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their departments, highlight exemplary colleagues, or share snapshots enjoying their professions," Dr. Greco said.

Dr. Greco earned a medical degree at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City. His postgraduate training included an internship in internal medicine and a residency in anesthesiology at Mount Sinai, where he served as chief resident for anesthesiology. He is a member of the American Society of Anesthesia, the New York Society of Anesthesiologists, and the American Society of Professionals in Patient Safety.

NYU Langone Health is a world-class, integrated academic medical center, known for its excellence in clinical care, research and education. Included in the 320+ locations throughout the New York area is NYU Langone Hospital—Long Island, a 591-bed medical center and ACS Level 1 Trauma Center. The hospital features more than 75 divisions of specialty care, offering comprehensive inpatient and outpatient programs and services, including a comprehensive stroke center, advanced cardiovascular services, and a heart and kidney transplant program.

NYU Langone Hospital—Long Island also conducts clinical trials and world-class research and is home to the NYU Long Island School of Medicine. Also on the NYU Langone Long Island campus is the Laura and Isaac Perlmutter Cancer Center, a National Cancer Institute—designated comprehensive cancer center.



Christopher J. Kutner is a partner at Rivkin Radler LLP in Uniondale. Kutner represents managed care organizations, physician groups, hospitals and ancillary service providers, including laboratories, healthcare benefit administrators and suppliers of medical equipment.

As partner in the Health Services Practice Group, Kutner represents national

and regional health plans in the acquisition of similar plans. He recently coordinated the acquisition and integration of a Connecticut managed care plan by a larger New York City-based health maintenance organization (HMO). He is representing a multi-facility alcohol and substance abuse service provider in a stock sale transaction. He also represented a regional, boutique laboratory in an asset sale. Moreover, a regional laboratory management company hired Kutner to advise on acquisitions, state and federal regulatory compliance, and managed care contracting. He advises healthcare providers with managed care contracting and dispute resolution and with respect to compliant practice structures and permissible arrangements concerning,

among other issues, referrals.

He has represented a national managed care company in connection with its acquisition of managed long term care plans (MLTCPs) and a county government in the sale of its Medicaid managed care plan including eight outpatient treatment facilities. His managed care experience makes him well-suited for advising healthcare consumers with benefit and medical necessity opinions as well as assisting with external appeals with state regulators.

A partner in Rivkin Radler's Compliance, Investigations & White Collar Practice Group, Kutner represents healthcare providers who are being audited or investigated by, among others, the New York State Department of Health's Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC), the New York State Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Inspector General (OIG), the New York Attorney General and the U.S. Attorney's Offices for all districts in New York and New Jersey.

Kutner reflected on today's healthcare

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law landscape, "The health law field is focused on mergers and acquisitions, payer contracting disputes and simplifying reimbursement agreements between providers and payers of care."

"The paramount issue is consolidation of providers and the problems it creates for equitable access to health services," he said. "Bringing high-quality care into underserved areas will require the involvement of trusted leaders in the communities who assist with identifying needs and help to promote the benefits of regular check-ups while simplifying access to care. This would be a good use of the funds allocated through the federal government's ACO REACH program and the amendment to New York's Article 1115 waiver."

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Kutner's practice includes advising providers in Western and Northern New York and he is admitted, and practices law, in Connecticut.

He has been named to Best Lawyers in America® for Health Care Law and Litigation – Health Care from 2017 to 2022.

Kutner earned a juris doctor from

St. John's University School of Law; an M.B.A. from Hofstra University, Frank G. Zarb School of Business; and a B.E.M.E. from State University of New York at Stony Brook.

He is a member of the American Bar Association Health Law Section, Nassau County Bar Association's Health and Hospital Law Committee and the New York State Bar Association Health Law Section.

Through five offices, 200 lawyers and 21 practice groups, Rivkin Radler's attorneys are the advisors-of-choice to successful individuals, middle-market companies and large corporations. Many clients have been placing their trust in the firm for more than 25 years. An unwavering commitment to total client satisfaction is the driving force behind the firm. Northwell Health is



Donna Moravick, RN, NP, is executive director at South Shore University Hospital in Bay Shore, which is part of the Northwell Health system. Moravick is responsible for the daily operations of South Shore University Hospital, and works closely with the members of the hospital's management team.

Most recently, Moravick was vice president of cardiovascular services for Northwell Health, with oversight for the service line system-wide. Previously, she served as director of North Shore University Hospital (NSUH) and LIJ Medical Center department of cardiovascular and thoracic surgery, managing its clinical practice.

Moravick joined NSUH in 1981 as a staff nurse in the surgical intensive care unit. She began working in cardiac services in 1993 as a nurse clinician for cardiac surgery involved in patient education.

