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VISHNICK McGOVERN MILIZIO'S JOSEPH G. MILIZIO NAMED PERSON OF THE YEAR BY LONG ISLAND CRISIS CENTER

Vishnick McGovern Milizio LLP (VMM) Managing Partner **Joseph G. Milizio** was named Person of the Year by **Long Island Crisis Center** (LICC) and was presented with an award at LICC's most significant annual event, "Let's Walk, Let's Talk...Stepping Together to Prevent Suicide" on the Long Beach Boardwalk on September 17, 2017. Joe's acceptance speech drove home the message that 'talking' is the most important means for combatting suicide among family and friends. In Joe's honor, Walk Team VMM, which included employees, their families and other supporters, exceeded its fundraising goal of \$10,000.

In the words of **Fran Karliner**, LICC Director of Development, "Joe, a philanthropist and community activist, has been honored for his longtime support of Long Island Crisis Center, especially its 'Pride for Youth' division, which provides services and programs for LGBT young people."

ABOUT LET'S WALK, LET'S TALK

Let's Walk, Let's Talk is a yearly walk and fundraiser hosted by Long Island Crisis Center. Since 2009, The Walk has been an opportunity for people from across Long Island to come together, walk together and raise awareness of suicide prevention in our community. Each year, this moving and spirited event is attended by individuals and families - young and old - with the aim of spreading the message: 'It's okay to ask for help.'

ABOUT JOSEPH G. MILIZIO, ESQ.

Joseph G. Milizio, Esq., a resident of **Fort Salonga**, NY, is managing partner of the law firm Vishnick McGovern Milizio LLP, based in **Lake Success**, NY, with offices in New York City and New Jersey. He is a member of the firm's Business and Transactional Law, Exit Planning for Business Owners and Real Estate Law practice groups. Mr. Milizio launched the firm's LGBT Representation Practice Group over ten years ago, offering legal counsel and representation on key issues in the LGBT community. His enduring affiliation with Long Island Crisis Center is marked by his dedication and philanthropy directed to Pride for Youth. Among his other commendations, Mr. Milizio received *Long Island Business News'* Corporate Citizenship award in the for-profit Leadership Excellence category in 2015, recognizing his business leadership and above-and-beyond corporate social responsibility.

Mr. Milizio is a longtime member of the Greater New York Steering Committee of the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), America's largest civil rights organization working to achieve lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender equality. In addition, he serves as co-chair of the region's Federal Club. At its September 2017 meeting, the Nassau County Bar Association board of directors established the LGBTQ Committee co-chaired by Mr. Milizio, who states, "The Nassau County Bar Association prides itself on the inclusion of all minorities. We look forward to working with committee members to address equality in the law and legal concerns for the LGBTQ community in an unbiased way."

Mr. Milizio received his Juris Doctor degree from **Brooklyn Law School** and graduated magna cum laude from **St. John's University**. Admitted to practice law in the State of New York, he is a member of the New York State Bar Association and the Nassau County Bar Association, where he also serves on the Lawyer Referral Committee, as well as the Corporation Law and Real Estate Committees.



Award presentation: Joe Milizio (left) is presented the 2017 Person of the Year award from LICC Board of Directors Vice President Rick Allen Wilson.