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## Ralph C. Lorigo

Ralph Lorigo was born on Buffalo's East Side and initially went to St. Lucy's Grammar School. The family moved to West Seneca and Ralph attended junior high and high school in the Town of West Seneca where he continues to reside to the present day.

After high school, Ralph attended the University of Buffalo and then the University at Buffalo Law School where he graduated with a Juris Doctor degree in May of 1973. At that time he received an award for the "Most Satisfactory Scholastic Progress in the Field of Law" for his final year of law school.

Ralph took the New York State Bar exam in July 1973 and was admitted to the New York State Bar in February of 1974. He has practiced law in the Town of West Seneca ever since.

A member of the New York State and Erie County Bar Association throughout his law career, Ralph was a candidate for New York State Supreme Court in 1993.

He has been active in his community on many levels. He is a member of the West Seneca Lions Club for over 20 years; has been an instructor and advisor in the West Seneca and Cheektowaga Continuing Education Programs for approximately 25 years; was one of the founding members for the West Seneca Youth Court in 1984 and continues to serve on the Executive Board as Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Training Attorneys; and has lectured on numerous occasions to such organizations as volunteer fire companies and the New York State Retiring Teacher's Association.

Ralph also has a very strong interest in New York State and local politics. Since 1981, he has been involved sitting on the Town Conservative Committee, became West Seneca Town Conservative Chairman, was appointed to the Erie County Executive Board in the 1980's; became Erie County Vice Chairman in 1991 and became Erie County Conservative Chairman in 1994, a position he still holds today. Recently, Ralph was honored by the New York State Conservative Party, appointing

Ralph as a Regional Vice Chairman, overseeing New York 's western counties.

As the longest sitting County Chairman in Erie County , Ralph has formed many long lasting relationships with town, county and state governmental officials, as well as a strong involvement in judicial races through Erie County.

Ralph is married to the former Debbie Caruana for over 35 years and they have three children, Michael, Joseph and Jaime. Michael received his undergraduate education degree at RIT and then received an MBA from Canisius College. Joseph graduated Summa Cum Laude from Canisius College and received joint degrees at the State University of New York at Buffalo from the UB School of Law and a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) from the School of Business. Jaime has attended Erie Community College in early childhood development and works in the field currently.

Ralph's legal office has always been in the Town of West Seneca where it is easily accessible directly off the Thruway (Interstate 90) or Route 219 and he is available for evening or weekend appointments.

Ralph has also been an entrepreneur, having built and sold 72 townhouses in the Town of West Seneca from 1988 through 1991; currently an owner of the Fitness Factory Health Club located in Southgate Plaza and having substantial real estate holdings, both in Erie County and Ocala , Florida.

He has specialized in all aspects of real estate law, including zoning and real estate litigation. He has represented such clients as Benderson Development, Kulback's Construction Co., Inc., Mobil Oil, Keybank, Marrano/Marc Equity, McDonald's and others in numerous zoning matters throughout Erie County.

Throughout his extensive law practice, Ralph has handled all kinds of legal matters, including family law, real estate law, estates, Medicaid, criminal law, personal injury, corporate law, business associations and other matters. Today, Ralph's office consists of five additional attorneys: Robert Vario, Mary Beth Aquiline, Robert Battista, Frank Jacobson and also his son, Joseph Lorigo. These lawyers have now been with Ralph for up to 25 years. Together with the support staff (some of whom have been with Ralph between 20 and 29 years), their goal is to be your "family's law firm".

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