

Partners in Philanthropy

We are pleased to profile just a few of the professionals who have recently worked with The Community Foundation to serve their clients. We look forward to sharing news about other partners in future publications.

Helene A. Augustine is a vice president, trust and fiduciary specialist at Wells Fargo Private Bank. She works with clients to implement and administer their trust and estate plans to help fulfill their philanthropic and wealth transfer goals. She is an active community volunteer, serving as a Board member of ACES Education Foundation, Gateway Community College Foundation, and a trustee of Stoneleigh Burnham School in Greenfield, Mass. She serves on the Board and is a member of the Connecticut Estate and Tax Planning Council. Helene is a Past Chair of the Community Fund for Women and Girls at The Community Foundation and founder of the Ercolano Astorino Fund.



Helene A. Augustine

Karen L. Clute is a partner at the law firm Wiggin and Dana LLP, dividing her time between estate and tax planning, executive compensation and employee benefits. She also advises clients about tax and compliance matters affecting charitable and other tax exempt organizations, and heads her firm's interdisciplinary Philanthropy Practice Group. A graduate of the State University of New York at Binghamton (BA and MMus) and the New York University School of Law (JD), Karen is admitted to practice in Connecticut and is the immediate past Chair of the Tax Section of the Connecticut Bar Association. She is Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of CAPA – Connecticut, which manages the historic Shubert Theater in New Haven, and, continuing a lifelong avocation, Karen sings with the Yale Camerata during the academic year.



Karen L. Clute

William S. Colwell is a principal of Parrett, Porto, Parese & Colwell, PC. His practice includes estate planning, will and trust drafting, elder law, conservatorships and the probation of decedent's estates. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Colgate University, Hamilton, New York, and Juris Doctor Degree from New England School of Law in Boston, Massachusetts. Will is Chair of the Board of Directors of The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven, past President and member of the Board of Directors of Clifford Beers Clinic, and President of the Board of Directors of the City Missionary Association of New Haven. He is Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Lewis G. Schaeleman, Jr. Foundation.



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John D. Gordon is the tax partner at Donald L. Perlroth & Company with more than 30 years of experience as a tax professional including seven years with the accounting firm of Ernst & Young. He is a graduate of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and Boston College Law School. He was admitted to the Bar of Connecticut and Massachusetts although he has always practiced accounting. John is a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors for Tower One/Tower East of New Haven and also serves as Vice Chair, Finance. He is an Emeritus Board member and was Chairman of the Blood Services Committee for the South Central Connecticut Chapter of the American Red Cross.



John D. Gordon

Ingi-Mai Loorand is a principal with Neubert, Pepe and Monteith and a member of the firm's Taxation, Trusts & Estates practice group. Her practice focuses in the areas of estate planning, probate, trust administration and estate settlement. She graduated summa cum laude from the State University of New York at Stony Brook with a BA, earned an MA in World Music from Wesleyan University, and her JD from Quinnipiac University School of Law, magna cum laude. Ingi-Mai is a Board member of the Creative Arts Workshop, a member of the Gaylord Hospital Planned Giving Advisory Group and the CBA Estates and Probate Section Executive Committee.



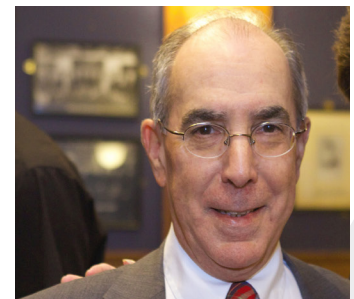
Ingi-Mai Loorand

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Susan B. Nobleman

Michael D. Saffer is an attorney at The Pellegrino Law Firm and works on taxation, estate planning, probate, retirement plans, business entities, corporations, mergers and acquisitions. He graduated from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and obtained a Juris Doctor degree, cum laude, from the New England Law School. He also has a Master of Laws degree in Taxation from New York University Law School and a Master of Laws degree from the University of Leeds School of Law in England. Mike has served local organizations including the Leukemia Society of America, the Town of Orange Chamber of Commerce, Probus Club and Rotary Club. He serves on the Board of Directors of Milford Hospital and the Orange Chamber of Commerce.



Michael D. Saffer

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