

Garay of Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein talks about how being a WEDLI board member impacted her

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How has being a board member of WEDLI impacted you or your business?

When I was the president of WEDLI, I became the founder of the Long Island Women's Agenda. As its president, in 1999, we invited First Lady Hillary Clinton to speak at our annual luncheon. A crowd of more than a thousand people showed up and we had to turn people away from this event, which I chaired. Very soon after this, I attended the Long Island Philharmonic gala. A very prominent LI businessman saw me at the gala and announced: I know you - you're that woman from that woman's thing. Yes, I told him, you are right!

LIWA is now 10 years old, and it has been a great springboard for me, as I've been able to meet so many New Yorkers from that perch.

How did you get started?

After graduating from law school, I started in NYC Corporation Counsel's office and had the opportunity to work on one of the largest breach of contract cases that was tried in Manhattan federal court. From there, I continued to handle a variety of business litigation.

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