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Since this article was published, our firm's offices have been consolidated into our New City, NY office. Mr. McEvily is now practicing collaborative law in Manhattan.

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Creative lawyering, legal expertise, respect by other lawyers and, especially, judges — combined with sensitivity to clients' needs — these and many more unique qualities have set DaSilva, Hilowitz & McEvily LLP apart from other attorneys and justify its top "AV" rating and designation as "Preeminent Law Firm" in the fields of family law and estate law and administration, a designation given to the top-rated 5 percent of law firms in the United States.

The three principal partners, Willard H. DaSilva, Lynne S. Hilowitz and Charles J. McEvily, focus their talents in diverse fields of law and give their personal attention to the needs of clients in finding solutions to their problems.

Willard H. DaSilva is recognized as one of the top 100 family law trial lawyers in the country and is a past president of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, New York Chapter. It has been said, "When DaSilva talks, judges and other lawyers listen." His book *New York Matrimonial Practice* is viewed as a "Bible of Family Law." He lectures before judges and other lawyers in the United States,



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Canada and Europe, and his landmark *O'Brien* case is reputed to be the most frequently cited case in the history of New York law.

Lynne S. Hilowitz is the immediate past president of the Rockland County Bar Association and chairs its Surrogate's Court and Estate Planning Committee. Her expertise in estate planning to carry out a client's wishes with minimum or no tax implications has been honed largely because of her uncanny ability to untangle problems incurred in the administration of estates impropvidently structured by other attorneys. Her expertise in avoiding problems in estate matters and finding solutions to them when they occur makes her a frequent guest in seminars and on radio talk shows.

Charles J. McEvily, a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, is a frequent faculty member of the National Institute of Trial Advocacy and has appeared on radio and television programs, including the CBS program *60 Minutes*. He is an advocate and highly trained and experienced expert in mediation and a leader in the collaborative process of dispute resolution.

The knowledge and "know-how" of the firm are based upon decades of experience. Because many of their cases are emotionally charged, the attorneys give their direct, personal attention to every client and are responsive to the needs of each. To solve clients' problems, the firm uses three basic approaches:

Negotiation: This is often the least expensive, quickest and most flexible means of resolving issues. The firm settles more than 90 percent of its cases by negotiation.

Alternative Dispute Resolution: Mediation, arbitration and collaboration are techniques to avoid or minimize the costs, trauma and uncertainty of litigation. In the collaborative process, an interdisciplinary team of experts facilitates the parties to an amicable resolution.

Litigation: When all else fails or is not available, litigation is the ultimate alternative. Each of the firm's partners has decades of experience in the courtroom and the respect of judges before whom they appear.

Accomplishment, leadership, innovative lawyering, results and — most important of all — **client focus:** Those are the hallmarks of DaSilva, Hilowitz & McEvily LLP, which maintains offices in Garden City and New City, New York. Online at DHM-law.com.

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