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Having broad experience in commercial litigation and transactions, Campolo, Middleton & McCormick Managing Partner Joseph N. Campolo focuses on advising business owners, executives and board members on legal and business strategies. Campolo is also an accomplished trial lawyer, having tried business litigation cases in New York State and federal courts, as well as the Delaware Chancery Court. He also represents companies and individuals being investigated or charged with white-collar violations, and has conducted internal investigations, implemented compliance programs and successfully defended individuals before many state and federal agencies.

“In my career, the biggest challenge has been trying to balance representing members of our society who don’t have a lot of financial resources while keeping a busy law practice in business,” Campolo said. “In our society, justice unfortunately tends to have a slant toward those who are able to pay for the resources needed to ensure it prevails.”

While his Ronkonkoma firm provides pro bono work and offers discounted fees, Campolo is frustrated there are still an inordinate amount of underserved community members who don’t have the resources available to them that the judicial system tends to require.

“The law to me means the pursuit of justice and equality,” Campolo explained. “Fair is fair, whether you are rich or poor – the concept remains the same. I believe our system of justice tends to get it right, most of the time. I think because of economic pressures many lawyers forget their roles in this critical process, but I strive to make sure all our firm’s lawyers are reminded of their roles in our democracy.”



He has practiced law at some of Long Island’s most respected law firms and served as village prosecutor for the Village of Sands Point. He was also in-house general counsel to a national technology company, where he was promoted to president. During his tenure as general counsel, Campolo was responsible for the company’s international growth and gained a tremendous experience in negotiating and closing all types of business agreements and transactions, raising private equity and managing complex business litigation.

Campolo served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps. He earned a Juris Doctor from Fordham University School of Law, after earning his bachelor’s degree from Stony Brook University.

Encouraging future attorneys to follow justice and equality, Campolo is on the faculty at Stony Brook University, where he teaches business law in the Master of Business Administration program. He also volunteers his time to local nonprofit organizations.