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ATTORNEY MEA KNAPP JOINS GERMANO & CAHILL, P.C.

(HOLBROOK, NY.... September 26, 2007) – Germano & Cahill, P.C. has announced that Marie E. (Mea) Knapp, Esq., who has enjoyed a long and distinguished career in government, has joined the firm as Counsel.

“Mea is highly regarded by everyone who has come to know her in both the public and private sectors,” observed Germano & Cahill Managing Partner Guy Germano. “An outstanding attorney with an incredible amount of experience and expertise, she will be a valuable asset to our clients and our firm.”

The Northport resident most recently served as Assistant Attorney for the Town of Islip, but began her career in the private sector, joining Ingerman Smith, LLC as an associate after graduating from St. John’s Law School. At Ingerman Smith, she practiced primarily in the areas of real estate and construction litigation from school districts, villages and fire departments in addition to private clients.

In her first position in the public sector, Knapp served as General Counsel to the Islip Community Development Agency where, during her time there, the Agency began development of a 375-unit affordable housing community, College Woods, that won national awards for its innovative financing and unprecedented cooperation of federal, state, county, town and Agency resources, bringing re-growth and rebirth to a previously blighted area.

Moving over to Suffolk County, she was the County Executive’s point person or the County Attorney’s lead counsel on numerous County initiatives including the County’s efforts to bring a new Federal Courthouse to Central Islip; the agreements to bring minor league baseball (the Long Island Ducks) to Suffolk County, including construction of Citibank Park; the Suffolk County Electrical Agency’s efforts to test the

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limits of the deregulation of the electric industry in the early 1990s; and the drafting and passage of legislation to create County incentives for construction of affordable housing.

As a member of the County Sewer Agency, she was instrumental in the creation of several new sewer districts and the extensions of the Southwest Sewer District.

Knapp assumed leadership as President/CEO of the Suffolk Regional Off-Track Betting Corporation following the sudden resignation of the former president, overseeing a turnaround in the organization that included the opening of two new facilities and an upsurge in revenues.

She also served as Public Administrator for Suffolk County before becoming counsel to the Suffolk Legislature and then, as Assistant Town Attorney in Islip, she was instrumental in bringing cable television competition to the Town by negotiating an initial franchise agreement with Verizon, the first of 50 PSC-approved franchise agreements to guarantee the system build-out.

Knapp has served on numerous boards and commissions including: the Long Island Housing Partnership Regional Lending Consortium, SUNY/Old Westbury College Foundation and the Second Department Judicial Screening Committee.

“I am honored to join Germano & Cahill,” Knapp said. “I look forward to using my experience on Long Island to further the firm’s mission and enable clients to meet challenges, achieve business objectives and navigate complex regulatory environments. For many years I have known and respected Michael Cahill and Guy Germano, so it is a real honor to now be working with them at Germano & Cahill.”

Knapp lives with her husband and two sons in Northport, New York.

Germano & Cahill, P.C., provides legal counsel and business guidance in matters related to Real Estate, Zoning, Planning and Land Use, Environmental Law, Government Contracts, Administrative Law, and Agricultural Law. The firm is based in Holbrook, NY. More information is available by visiting www.germanocahill.net

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