

Porzio, Bromberg & Newman Highlights Leadership Continuity and Strategic Strength Following Annual Principals' Meeting

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Porzio, Bromberg & Newman announces a series of leadership reappointments and elections following the firm's annual Principals' Meeting and Retreat, reflecting both continuity in leadership and the depth of talent across its practices and governance.

Practice Group Leadership

Charles Stoia was unanimously re-elected to a three-year term as Co-Chair of the Litigation Practice Group, rejoining Vito A. Gagliardi, Jr., in leading the group and reinforcing the firm's strength in this core practice.

Cheryl Santaniello (Commercial), Alicia Whittlesey (Life Sciences), Crystal West Edwards (Personal Services), Joseph Paparo (Real Estate, Land Use & Environmental), and Gagliardi (Litigation) will continue serving as Practice Group Chairs/Co-Chairs, reflecting stability and depth across the firm's practices.

Board of Directors

Rachel Parisi and Jennifer Romanski were elected to the firm's Board of Directors, and Kerri Wright was re-elected. With these appointments, the Board is now comprised entirely of female principals — reflecting the exceptional caliber and leadership of Porzio's women attorneys and the firm's continued investment in developing top talent.

The Board is structured to work closely with the Managing Principal to help shape long-term strategy and guide the firm's continued growth.

Executive Leadership

Annual elections were also held for firm officers. Brett Moore, Frank Fazio, Gary Fellner, and Gagliardi were unanimously re-elected to serve as Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and President/Managing Principal, respectively.

This marks Gagliardi's tenth consecutive one-year term as Managing Principal. Under Gagliardi's leadership, the firm has increased its attorney headcount by more than 23% while transforming its geographic footprint by relocating and establishing all current office locations as part of this strategic evolution. Recent developments include the addition of its Naples, Florida office, the relocation of its headquarters to Parsippany, and the ongoing expansion of its New York office, where the firm is increasing its footprint by more than 50% with the addition of contiguous space.

His tenure has also been marked by innovative, industry-leading initiatives, including Porzio becoming the first U.S. law firm to complete the sale of a legal technology subsidiary to private equity — an achievement that underscores the firm's forward-thinking approach and commitment to evolving alongside the legal marketplace.

