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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Janusz R. Richards, Village Clerk
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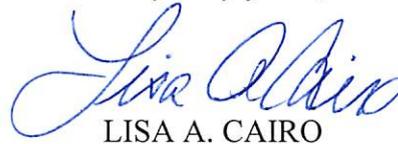
Re: Request for Proposals For Special Election Counsel
RFP# 2018-03

Dear Mr. Richards:

Enclosed please find our Firm's Response to the Village's Request for Proposals for Special Election Counsel. If the Village should require any further information concerning the Firm please contact me.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide the within response for consideration.

Very truly yours,



LISA A. CAIRO

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Enclosure

**RESPONSE TO
REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS
SPECIAL ELECTIONS COUNSEL
RFP #2018-03**

**SUBMITTED BY:
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INTRODUCTION

Jaspan Schlesinger LLP is a premier full-service law firm with offices in Garden City and Suffern, New York. Founded in 1946, the Firm's 60 attorneys provide quality legal services in virtually every area of practice. The Firm serves clients that operate locally, nationally and globally. Our clients range from start-up companies to multinational public companies as well as individuals, school districts, municipalities and not-for-profit organizations

Jaspan Schlesinger LLP is proud of its long history successfully representing municipal clients in a wide range of matters. Our attorneys have represented villages, towns, boards and districts across Long Island and upstate in many areas, including condemnation, planning and zoning, real property matters, drafting and interpreting ordinances and local laws, FOIL, First, Fifth and Fourteenth civil matters arising from land use approval processes and N.Y.S. Constitutional issues, solid waste management facility approvals, N.Y.S. DEC matters, local governance and SEQRA. Our attorneys have litigated Article 78 proceedings, motions, hearings, declaratory judgment actions, discovery proceedings, trials and post-trial proceedings. The Firm's attorneys have extensive experience in both the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the New York State Appellate Division as well as the New York State Court of Appeals.

MUNICIPAL CLIENTS

The following is a partial listing of the Firm's and our attorneys' experience as municipal special counsel.

Suffolk County	Advice and counsel, litigation, condemnation
Town of North Hempstead	Real property assessments, litigation, appeals
Town of Hempstead	Land use, zoning and planning, litigation, utility tax litigation
Town of Babylon	Litigation, advice to Town Attorney on zoning and planning approval for major retail center and a power plant
Town of Smithtown	Land use litigation, NYSDEC hearings, appeals
Town of Huntington	Land use, civil rights litigation arising from land use denials, appeals
Town of Islip	Zoning and planning advice to the Town Attorney and Planning Department
Town of Brookhaven	Federal civil rights litigation arising from land use denials and approvals, zoning and planning advice and counsel, condemnation, appeals, FOIL

Town of Southampton	First amendment litigation arising from land use denial and zoning litigation, advice and counsel
Town of Riverhead	Federal civil rights land use litigation, comprehensive planning advice, appeals
Town of East Hampton	Land use litigation, federal civil rights litigation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission litigation, appeals
Village of Airmont	Litigation, appeals
Village of Hempstead	Litigation, appeals
Village of Manorhaven	Litigation
Village of Montebello	Village Attorney
Village of New Hempstead	Litigation
Village of Northport	Former Village Attorney
Village of Patchogue	Village Attorney for tax certiorari matters, condemnation as part of downtown revitalization
Village of Sag Harbor	Federal civil rights and land use litigation, successfully defended establishment of a justice court, advice and counsel
Village of Valley Stream	Employment litigation and counsel to zoning board.

ATTORNEY QUALIFICATIONS

Steven R. Schlesinger
Partner

Steven R. Schlesinger is the managing partner of Jaspan Schlesinger LLP and heads the Firm's Litigation Practice Group and its Appellate Practice Group. Mr. Schlesinger concentrates his practice in the areas of general civil litigation, commercial and real estate matters, and bankruptcy. He has been counsel in many federal and state court trials including numerous cases in the Commercial Division of the New York State Supreme Court and is a principal author of Commercial Litigation in New York State Courts, 4th Edition. He has argued innumerable appellate cases including many in the New York State Court of Appeals. In addition he has acted as special counsel to numerous government agencies and served as a director of three publicly held corporations. He has represented many elected officials in litigations relating to their public office including the Governor of the State of New York.

Mr. Schlesinger was appointed by the Appellate Division, Second Department as a member of the Character and Fitness Committee and served as the Chairman of the Professional Ethics Committee of the Nassau County Bar Association. He is a member of the Litigation Committee of

the American Bar Association and of the New York State and Nassau County Bar Associations. He has served as Law Chairman of the Nassau County Democratic Committee and as a member of the Special Committee of the New York State Bar Association on Election Law Reform. He has acted as counsel on many political campaigns and is a contributing author of Goldfeder on Modern Election Law, Third Edition. He has presented numerous continuing legal education courses on Election Law, including those held for members of the judiciary. He has litigated hundreds of Election Law cases, representing candidates, municipalities and the State of New York.

