

Levy Joins Campolo, Middleton & McCormick

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Bohemia-based [Campolo, Middleton & McCormick](#) reached an agreement today to employ former Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy as counsel to the firm.

With a long background in government, Levy will handle several matters related to municipal law, while also bringing in his own clients, he said. Levy has 26 years in public office, serving as a county legislator and state assemblyman prior to becoming [Suffolk County](#) executive in 2004.

Levy said he has known Partner Scott Middleton, the former mayor of Lake Grove, for several years, and became friends with Managing Partner Joe Campolo four years ago when the law firm began fighting the then-recently enacted [MTA](#) payroll tax.

“I thought they were on to something,” Levy said upon being presented with information about the tax while county executive. “It was the Campolo law firm that took the lead on this and was the driving force to getting it struck down last week.”

More recently, Campolo, Middleton & McCormick has worked with Levy in both his for-profit venture, [Common Sense Strategies](#), a consulting firm that works with businesses and governments looking to cut costs, and the not-for-profit government watchdog Center for Cost Effective Government. It was the law firm’s willingness to do public advocacy work – the firm also represents some of the victims of [Nicholas Cosmo’s Agape World Ponzi scheme](#) – that enticed Levy to join.

“I was thinking about delving back into some legal work, but decided I would do it if it was the right fit,” Levy said. “This was the right fit.”

While Levy has been busy in recent months setting up his for-profit and not-for-profit entities, he is still dogged by the remnants of his time in politics. He recently announced [he created a website to respond](#) to the Suffolk County grand jury report on the Suffolk Ethics Commission.