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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., FACP**



Like many folks not associated with Downtown, the video and stories before Carol Street were a bit of a blur to me. 10 years ago, when I sat on the Upper West Side, I had all changed on the night of September 11, 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 than anything you'd see in a textbook. More than the war-torn wreckage of the World Trade Center.

Fast forward 10 years. Today I feel and work a few blocks from that hallowed ground. Now I see what neighborhoods, springing up with community, stands strongly amidst the growing apace that this country was founded on hundreds of years ago. Downtowners are reaching up to the clouds again, and DOWNTOWN Magazine has been fortunate to already be right there to call on

me to do and contribute this guide to our amazing area, which is clearly growing faster each anniversary day.

DOWNTOWN's success is so intertwined to each development, which is as vibrant as the people and businesses that call it home. Our advisory board is filled with forward-looking community figures that have demonstrated they not only love a good idea, but they also have the ability to make it a reality. These individuals will help our magazine in the news and guide our editorial content so that DOWNTOWN stays fresh, focused and representative of all its interests.

I greatly thank each of these board members for their commitment to DOWNTOWN and to the notion of representing our area's story. I look forward to working with all of them.

—Donald Roland, MD

Donald Roland, M.D., FACP, is a board member of the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society. He is also a past president of the New York Heart Association and the American College of Physicians. Dr. Roland is a past president of the New York State Medical Society and the New York State Society of Internal Medicine. He is also a past president of the New York State Society of Family Physicians and the New York State Society of Geriatricians. He is also a past president of the New York State Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the New York State Society of Pediatrics. He is also a past president of the New York State Society of Ophthalmologists and the New York State Society of Otolaryngologists and Head and Neck Surgeons. He is also a past president of the New York State Society of Radiologists and the New York State Society of Thoracic Surgeons. He is also a past president of the New York State Society of Urologists and the New York State Society of Vascular Medicine and Interventional Radiology. He is also a past president of the New York State Society of Allergists and Immunologists and the New York State Society of Anesthesiologists. He is also a past president of the New York State Society of Dermatologists and the New York State Society of Plastic Surgeons. He is also a past president of the New York State Society of Podiatrists and the New York State Society of Podiatric Physicians. He is also a past president of the New York State Society of Chiropractors and the New York State Society of Acupuncturists. He is also a past president of the New York State Society of Massage Therapists and the New York State Society of Naturopaths. He is also a past president of the New York State Society of Herbalists and the New York State Society of Yoga Instructors. He is also a past president of the New York State Society of Tai Chi Instructors and the New York State Society of Pilates Instructors. He is also a past president of the New York State Society of Reiki Practitioners and the New York State Society of Energy Healers. He is also a past president of the New York State Society of Spiritual Healers and the New York State Society of Life Coaches. He is also a past president of the New York State Society of Business Coaches and the New York State Society of Executive Coaches. He is also a past president of the New York State Society of Life Planners and the New York State Society of Estate Planners. He is also a past president of the New York State Society of Financial Planners and the New York State Society of Investment Advisors. He is also a past president of the New York State Society of Real Estate Brokers and the New York State Society of Real Estate Investors. He is also a past president of the New York State Society of Real Estate Appraisers and the New York State Society of Real Estate Attorneys. He is also a past president of the New York State Society of Real Estate Developers and the New York State Society of Real Estate Agents. He is also a past president of the New York State Society of Real Estate Brokers and the New York State Society of Real Estate Investors. He is also a past president of the New York State Society of Real Estate Appraisers and the New York State Society of Real Estate Attorneys. He is also a past president of the New York State Society of Real Estate Developers and the New York State Society of Real Estate Agents.



JULIE MENIN
CHAIRPERSON OF
COMMUNITY BOARD 1,
GERARD LINDER SAKAGUCHI

Ms. Menin has worked in numerous field roles and zoning teams 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 issue the 5011 that of Masjid Sheikh Mohammed near Lower Manhattan. Ms. Menin is also the founder and former president of Wall Street Rising, a non-profit organization with 10,000 members dedicated to the reconstruction of Lower Manhattan in the wake of the devastating events of September 11, 2001.

DREW NIEPONENT
CHAIRPERSON OF THE
MIRIAD RESTAURANT GROUP

Mr. Nieponent is the founder and dining force of one of the most successful and renowned restaurant groups in the world. His businesses have provided his food, jobs and support for the Downtown community for nearly three decades and include the Tribeca Grill, Nobu, New York City and Canton, among others.

Most recently, Canton received two Michelin stars, when listed from The New York Times and was nominated as New York Restaurant in America by the James Beard Foundation.



LUIGI ROSABIANCA
PRINCIPAL AND FOUNDER OF
ROSABIANCA & ASSOC., P.L.L.C.

Mr. Rosabianca serves on numerous committees and serves locally throughout New York City and is frequently asked to speak at high-level 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 Best Teams of July. He is also an active member of the fully-accruing Chapter of Governance and serves on their board of directors.

RORY MCCREESH
FOUNDER, SUCC,
CONSTRUCTION

Over a career in engineering, building and operating high-end hotels 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, Clear Home, Monoculture Home News & Observer and many others. In addition, Mr. McCreesh is a regular member of New York's elite community. In 2011 he was honored by The Wall Street Journal for being one of the top 50 high-tech executives in New York City. He is an avid cyclist and is among the recent year as a Little League baseball coach.



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

ASSOCIATE CLINICAL PROFESSOR
OF OPHTHALMOLOGY AT MOUNT
SINAI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Collaborator of the Customized Ophthalmology Post-Graduate Surgical Program at Mount Sinai Medical Center. Dr. Lefkowitz 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 Sun Cancer Foundation and the Foundation for Global Eye Health Strategies. He is a past president of the Ophthalmology Society of Greater New York and a leader in his groundbreaking work with and dedication to his cancer research and treatment.

CHRISTO

INTERNATIONALLY
ACCLAIMED FASHIONIST

The creative progression of Christo to Filly Fashion and right to the now, Christo is the best kept 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 elsewhere, among other international publications. Christo's philosophy is that "your hair is the number one accessory to your wardrobe" and his Curious line of products from his eponymous hair care brand is highly sought.



JEFFREY MENKES
PRESIDENT AND CEO,
DOWNTOWN HOSPITAL

Armed with 30 years of health-care accomplishments and the aid of a Lower Manhattan Development Corporation grant, Mr. Menkes helped establish a Workers and Pension Center at Downtown Hospital and obtained the first quality 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 served as director of the Anglo-American School in Moscow and four as high school principal and superintendent of Case American College in Egypt, an international school of 1,200 students encompassing 80 classrooms. With more than 30 years of educational 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 Downtown Prep community. Mr. Alexander originally hails from Arkansas, where he graduated from the University of Arkansas, where he graduated from the University of Arkansas. He is married to a speech language pathologist and they have three children and four grandchildren.

