

**PEOPLE**



**Name**  
ELLEN BISSETT DERIGGI

**Title**  
OF COUNSEL

**Firm**  
CAMPOLO, MIDDLETON & MCCORMICK

**Favorite activities**  
Mountain biking and skiing

**On the hot seat**  
“I enjoy doing hot yoga, which is yoga in a 120-degree room. It trains you to take the heat, which is good in this business.”

**Recently read book**  
“Lean In” by Sheryl Sandberg, COO of Facebook  
“It gives a very interesting perspective of women in business, beyond the obvious; It gets into the culture and pressures women put upon ourselves.”

# SHE’S GOT COMPANY

Ellen Bissett DeRiggi knew for a long time that she wanted to become an attorney.

“I was raised by a single mother, and it was very important to me to have the ability to support myself and be self-sufficient,” she said.

Since graduating from St. John’s University School of Law in 1996, DeRiggi has worked for a large law firm, a small one and, most recently, as a solo practitioner in Huntington, where she served the varied legal needs of business owners, entrepreneurs and high net-worth individuals for more than six years.

Now, with an eye toward expanding the resources and support available to herself and her cli-

ents, DeRiggi recently merged her firm into Campolo, Middleton & McCormick, a Ronkonkoma-based full-service law firm, where she is of counsel.

“As a business attorney, I represent a lot of companies on Long Island,” she said. “As we have recovered from the recession, many of my clients have grown, which led to the growth of my practice. This move is just part of the natural progression.”

At Campolo Middleton, DeRiggi is a member of the corporate, real estate, trusts and estate and labor and employment practice groups. Her experience includes counseling clients on corporate governance matters, business sales and

acquisitions, business strategies and succession planning, commercial real estate transactions, shareholder and operating agreements, employment agreements, asset protection and estate planning. She has also represented clients in complex commercial litigation matters.

“I have always taken a strong interest in learning about business ventures,” she said., noting that learning about the businesses she represents is her favorite part of what she does.

The key to being successful in business is flexibility, DeRiggi added.

“You have to be open-minded to change and growth and be able to adapt to change,” she said.