

WHO'S WHO

Health Care Professionals & Health Care Law

her nursing career and served as clinical staff nurse, assistant nurse manager and nurse manager. She played a key role in the preparation and submission of the first Magnet application and designation.

Murphy's work has been published in Theories Guiding Nursing Research and Practice. She earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Molloy College, a master's degree in nursing administration from Adelphi University and a Doctor of Nursing Practice from Case Western University. She also completed the Cornell University-Cornell HANYS Academy for Healthcare Leadership Advancement course.

Long Island Jewish Medical Center is a 583-bed, nonprofit teaching hospital founded in 1954. The hospital, located on a 48-acre campus, includes the Zuckerbarg Pavilion, Katz Women's Hospital, Sandra Atlas Bass Cardiology Center and Harris Chasanoff Heart Institute, Francis and Alexander Cohen Institute of Oncology, Joel Finkelstein Cancer Foundation Radiation Oncology Institute, and outpatient programs at the Center for Advanced Medicine.

LIJ Medical Center offers patients world-class cardiology, cardiac surgery, thoracic surgery, orthopedics, head and neck oncology, urology, gynecology, as well as a vascular program. The facility is also affiliated with the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell.

Northwell Health is among New York State's largest health care providers and private employers, with 23 hospitals, 665 outpatient facilities and more than 18,500 affiliated physicians. Northwell Health cares for over 2 million people annually in the New York metro area and beyond. Its 66,000 employees – 16,000-plus nurses and 4,000 employed doctors, including members of Northwell Health Physician Partners – are working to change health care for the better. Northwell Health is making breakthroughs in medicine at the Feinstein Institute for Medical Research. It is training the next generation of medical professionals at the visionary Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell and the Hofstra Northwell School of Graduate Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies.



SANFORD S. NAGROTSKY
Pegalis and Erickson, LLC

Sanford S. Nagrotsky is a senior partner at the law firm of Pegalis and Erickson, LLC in Lake Success. Nagrotsky has obtained millions of dollars in settlements and verdicts on behalf of the firm's clients, for more than 30 years. Due to his dedication and expertise, the firm has

obtained compensation for many clients whose cases were previously rejected by other prominent law firms. In May 2018, Nagrotsky and Steven Pegalis, senior partner and firm founder, obtained a settlement of \$10 million for a client in a complex spinal surgery case.

Nagrotsky maintains a unique approach to client service. Each day, he speaks directly with people seeking legal advice in their effort to learn if they have a potential medical negligence case. His experience in medical litigation helps procure the necessary relevant information needed to determine if the client has a potential meritorious case. Nagrotsky also has access to a network of highly qualified medical experts who assist him and his firm.

Nagrotsky highlights 2018 with the passing of "Lavern's Law."

"It's critical as it extends the time for victims of late cancer diagnosis to bring claims," he said. "The new law adds a 'discovery' rule, as nearly all states already had, to extend the Statute of Limitations in which to file a medical malpractice claim."

"The next piece of legislation needed to rectify an injustice would be to allow a child whose parent suffers an incapacitating injury due to negligence (i.e. coma), to obtain damages for loss of parental guidance," Nagrotsky noted. "It is nonsensical that currently a child is entitled to such damages only on the death of a parent, yet is not so entitled when a parent is rendered totally incapacitated due to negligence."

Nagrotsky was named to the list of 2018, 2017, 2016 and 2014 Best Lawyers in America®, of which only the top 4 percent of practicing attorneys in the USA are named. He has been involved in the local political process, managing two successful judicial campaigns resulting in the appointment of Nassau County Supreme Court Justices. He has also been asked to assist in fundraising campaigns for other candidates seeking judicial office.

Nagrotsky is admitted to practice in New York State. He is a member of the Nassau County Bar Association and New York State Trial Lawyers Association. He obtained his law degree from State University of New York at Buffalo.

Pegalis & Erickson, LLC is a New York law firm for those suffering as a result of medical errors and personal injury. The firm is known for proving/ discovering avoidable negligent acts and have won some of the largest verdicts and settlements in New York State history for victims of negligence and substandard care. Its clients come to the firm after claiming hospitals, doctors, medical personnel, construction companies, or motor vehicle drivers commit avoidable errors that cause our clients life-altering harm. Clients receive individualized attention from the firm's close-knit team members, who work with challenging and complex cases. Pegalis and Erickson, LLC note that its longevity, success and advocacy for patient safety ensure safer medical practices for better patient care.



