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F o r I m m e d i a t e R e l e a s e

**Melissa Burke, Alan DePeters, and Nancy A. Long Named Partners of Kenney Shelton Liptak Nowak**

**Buffalo, NY** – Kenney Shelton Liptak Nowak (KSLN) has named three of its associates to partnership.

**Melissa Poliseno Burke**, who was hired as an associate in 2007, leads the firm's Workers' Compensation practice which has grown significantly since 2009. In addition to managing this practice, she also handles insurance defense litigation, labor law, and self-insurance defense on behalf of the firm.

Ms. Burke graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science/Pre-Law, from Mercyhurst College and holds a J.D. from Thomas M. Cooley Law School. She is an active member of the New York Self-Insurers Association, Buffalo Claims Association, and Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, Western New York Chapter, as well as many other professional organizations within the legal field.

Ms. Burke heads up the girls house league of the Amherst Soccer Association. She is a native of Lakeview, New York.

**Alan J. DePeters**, an associate with the firm since 2007, focuses his practice on commercial and civil litigation as well as transactional and corporate law. He has extensive experience litigating cases involving personal injury, labor law violations, contract disputes, mechanics' liens, contractor negligence, improper work product, contractual and common law indemnity, premises liability, landlord/tenant and real estate disputes.

Mr. DePeters earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Loyola University, Maryland and a J.D. *cum laude*, from Quinnipiac University School of Law. He is active in the Western New York Defense Trial Lawyers Association, Construction Exchange of Western New York, Defense Research Institute and is a sitting member of the New York State Insurance Association, Public Relations Committee.

Mr. DePeters resides in Amherst with his wife Ann Marie and daughter, Ava.

**Nancy A. Long** joined KSLN in 2010 as an associate, after beginning her career at Hagelin Kent LLC in 2007. A partner in KSLN's insurance defense litigation practice, Ms. Long has considerable experience in all aspects of civil litigation, including motor vehicle accidents, premises liability, construction site accidents and products liability. As one of the firm's most active trial attorneys, she has tried over thirty cases to verdict.

Ms. Long graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice/Psychology, *cum laude* from Canisius College and holds a J.D. from the State University of New York, University at Buffalo Law School. She is a member of the Erie County Bar Association, WNY Defense Trial Lawyers Association and Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, Western New York Chapter, Buffalo Claims Association and the Western New York Trial Lawyers Association.

Ms. Long and her husband, Sergio Cruz, reside in Kenmore, New York.

Headquartered in the historic Calumet Building in Buffalo, NY, with offices across the state and in Erie, PA, KSLN is widely recognized as a leading New York State insurance defense and coverage firm. Since its inception in 1994, the firm has expanded its practice to include Workers' Compensation, Toxic Tort and Environmental Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Business and Corporate Law, Domestic Relations, Residential and Commercial Real Estate, and Wills, Estates and Probate. For more information, please visit [www.kslnlaw.com](http://www.kslnlaw.com).