counsel, representation, and education to the LGBTQ community in a variety of matters, including workplace discrimination, estate planning, health care proxies and living wills, prenuptial agreements, real estate, domestic partnership agreements, property co-owner agreements, spousal rights and obligations, divorce and child custody, adoptions and surrogacy, name changes, and gender marker changes. He is a trusted advisor to both his personal and business clients and often serves as executor, trustee, and legal guardian.

Milizio is regularly featured in the press, including NBC, CBS, *CNBC*, News 12, 1010 WINS, WCBS 880, Star 99.9, *Los Angeles Times*, *Newsday*, *LI Herald*, *Long Island Business News*, *Gay City News*, and *Gay Parent Magazine*.



JOSEPH TROTTI '80

Partner Joseph Trotti is the head of Vishnick McGovern Milizio LLP’s Matrimonial and Family Law practice and founding partner of the VMM Family Institute. He heads VMM’s Litigation Department and is a key member of the firm’s

Surrogacy, Adoption, and Assisted Reproduction, LGBTQ Representation, and COVID-19 Legal Assistance practices.

Trotti created the VMM Family Institute to foster effective communication and cooperation in matrimonial and family law matters. Recognizing that emotional and other various issues cannot be addressed by the legal system, he has pioneered the use of collaborative law principles—an approach used in corporate dispute resolution—in domestic cases.

His practice empowers families to make informed decisions regarding their future while avoiding the steep legal fees associated with courtroom battles, and, more importantly, the accompanying emotional harm.

For his pioneering work, the *New York Law Journal* named him a “2019 Trailblazer,” one of a handful of attorneys statewide selected for the prestigious recognition. He was also named the “2019 Top Lawyer of Long Island” in the Family Law category by the *LI Herald* and a 2020 *Super Lawyers* “Top Rated Family Law Attorney.”

Trotti possesses over 35 years of trial experience in custody, divorce, and support matters, including several landmark cases. He has carved out a reputation as an innovative litigator and compassionate counsel, with a strong record of successful judgments and settlements for his clients.

His work also includes estate and commercial real estate litigation, involving will challenges, trust mismanagement, guardianship contests, and other estate plan disputes.

Trotti additionally has extensive experience representing LGBTQ individuals in matters unique to the community, including marriage and domestic partnership, divorce and separation, and adoption and custody. He is the executive producer of *Left Out in America: Legislating Life, Love and LGBT*, which won “Best Directorial Debut of a Documentary” in the 2011 New York International Film Festival.

Trotti is the partner-in-charge overseeing the firm’s marketing and business development initiatives, working closely with the department’s director and all attorneys. He is heavily involved in pro bono and nonprofit community work, with a strong passion for public school reform.

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