MELISSA NEGRIN-WIENER
Genser Dubow Genser & Cona LLP

Melissa Negrin-Wiener is a partner at Genser Dubow Genser & Cona LLP (GDGC) in Melville. Negrin-Wiener manages the government benefits department while concentrating her practice in the areas of Medicaid eligibility planning, asset protection planning, disability matters, guardianships, estate planning and Veteran benefits. She also supervises the preparation of Medicaid applications for nursing home care, home health care and community benefits.

Negrin-Wiener assisted in the development of GDGC's workplace wellness program entitled "Tools and Advice for Working Caregivers" (TAWC). TAWC is an employee benefits program provided at no cost to the employer, which assists employees who are caring for aging loved ones. The program is designed to keep working caregivers at work, maximizing productivity and promoting job security while reducing absenteeism, downtime and turnover.

"Parents have nine months to prepare for a new baby, but elder caregivers have just minutes to respond to an emergency with an aging loved one," she said. "From falls, to urgent doctor appointments to home health aides who fail to show up, elder caregiving costs businesses billions of dollars in absenteeism and lost productivity, not to mention job insecurity for the employee."

"Caregivers seek our help navigating the elder care landscape while employers and HR professionals increasingly request our assistance keeping their workforce present and productive, especially in light of Paid Family Leave," Negrin-Wiener explained. "GDGC created TAWC: Tools and Advice for Working Caregivers, an employee benefit program offering legal services, education and resources for working elder caregivers."

Negrin-Wiener is the past president of the Suffolk County Women's Bar Association. She was formerly the vice-president of programs and membership and the past co-chair of the Elder Law Committee. She is a State Certified Court Evaluator and Counsel to Guardians and incapacitated persons and is accredited by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Negrin-Wiener is an Advanced Elder Law Mediator trained by the New York Peace Institute and serves as a Mediator on the Nassau County Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Panel.

Among many recognitions, Negrin-Wiener received the Outstanding Pro Bono Attorney award from Touro Law School. She has been a legal expert for Newsday's Ask the Expert column and is a frequent lec-

turer at professional organizations, assisted living facilities and senior citizens groups. Negrin-Wiener has authored numerous articles for The Suffolk Lawyer, the Nassau Lawyer, the New York Law Journal and the HIA Hauppauge Reporter. She has appeared as a guest on WFAN, WBAB and WHRU radio. Television credits include WABC-TV, FIOS TV and Queens Public Television.

She serves as chair of GDGC Charitable Events, a not-for-profit organization committed to enhancing the quality of life for the elderly, disabled and the underprivileged. She also supports Long Island Fight for Charity, the American Heart Association, the MS Walk and GDGC's Midnight Run relief mission that delivers food and warm clothes to New York City's homeless.

Negrin-Wiener is a member of the Suffolk County Bar Association's Elder Law Committee, the New York State Bar Association, the Nassau County Bar Association, the Suffolk County Women's Bar Association and the Advanced Elder Law Focus Group. She is also a member of the Hauppauge Industrial Association and serves as the charities coordinator for 100 Women Who Care about Long Island.

Genser Dubow Genser & Cona LLP is a top rated law firm concentrating in the areas of elder law, estate planning, estate administration and litigation, and health care facility representation. The firm combines creative advocacy with cutting edge planning strategies to deliver legal services to both families and the health care industry, finding innovative solutions to ensure older adults receive quality care.

GDGC takes a holistic approach to elder law and maintains long-term, partnering relationships with clients to provide the best solutions for multiple generations. The firm has been honored as "A Firm That Makes a Difference" by the Hauppauge Industrial Association.



DOREEN O'GRADY
Glen Cove Hospital

Doreen O'Grady, RN is chief nurse officer at Glen Cove Hospital in Glen Cove, which is a member of Northwell Health. O'Grady is responsible for the quality of nursing care and delivery.

Glen Cove Hospital is well known for its acute inpatient rehabilitation and brain injury service, O'Grady noted.

"We're the only hospital in New York, and only one of seven hospitals nationwide to offer the G-EO Robot," she said. "This technology is ideal for patients who have suffered traumatic injuries or stroke and require physical therapy to recover."