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JOSEPH G. MILIZIO, ESQ. RECEIVES 2015 LONG ISLAND BUSINESS NEWS' CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Joseph G. Milizio, managing partner of **Lake Success**-based **Vishnick McGovern Milizio LLP**, will receive Long Island Business News' Corporate Citizenship award in the for-profit Leadership Excellence category on September 10, 2015 at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury. The award program, dubbed "The Business of Giving," recognizes business leadership and above-and-beyond corporate social responsibility.

As stated in Milizio's nomination, "This is a person who truly 'gets' what it means to be a leader and a good corporate citizen. Joe does not keep his philanthropy and civic responsibility to himself. He sets an example for everyone in the firm and way beyond, engaging many employees and those outside the firm in the organizations to which he is dedicated."

In particular, Milizio has demonstrated his long-term commitment to National **Multiple Sclerosis Society-Long Island Chapter** and the **Human Rights Campaign**.

He is a member of the NMSS-LI board of trustees and chair of the organization's governance committee. During his 15 year tenure on the Society's board, Milizio has served as its chairperson and chair of Walk MS. He is the captain of Vishnick McGovern Milizio's Walk MS team, which participates annually and is consistently one of Long Island's top fundraising groups at the event. He is also an MS Society Leadership Award recipient, which recognizes Long Island's business leaders.

Milizio is a member of the New York Steering Committee for the Human Rights Campaign, which fights for LGBT equality in New York alongside state and local groups and lawmakers. Closely related is his position as a legal innovator, having established a trailblazing practice group at Vishnick McGovern Milizio, LLP in 2008 – advocating for and strongly believing in the legal rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) individuals. With an understanding of the uniquely complex issues that LGBT individuals face, Milizio engaged the other partners in the firm to deliver innovative LGBT counsel that remains current with the changing laws affecting the LGBT community.

In 2011, Milizio was the associate producer and participant in the documentary "Left out in America: Legislating Life, Love and LGBT," a film that revealed how the Defense of Marriage Act infringed on the constitutional rights of all Americans. Accepted to the New York International Film Festival, VMM partner Joseph Trotti was awarded "Best Directorial Debut of a Documentary."

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