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DOWNTOWN

MEET THE ADVISORY BOARD

THE COMMUNITY LEADERS AND LEGENDS THAT HAVE HELPED
BUILD THIS AREA...AND GUIDE OUR COVERAGE OF IT.

■ Donald Roland, M.D., FACS

Like many folks not acquainted with Downtown, the nooks and crannies below Canal Street were a bit of a blur to me 10 years ago, when I lived on the Upper West Side. That all changed on the night of September 12, 2001, when I headed down to Ground Zero to lend medical help in any way I could. I wasn't prepared for what I saw. The devastation was more like something you'd see in a *Godzilla* movie than the real-life landscape of the financial capital of the world.

Fast-forward 10 years. Today I live and work a few blocks from that hallowed ground. Now I see urban neighborhoods springing up with community ideals strikingly similar to the pioneering spirit that this country was founded on hundreds of years ago. Skyscrapers are reaching up to the clouds again and DOWNTOWN Magazine has been hatched at precisely the right time to call at-

tention to and communicate this audible pulse in our amazing area, which is clearly growing louder each and every day.

DOWNTOWN's purpose is to broadcast our area's development, which is as robust as the people and businesses that call it home. Our advisory board is filled with hand-picked community figures that have demonstrated they not only have a zeal for this area, they have helped make it flourish. These individuals will keep our magazine in the know and guide our editorial content so that DOWNTOWN stays fresh, focused and representative of all our interests.

I openly thank each of these board members for their commitment to DOWNTOWN and its mission of representing our area's revival. I look forward to working with all of them.

—Donald Roland, M.D.



Dr. Don Roland, a board-certified plastic and reconstructive surgeon, is chairperson of the advisory board for DOWNTOWN Magazine. He is a resident of the Financial District and a local business owner, with a cosmetic surgery practice on Wall Street. He advises the magazine in the areas of health and beauty and has articles in DOWNTOWN both in print and online.



JULIE MENIN
CHAIRPERSON OF
COMMUNITY BOARD 1,
SERVING LOWER MANHATTAN
Ms. Menin has worked on numerous land use and zoning issues and has spearheaded a successful campaign to build two new schools in her district, including New York's first "green" school.

She also led the effort to move the 9/11 trial of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed from Lower Manhattan. Ms. Menin is also the founder and former president of Wall Street Rising, a not-for-profit organization with 30,000 members dedicated to the revitalization of Lower Manhattan in the wake of the devastating events of September 11, 2001.

DREW NIEPORENT
CHAIRPERSON OF THE
MYRIAD RESTAURANT GROUP
Mr. Nieporent is the founder and driving force of one of the most successful and renowned restaurant groups in the world. His businesses have provided fine food, jobs and support for the Downtown community for nearly three decades and include the Tribeca Grill, Nobu New York City and Corton, among others.

Most recently, Corton received two Michelin stars, three stars from *The New York Times* and was nominated as Best New Restaurant in America by the James Beard Foundation.



LUIGI ROSABIANCA
PRINCIPAL AND FOUNDER OF
ROSABIANCA & ASSOC., PLLC.

Mr. Rosabianca serves on numerous condominium and co-op boards throughout New York City and is frequently asked to speak at field-related conferences and academic settings on legal and other matters. He offers a great deal of his time to an array of local and national charities, including the American-Italian Cancer Foundation as well as The Boys' Towns of Italy. He is also an active member of the Italy-America Chamber of Commerce and serves on their board of directors.

RORY MCCREESH
FOUNDER, DUCE
CONSTRUCTION

Duce specializes in constructing, building and renovating high-end homes and apartments in Manhattan, Westchester, Connecticut and New Jersey. Many of his projects have been cited in top architectural and other respected publications, including *The New York Times*, *Architectural Digest*, *Classic Home*, *Metropolitan Home*, *House & Garden* and many others. In addition, Mr. McCreesh is a respected member of New York's Irish community. In 2011 he was honored by *The Irish Echo* for being one of the top 50 Irish businesses in New York City. He is an avid cyclist and is entering his tenth year as a Little League baseball coach.



**ALBERT M. LEFKOVITS,
M.D., P.C.**

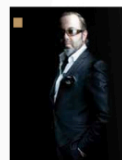
ASSOCIATE CLINICAL PROFESSOR
OF DERMATOLOGY AT MOUNT
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Codirector of the Cosmetic Dermatology Post-Graduate Surgical Program at Mount Sinai Medical Center, Dr. Lefkovits is listed in *Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare* and *Who's Who in Science and Engineering*. He is on the scientific advisory boards of the Skin Cancer Foundation and the Foundation for Global Skin Health Strategies. He is a past president of the Dermatology Society of Greater New York and is known for his groundbreaking work with and dedication to skin cancer detection and treatment.

CHRISTO

INTERNATIONALLY
ACCLAIMED HAIRSTYLIST

The celebrity proprietor of Christo Fifth Avenue and stylist to the stars, Christo is the lead hair designer for New York Fashion Week, San Francisco Fashion Week, the Latin Grammy Awards, the Tribeca Film Festival and the Sundance Film Festival. His work has been highlighted in *The New York Times* and *Glamour*; among other respected publications. Christo's philosophy is that "your hair is the number-one accessory in your wardrobe" and his Curlista line of products turn dry, unmanageable hair into beautiful looks.



JEFFREY MENKES
PRESIDENT AND CEO,
DOWNTOWN HOSPITAL

Armed with 30 years of health-care accomplishment and the aid of a Lower Manhattan Development Corporation grant, Mr. Menkes helped establish a Wellness and Prevention Center at Downtown Hospital and obtained the first public MRI in Lower Manhattan. This achievement resulted in the hospital being designated a Stroke Center by New York State. Mr. Menkes is deeply committed to guiding Downtown Hospital in its effective delivery of primary health care for Lower Manhattan.

DREW ALEXANDER

HEADMASTER, CLAREMONT
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Mr. Alexander has arrived Downtown after seven years as director of the Anglo-American School in Moscow and four as high-school principal and superintendent at Cairo American College in Egypt, an international school of 1,450 students representing 40 nationalities. With more than 30 years of education experience from pre-K through grade 12, both in the U.S. and internationally, he is uniquely qualified to be a significant leader in New York City education and guide the diverse Claremont Prep community. Mr. Alexander originally hails from Arkansas, where he graduated Henderson State University. He is married to a speech language pathologist and they have three children and four grandchildren.

