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Sharon N. Berlin, Esq. is a partner at Lamb & Barnosky, LLP in Melville. Berlin's practice covers all aspects of education and labor and employment law. Berlin has successfully represented private sector, school district and municipal clients in disciplinary proceedings, arbitrations, improper practice proceedings, bargaining unit certification proceedings, contract negotiations, mediation, and a wide variety of federal and state court cases. She also has vast experience representing school districts in their general counsel matters and has developed a particular expertise in special education law. As a labor and employment attorney representing private and public sector employers, the most pressing issues confronting her clients are a direct result of the devastating economic changes that have occurred during the last year, Berlin said.

"I have spent the better part of the last year assisting clients with unprecedented work force reductions, furloughs, exit incentives and the negotiation and implementation of cost saving, and often job saving, concessions," she said. "Employers have had to find creative ways to do more with less – to provide the same quality services and/or products using fewer workers and at a lower cost."

"At the same time, litigation with current and former employees has increased exponentially and containment of litigation costs, in terms of time, expense and exposure, is critical," Berlin said.

Berlin is a member of the NYS Bar Association's Labor and Employment Law Section and a co-editor-in-chief of the Section's Public Sector Labor and Employment Law treatise. She is also a member of the executive committee of the NYS Bar Association's Municipal Law Section and chair of that section's employment relations committee.

She is also co-chair of the Suffolk County Bar Association's labor and employment law committee and vice-chair of the Nassau County Bar Association's women in the courts committee.

Berlin also serves on the board of directors for the LI Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners and the advisory board to the Nassau Academy of Law. She is also co-chair of the honorary board for the Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence.



Berlin has written numerous articles for the NYS Bar Association's Municipal Lawyer. She has lectured at programs sponsored by the NYS Bar Association, the Nassau/Suffolk Academies of Law, the National Association of Women Business Owners and the Society for Human Resource Management. In 2003, Berlin received the 2003 Nassau County Bar Association's Directors' Award for her outstanding service as chair of the labor and employment law committee.

Berlin earned a bachelor's degree, with honors, from Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor and a juris doctor, with honors, from George Washington University National Law Center.

Berlin is admitted to practice in NYS and Connecticut.

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