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Ira Halperin is a partner at Meltzer Lippe, Goldstein & Breitstone, LLP in Mineola where he also heads the firm's corporate law group.

Halperin has extensive experience representing public and private companies engaged in complex mergers and acquisitions, public offerings, private placements, corporate financings, venture capital investments, restructurings and other commercial transactions. He also has substantial experience representing underwriters and US and non-US issuers in public and private offerings of equity securities.

Halperin represents institutional lenders and borrowers in connection with bank, asset-based and non-traditional financing for business enterprises. He also represents private investment entities in connection with their organization and their acquisition and disposition of investments. His experience also includes partnership and limited liability company law.

Halperin also represents business enterprises and individuals in their general corporate and securities matters including organization of new business ventures, '33 and '34 Securities Acts filings, NYSE, Nasdaq and NASD submissions, corporate governance matters, executive compensation matters, proxy solicitations, debt and equity consent solicitations, confidentiality and non-competition agreements, offshore reincorporation and corporate governance matters.

Many people consider the phrase Corporate America to be synonymous with Wall Street and think of the fraud, greed and excesses of Enron, WorldCom and Tyco and more recently Bernie Madoff, Agape World and David Brooks, Halperin said.

"However, what comes to my mind is the

many start-ups, small and mid-size privately and publicly-owned companies and their employees that make up the backbone of business on Long Island and in America," he said. "These companies don't grab front-page headlines — yet without them, where would we be?"



"These companies continue to exhibit traditional American values and ideals by keeping jobs at home, sharing profits with the people who help generate them, contributing to local communities, and working hard to grow their businesses," he said.

Many of these companies have been experiencing difficult times for almost two years, Halperin said.

"As a corporate attorney, and partner in a local business firm, I try to help these businesses succeed by providing solid legal and business advice as well as by helping to establish connections among clients and between clients and various lending sources and vendors that can provide needed resources to allow them to grow and prosper," he said.

"These companies, which contribute to our local economy in so many ways, are truly representative of Corporate America," Halperin said.

Halperin is a board member of the Long Island Community Foundation. He also serves as general counsel to and is a member of the board of directors of the Long Island Software & Technology Network, and the Long Island Life Sciences Initiative. He is on the board of directors of the Institute of Management Accounts – Long Island Chapter. Halperin is also a founding trustee in the CEO Trust and a member of the Nassau County Bar Association.

Prior to joining Meltzer Lippe, Halperin was counsel in the NYC office of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP and prior to that was an associate in the NYC office of Kay, Scholer LLP.

Halperin is admitted to the NYS Bar. He is also a certified public accountant and served as vice president and chief financial officer of several NY and Long Island companies.

Halperin earned a bachelor's degree, with distinction, from Cornell University. He earned an M.B.A. in accounting and finance from Cornell University Johnson School of Management; and a juris doctor, with distinction, from Hofstra University School of Law.

Meltzer Lippe, Goldstein & Breitstone is a full-service business law firm providing clients with domestic and international corporate and securities, tax, labor and employment, litigation, health care, intellectual property, financial, employee benefits, bankruptcy/creditors' rights, workout, and real estate legal services, as well as a broad range of personal services including wills and trusts, estate planning and administration.

Formed in 1970, the firm serves Fortune 500 companies and an increasing number of medium and smaller sized public and private corporations, real estate developers, venture capitalists and individuals on Long Island, throughout the US and around the world.