Mr. Schlesinger was named to the 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 New York Metro area Super Lawyers list as a "Top 100 New York Super Lawyer." Only five percent of the attorneys in the New York Metro area are named to the list of Super Lawyers and from that the top 100 are selected. Mr. Schlesinger received the recognition in the practice area of business litigation. This is the eighth consecutive year that Mr. Schlesinger has been named to the New York Metro area Super Lawyers list. The Super Lawyers list is issued by Thomson Reuters.

Mr. Schlesinger received his undergraduate degree from Queens College and his Juris Doctor from Hofstra University School of Law. He is admitted to practice before all of the New York State courts, the federal district courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the United States Supreme Court. He currently serves as president of his synagogue. In addition, he is active in many other charitable and civic organizations.

Lisa A. Cairo
Partner

Lisa A. Cairo is a Partner in the Firm's Municipal Law Practice Group, its Litigation Practice Group and its Real Estate Practice Group. Ms. Cairo received her undergraduate Bachelor of Arts Degree, with honors, from Loyola College in Maryland in 1999. While attending college, Ms. Cairo spent a semester studying at Richmond University in London. Ms. Cairo received her Juris Doctorate Degree from Hofstra University School of Law in 2002.

Ms. Cairo regularly appears before Municipal Boards and Industrial Development Agencies throughout Long Island. Ms. Cairo also represents both private and municipal clients in litigation matters in both State and Federal Court and serves as counsel to the Board of Appeals for the Village of Valley Stream.

After completing law school, Ms. Cairo served as a Law Clerk in the Supreme Court of Nassau County, where she participated as a Program Coordinator for the Law Student Summer Internship Program. Ms. Cairo also worked at a Nassau County law firm, focusing on land use and zoning, real estate and matrimonial matters.

Ms. Cairo is the Co-Chairperson of The Pat Cairo Family Foundation, Inc., for those struggling with cancer, an organization dedicated to raising funds for cancer research and treatment. Currently, she is the Vice President of the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Nassau County, a member of the Board of Directors of the Nassau County Bar Association and also serves as Treasurer of the Nassau County Women's Bar Association. Most recently, Ms. Cairo was named one of the 2017 Long Island

Power Women in Business. Ms. Cairo regularly volunteers on Election Day to represent individuals that require a court order to cast their ballot.

Sarah D. Ragusa
Associate

Sarah D. Ragusa is an associate in the Firm's Banking and Financial Services Practice Group. She represents financial institutions in commercial lending transactions, as well as business entities and individuals in various aspects of real estate law, including sales, acquisitions and leases. In addition to transactional experience, Ms. Ragusa also has experience in foreclosure, collection, and commercial litigation matters, including employment litigation.

Prior to joining the Firm, Ms. Ragusa worked full time at the Nassau County Board of Elections for five years, where she acted as the acted as the Commissioner's assistant and representative during election recounts and general election administration. During her employment at the Board, Ms. Ragusa also conducted training programs for election inspectors and the general public in connection with Help America Vote Act compliance.

As a litigation associate, Ms. Ragusa has represented the Board of Elections as well as various judicial, congressional, legislative candidates and local candidates in all aspects of the election process, from reviewing petitions, to commencing/defending judicial proceedings challenging nominating and/or designating petitions, and representing candidates during recounts.

Ms. Ragusa received her Juris Doctorate from Touro College, Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center in 2013, and her Bachelor of Science, magna cum laude, from St. John's University, where she majored in Education.

Ms. Ragusa is a member of the New York State, Suffolk County, and Nassau County Bar Associations, and is admitted to practice law in the State Courts of New York and New Jersey as well as the District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. She is fluent in Portuguese and proficient in Spanish.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Mr. Schlesinger, Ms. Cairo and Ms. Ragusa, along with the Firm's large support staff are available to perform the type of work detailed in the Village's Request for Proposals for Special Election Counsel and other municipal counsel matters that may arise. As set forth in Mr. Schlesinger's above resume, he has represented numerous political candidates during the course of his career. Much of this representation includes litigation. Additionally, the Firm can assure the Village that an attorney will be available to attend Village Board meetings and work sessions as needed.

A conflict check has been performed and there are no conflicts of interest that would preclude the Firm from representing the Village.

During the past three years there have been no disciplinary actions taken against the Firm or any of its attorneys with state regulatory bodies or professional organizations.

The Firm's hourly rates for municipal clients are \$225 for attorney time and \$100 for paralegal time.

The Firm's professional references include:

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