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Move to LI offered advancement

NAME JOSHUA A. BERMAN**TITLE** PARTNER**FIRM** MELTZER, LIPPE, GOLDSTEIN & BREITSTONE**FAVORITE PASTIME** PLAYING THE DRUMS

Joshua A. Berman has joined Meltzer, Lippe, Goldstein & Breitstone in Mineola as a partner. Berman previously worked for the New York-based law firms of Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman and Debevoise & Plimpton.

For Berman, moving to Long Island provided an opportunity to play a greater role in a law firm.

"I had spent eight years in practice at top-tier firms in the city, and although the cases were interesting and high profile, I realized that I was looking at another 20 years before I would be lead counsel," he said. "That's a chance that I was being offered at Meltzer Lippe."

Through his friendship with one of the partners at Meltzer Lippe, Berman learned that the firm was looking to bring on a litigator with expertise in corporate control matters and securities and financial industry disputes – areas in which he had significant experience.

"I met with the senior partners, and I was deeply impressed with the sophistication of their practice and their clients," said Berman, who now enjoys the opportunity to be lead counsel on major cases.

"Instead of working on \$10 billion cases, I'm work-



ing on \$10 million cases," Berman said, adding that his goal is to provide his clients with the level of litigation services they could expect from a large firm in the city at a much lower price tag. He also hopes to help expand the firm's practice in the areas of complex commercial and securities litigation.

Early in his career, Berman served as a law clerk to the Hon. Rosemary Barkett of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. He is a cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School, where he was a member of the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review.