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Alyson Mathews is a partner at the Melville law firm of Lamb & Barnosky, LLP where she practices education, labor and employment law. Mathews has assisted private and public sector clients with grievance arbitrations, improper practice charges before PERB, disciplinary charges, contract negotiations, fact finding, and compulsory and voluntary interest arbitration proceedings.

Mathews is an expert on the Affordable Care Act. In addition to assisting clients with their strategies, she has frequently lectured on this topic.

The past few years have been difficult for employers, especially those in the public sector, Mathews said.

"They are continually pressured to do more with less," she said. "It is within this climate, however, that they are also expected to learn and implement the requirements of the Affordable Care Act. Since the Internal Revenue Service issued proposed regulations in January, I have been meeting with clients in small and large group settings to review this new legislation. The key to making those sessions successful is to explain an employer's obligations in plain English and not over-lawyer what is an already complicated area of the law."

Employers leave those sessions with an understanding of what they need to do, Mathews said.

"They are then able to formulate



their goals and plan how to meet those goals," she explained. "It has been especially rewarding to be involved in developing cutting edge strategies which will shape the implementation and interpretation of the Affordable Care Act as it affects both employers and their employees."

Mathews is involved in the New York State Bar Association and serves on the executive committee of the labor and employment law section as the co-chair of the membership committee and as a member of the electronic communications committee. She is also a member of the American Bar Association and the Suffolk County Bar Association. Mathews is also the co-editor of the second edition of *Impasse Resolution* under the Taylor Law.

Mathews earned a law degree from Brooklyn Law School and her undergraduate degree, cum laude, from Boston College. While at Brooklyn Law School, she was a member of the Moot Court Honor Society and the Journal of Law and Policy. She participated in the 2003 National First Amendment Moot Court Competition where she placed as a semifinalist.

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