

## BLEAKLEY PLATT & SCHMIDT ATTORNEY NAMED 2020 LAWYER OF THE YEAR

White Plains-based Bleakley Platt & Schmidt LLP partner **Frances Pantaleo** has been named White Plains' 2020 Lawyer of the Year in her field by "Best Lawyers."

She will be listed in the 26th edition of "The Best Lawyers in America."

"Super Lawyers" magazine has once again recognized Pantaleo as one of the top 50 Women Lawyers in the Metro Area and as one of the Top 25 2019 Westchester County Super Lawyers.

Pantaleo heads the firm's elder law and special needs practice group.

She is a graduate of the New York University School of Law, has taught elder law at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York City and Pace Law School and served as chair of the New York State Bar Association's Elder Law and Special Needs Section.

## NEW MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY

The Chazen Companies added **Nora Pietrafesa** and **Lisa Appadu** to its team in its Hudson Valley and Westchester County offices.

Pietrafesa joined Chazen as a human resources generalist in its Hudson Valley office. She has more than 23 years of experience as an HR professional. Previously, she worked for Greystone Programs Inc. and USA Today Network.

Appadu joined the company as an assistant transportation engineer for the White Plains office. Previously, she worked at RS&H Inc. in Charlotte, North Carolina, as a transportation associate.

## COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AWARDED STATE GRANT

The Westchester County Health Department will receive an incentive grant that recognizes its partnership with health care providers and parents in protecting children from vaccine-preventable diseases.

The health department will receive the maximum award of \$87,095 for exceeding expectations in reporting by its Immunization Action Program and Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program.

Through outreach, follow-up and office visits with pediatric practices, the Immunization Action Program works to increase childhood immunization rates countywide and to assure that health care providers administer the recommended vaccines in a timely fashion and record them in a state immunization registry.

## BIOSCIENCES ACCELERATOR PARTICIPANTS ATTEND ORIENTATION IN NYC



Participants in the Westchester County Biosciences Accelerator Program were among those attending an orientation session as they begin a six-month training and mentorship program for aspiring entrepreneurs in life sciences and health care technology fields.

The event, held in Manhattan on Dec. 16, included a presentation by the program director **Mary Howard** and remarks by Westchester County Office of Economic

Development Director **Bridget Gibbons**.

The program is a new, competitive-entry, six-month-long program designed to provide entrepreneurship education and regional networking to seed-stage ventures to build their teams and secure funds. Innovators with therapeutics, diagnostics, devices, research tools, digital health and materials technology breakthroughs were invited after a competitive application process.

From left: Mousa Ahmadi; Parsa Mirhaj; BiolncNYMC Director Deborah Novick; Westchester County Biosciences Accelerator Program Director Mary Howard; R. Joye; Westchester County Office of Economic Development Director Bridget Gibbons; Katya Sverdlov; Eugenia Steingold; and Jeanette Mahoney.

## WESTCHESTER BANK SUPPORTS CARVER CENTER



Port Chester's Carver Center received a \$500 grant from The Westchester Bank that will support the center's programming.

For more than 75 years, the center has provided resources such as food and education to the needy.

From left: Port Chester Mayor Rich Falanka; Stephanie Weston of The Westchester Bank; Anne Bradner, CEO, Carver Center; and Pat Cappelletti, The Westchester Bank.



Rachel Greenspan

## GHP ADDS SENIOR DIRECTOR

**Andrew M. Greenspan** and **James J. Houlihan**, principals of GHP Office Realty LLC in Harrison, announced **Rachel Greenspan** has joined the firm as senior director of GHP Office Realty, a role in which she will focus on sales, acquisitions and financing of GHP's commercial portfolio.

Additionally, she will be working closely with property management on major capital improvement projects.

Previously Greenspan served as an account manager for Takasago International Corp.

## CAREMOUNT MEDICAL WELCOMES TWO PHYSICIANS

**Jessica Acker**, M.D., and **Avik Karmaker**, M.D., have joined Mount Kisco-based CareMount Medical.

Board certified in pediatrics, Acker received her Doctor of Medicine degree from The Sackler School of Medicine, New York State/American Program of Tel Aviv University, and completed her pediatric residency at SUNY Downstate Medical Center. She is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and practices at CareMount Medical's Kingston office with privileges at Vassar Brothers Medical Center.

Karmaker received his Doctor of Medicine degree from St. George's University School of Medicine and completed his surgical residency at New York Medical College at Metropolitan Hospital Center. He completed a fellowship in minimally invasive surgery at Jackson South Community Hospital, and specializes in various laparoscopic and robotic general surgery procedures, including hernia, biliary and colorectal surgeries. Karmaker practices at CareMount Medical's Cortlandt Manor and Fishkill Merritt offices and has privileges at New York Presbyterian/Hudson Valley Hospital and Yorktown Center for Specialty Surgery.