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Linda Oliva, Esq. is an associate at the law firm of Pegalis & Erickson, LLC in Lake Success. Oliva has more than 20 years of experience representing clients in various types of medical malpractice cases including birth injuries, surgical, neurosurgical, cardiac and cancer related cases.

Oliva has represented clients in a significant number of cases involving women's health issues including the failure to timely diagnose and treat breast cancer. She handles all aspects of pretrial litigation and appeals.

The firm is very supportive of its female employees, Oliva said.

"Approximately one-third of our legal staff and most of our support staff are women who work together and encourage each other," she said.

"Specifically, as a result of this, the firm has been stable, with very little turnover," Oliva said. "This creates a level of trust and continuity which is essential to the effective representation of our clients. The firm also has accommodated women who have chosen to start families by offering them a generous maternity leave and allowing them flexibility to attend to their families' needs. This creates a positive work environment for all."

During her tenure at Pegalis & Erickson, Oliva has participated in and has supported the many events the firm has sponsored within the Latino community. Today, she continues to represent many of the firm's Latino clients and educates them on their legal rights and various options. Oliva is also an advocate for patient awareness and dedicates much of her time to community services and various health related issues including breast cancer awareness. She offers her support to such organizations as the Babylon Breast Cancer Coalition and the Adelphi Breast Cancer Hotline.

Oliva is a member of the New York State Trial Lawyers' Association, the American



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Association for Justice, the Nassau County Bar Association, the Nassau County Women's Bar Association where she was elected recording secretary, the Long Island Hispanic Bar Association and (LIWA) the Long Island Women's Agenda. She is a member of the Nassau County Women's Bar Foundation Golf Outing Committee, which raises money for breast cancer research and awareness. Oliva was recently honored by the Nassau County Women's Bar Foundation as their Courage Award recipient at their 6th Annual Golf Outing and Dinner.

Oliva obtained her law degree from St. John's University School of Law and her undergraduate degree from Hofstra University where she was elected to Phi Alfa Beta (History Honors Society) and Sigma Delta Psi (Spanish Honor Society). She is admitted to practice law in New York State and in the Federal Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York.

Pegalis & Erickson, LLC is a law firm dedicated to representing individuals and their families who have been seriously injured as a result of negligent medical care. The firm practices throughout New York State and is often asked to partner with attorneys in other states on complex medical liability cases. The firm has recently been selected by its peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® 2012 (Copyright 2011 by Woodward/White, Inc., of Aiken, S.C.). According to U.S. News, the list identifies law firms achieving a high ranking and is a special distinction that signals a unique combination of excellence and breadth of expertise.