Moravick earned a master's degree in nursing from Stony Brook University and an MBA from Hofstra University.

Northwell Health consists of 21 hospitals, 850 outpatient facilities and more than 12,000 affiliated physicians. Northwell Health cares for more than 2 million people annually in the New York metro area and beyond.

Northwell Health has 79,000 employees —18,900 nurses and 4,900 doctors, including members of Northwell Health Physician Partners — who work to change healthcare for the better. Northwell Health is making breakthroughs in medicine at the Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research; and 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 Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies.



Andrew P. Nitkewicz is a partner at Cullen and Dykman LLP in Garden City and head of the firm's Trusts and Estates Department. Nitkewicz is a seasoned litigator who focuses his practice on estate, trust, and commercial matters. He represents higher education institutions and not-for-profit and religious organizations in connection with estate litigation matters relating to charitable bequests.

Nitkewicz also regularly litigates medical, psychiatric and dental malpractice matters, and he serves as general and litigation counsel to litigation funding companies, doctors, dentists, oral surgeons, chiropractors, nurses, pharmacists, and other medical professionals and medical service providers. Nitkewicz litigates cases in Surrogate's Court, as well as federal and state courts throughout New York, and he has extensive experience counseling medical practitioners with regard to HIPAA, Stark Law, and Anti-Kickback Statute compliance.

As a result of decades of experience representing clients in connection with matters with multi-jurisdictional components, Nitkewicz maintains working relationships with local counsel in a myriad of jurisdictions throughout the United States.

Staff shortages remain the most challenging issue for healthcare providers, Nitkewicz said.

"To combat the decreasing staff, healthcare facilities have taken a more aggressive approach toward hiring, including utilizing healthcare-specific staffing needs specialists who possess the ability to determine the need of the facility and reach out to potential candidates," he said. "Additionally, healthcare facilities have moved toward per-diem or contract workers to serve as a bridge during the time of crisis, with such workers often times being offered permanent positions."

"Finally, healthcare facilities have continued to work with local colleges and specialty schools to ensure the recruiting effort is streamlined so that qualified candidates and be ready to work upon graduation and credentialing," Nitkewicz said.

"The reduced COVID infection rates, vaccinations and the above tactics by healthcare facilities has resulted in a saving grace to reduce

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the staffing burdens for our muchneeded healthcare facilities," he noted.

Nitkewicz is admitted to practice in New York and New Jersey and before the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York and the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

He earned a juris doctor from Touro Law Center and a bachelor's degree from Hofstra University.

Named to the highly-regarded list of Super Lawyers (2015—2017), Nitkewicz is a member of the Nassau County Bar Association; a member of Estate Planning Council of Nassau County; a member of Federal Bar Council; and a member of Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

Cullen and Dykman is a full-service law firm that clients trust to deliver top-tier, cost-effective legal services. The firm began serving clients in 1850 out of a single law office in Brooklyn. Since that time, the firm has grown into a multifaceted law firm with more than 170 attorneys in 7 offices strategically located throughout the Northeast and MidAtlantic regions. Cullen and Dykman embraces opportunities for growth and is fully prepared to meet its clients' legal needs today and in the future with proactive, forward-

thinking and results-oriented legal solutions.



Harold "Hal" Paz, M.D., M.S. is chief executive officer of Stony Brook University Medicine and executive vice president of health sciences at Stony Brook University. Dr. Paz leads academic, hospital and clinical leadership and works with community partners to ensure the continued development of a premier academic health center.

Stony Brook Medicine focuses on ensuring access to quality, compassionate healthcare, Dr. Paz said.

"As an academic health center, we have an extraordinary opportunity to collaborate across the five health sciences schools, our program in public health, our hospitals and clinical practices and to draw on expertise at the university," he said.

"Our focus is on realizing the future of healthcare – using predictive

analysis to create a personalized healthcare experience for our patients beginning in the home," Dr. Paz noted. "We have outstanding programs in computer science, and the social and life sciences, and the ability to apply our expertise in innovative ways will pave the way for just-in-time healthcare delivery solutions."

"This collaboration between research and clinical application is at the heart of the personalized healthcare solutions we continue to innovate at Stony Brook Medicine," he said.

Prior to joining the Stony Brook system in 2021, Dr. Paz was executive vice president and chancellor for health affairs at The Ohio State University and chief executive officer of the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center, a health system that includes 7 hospitals, 16 network hospitals, more than 100 outpatient sites, a multispecialty practice, an accountable care organization and a health plan.

