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MARY ENGLER ROCHE JOINS HWI'S FOUNDATION BOARD

Mary Engler Roche, a partner in the Lippes Mathias Friedman LLP Law Firm, has been elected to the Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute's Foundation Board.

Since entering private practice as an attorney in 1978, Roche has concentrated in estate planning and estate administration, working with business owners and individuals on estate planning and tax matters, related corporate, insurance matters and retirement planning. She also serves as a referral attorney for several eldercare associations and community agencies.

Roche has given dozens of lectures including: "Estate Planning & Administration," The Peoples Law School, 1997; "Advanced Elder Law," New York State Bar Association, 1997; and "Handling Litigation Issues in Probate," National Business Institute, 1996. She has been a lecturer for the City of Buffalo Board of Education Teacher Enhancement programs, the University at Buffalo Center for Study on Aging, the Arthritis Foundation of Western New York and the Probate and Administration of Estates for the NYS Bar Association. She recently participated as a presenter at the annual tax institute sponsored by the UB School of Management and the Erie Institute of Law.

She has been involved with a number of publications including serving as editor and contributor to a monthly column in the Senior Beacon, 1996-97; "Selection of Beneficiary Designation," October 1992; "Fundamentals of Elder Law," December 1991, and contributing to Buffalo Life Underwriters, Life Lines.

Roche is a member of the New York State Bar Association and the Erie County Bar Association, the Women's Bar Association of Western New York and the Women Lawyers Association; serves on the Practice and Procedure in Surrogate's Court Committee and the Erie County Surrogate Court Liaison Subcommittee; participates on the Coalition of Western New York Medicaid Advocates and as part of the Financial Planning Counselors of Western New York. She also was a past director of the Western New York Planned Giving Consortium.

Roche received her juris doctorate from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1977 where she was a member of the Moot Court Board. She received her bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

She resides in Buffalo, New York with her family.

ABOUT HWI

With more than 50 years of exceptional scientific research, HWI is an internationally-renowned independent, non-profit facility specializing in the area of fundamental biomedical research known as structural biology. HWI's team of more than 75 staff members is committed to improving human health by studying the causes of diseases, as well as potential therapies, at their basic molecular level. HWI is located in the heart of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus in downtown Buffalo, New York, in a new state-of-the-art structural biology research center at 700 Ellicott Street. For more information, visit HWI's website at www.hwi.buffalo.edu or call 716-898-8600.