



■ JOSEPH G. MILIZIO

Managing Partner

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Over the course of his legal career, Vishnick McGovern Milizio Managing Partner Joseph G. Milizio noted life has become more complex, requiring today's law firms to maintain cutting-edge knowledge in many legal fields.

"Clients must have a team at their disposal, ready to assist them throughout the course of their personal, professional and business lives," Milizio said. "In order to be an effective advocate and counselor, I have had to also become a team leader, both with respect to recognizing clients' needs and leading the team to ensure our clients receive integrated, complete legal representation throughout the course of the professional relationship."

Milizio manages the operations of the firm and works with the firm's executive committee to determine firm governance and policies. He also serves as a partner in the firm's business and real estate practice group, where he represents a wide range of industries including retailers, manufacturers, health care providers and professionals.

A true trailblazer, Milizio launched a LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) representation practice group at the firm six years

ago – long before the Defense of Marriage Act made headlines. When New York marriage equality became law in 2011, Milizio held free, informational seminars to explain how the law affected same-sex couples.

"The legal system is one of the few institutions in this country that purposefully turns a blind eye toward disparities in wealth, power and status," Milizio said. "It is a place where everyone is on a level playing field – with the same set of rules in place. I am proud to work within this system and to have helped make this system work for all Vishnick McGovern Milizio clients."

Milizio earned a Juris Doctor from Brooklyn Law School after graduating, magna cum laude, from St. John's University. He is a member of the board of trustees of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Long Island Chapter and a member of the Theodore Roosevelt American Inn of Court, which is dedicated to improving the skills, professionalism and ethics of the judiciary, lawyers and students of law.

Milizio is also a member of the Human Rights Campaign's Greater New York steering committee and plays an integral role in raising funds to support the Human Right Campaign's endeavor to ensure worldwide equality.

A member of the New York State Bar Association and the Nassau County Bar Association, Milizio serves on the lawyer referral, corporation law and real estate committees.