At Ohio State, Dr. Paz was also a professor of medicine and public health sciences and was responsible for 7 health science colleges including more than 20 research institutes and an NCI-designated comprehensive cancer center.

A member of the National Academy of Medicine's Leadership Consortium and the board of directors of Research! America, Dr. Paz has nearly 25 years of leadership in health care and academic medicine. Prior to joining Ohio State, he was the executive vice president and chief medical officer for CVS Health/Aetna where he provided clinical leadership for the company's domestic and global businesses. He was also a professor adjunct of internal medicine at Yale University School of Medicine.

Earlier in his career, Dr. Paz served as senior vice president for health affairs, dean of the college of medicine at Pennsylvania State University, and CEO of the Penn State Hershey Medical Center and Health System.

Dr. Paz earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Rochester, a master's degree in life science engineering from Tufts University and his medical degree from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry.

Dr. Paz was a Eudowood Fellow in pulmonary and critical care medicine at Johns Hopkins Medical School. In addition, he was a postdoctoral fellow in environmental health science at Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health.

Stony Brook Medicine integrates and elevates all of Stony Brook University's health-related initiatives: education, research and

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take prominent, active roles in scores of business, legal and philanthropic organizations; numerous are recognized regionally or nationally as leaders in their fields. The firm is well known for its pro bono work, board involvement, volunteer service and substantial financial support of local community organizations. The firm's attorneys have built a reputation for their responsiveness, practical advice, high quality legal services and thought leadership.

Farrell Fritz handles legal matters in the areas of bankruptcy and restructuring; business divorce; commercial litigation; construction; corporate and finance; emerging companies and venture capital; employment law; environmental law; estate litigation; healthcare; land use and zoning; New York State Regulatory and Government Relations; not-for-profit law; real estate; tax planning and controversy; tax certiorari, and trusts and estates.



Alan Wong, MD is chief medical officer and senior vice president for

medical affairs at Mount Sinai South Nassau in Oceanside.

Dr. Wong is responsible for overseeing all operations related to the effective and efficient delivery of quality care. He also facilitates medical staff interactions with hospital administration and the board of directors and assists with strategic planning, as well as monitoring the effectiveness of management practices and productivity indicators.

Mount Sinai South Nassau is always focused on providing quality, compassionate healthcare wherever and whenever it is needed, Dr. Wong said.

"We are achieving that with the robust expansion of Mount Sinai South Nassau to meet the need for advanced, patient-centered medical, surgical, emergency and critical care services," he said. "While at the same time we are growing our network of community-centered, multi-specialty physician practices with the construction of a Medical Arts Pavilion at our Long Beach campus, which is projected to open in Spring 2023, and plan to establish a multi-specialty healthcare pavilion in Wantagh."

"Those projects, combined with our partnership with the Mount Sinai Health System, will ensure that our patients are always within convenient distance and time from accessing an integrated and collaborative healthcare network featuring their doctors and the healthcare that they need," Dr. Wong said.

Prior to joining Mount South Nassau, Dr. Wong served at Mercy Medical Center in Rockville Centre, New York, where he was vice president for patient safety, chief quality officer and chair of internal medicine.

Dr. Wong attended medical school at the New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine where he earned his Doctorate of Osteopathy, as well as a Master's Degree in Business Administration. He completed residency training in Internal Medicine and a Fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care at NYU Langone Long Island Hospital (formerly Winthrop University Hospital) in Mineola.

He maintains board certification in five medical specialties: internal medicine, pulmonary medicine, critical care, neuro-critical care and hospice and palliative care.

The Long Island flagship hospital of the Mount Sinai Health System, Mount Sinai South Nassau is designated a Magnet® hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center for outstanding nursing care. Mount Sinai South Nassau is one of the region's largest hospitals, with 455 beds, more than 900 physicians and 3,500 employees. Located in Oceanside, NY, the hospital is an acute-care, not-for-profit teaching hospital that provides state-of-the-art care in cardiac, oncologic, orthopedic, bariatric, pain management, mental health and emergency services.

In addition to its extensive outpatient specialty centers, Mount Sinai South Nassau provides emergency and elective angioplasty, and offers Novalis Tx^{TM} and Gamma Knife® radiosurgery technologies.

Mount Sinai South Nassau operates the only trauma center on the South Shore of Nassau County verified by the American College of Surgeons, as well as Long Island's only free-standing 9-1-1 receiving Emergency Department in Long Beach. Mount Sinai South Nassau also is a designated Stroke Center by the New York State Department of Health and Comprehensive Community Cancer Center by the American College of Surgeons; is an accredited center of the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Association and Quality Improvement Program; and an Infectious Diseases Society of America Antimicrobial Stewardship Center of Excellence.



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