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## **Westchester County Association To Present 3rd Annual APEX Awards At Fall Leadership Reception, Nov. 12**

**WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK** (October 26, 2009) The Westchester County Association (WCA) will present the third annual APEX Awards, Thursday, November 12, 5:30-8:30 PM at the Atrium, 1133 Westchester Avenue, White Plains. The APEX (Awards for Professional Excellence) ceremony is the highlight of the WCA's Fall Leadership Reception which attracts more than 550 members and guests.

The APEX honorees were selected by the WCA Executive Committee which reviewed the nominations made by members.

The recipients are:

APEX Award for Advocacy/ **TD Bank**. The establishment of a regional headquarters in Westchester with 14 branches and a work force of more than 200 people reaffirmed TD Bank's commitment to Westchester, focusing on loans to local businesses. In 2008, it was awarded the Outstanding Corporate Philanthropy Award by the Association of Development of Officers of Westchester and it has made a significant contribution to the area's economic vitality by supporting several charitable organizations.

APEX Award for International Business/**Louise Martin-Valiquette, Esq.**, Louise Martin-Valiquette, Esq. has been involved in providing international legal services for over 30 years. She has practiced in Canada, Italy and the U.S. and has assisted both U.S. and foreign firms set up subsidiaries abroad as well as distribution, licensing and joint venture agreements, and generally advised companies on their cross-border transactions. Ms. Martin-Valiquette has served as President of the World Trade Council of Westchester since 2006.

APEX Award for CONNECTIONS/**Mitch Taube**, President and CEO, Digiscribe International which has been providing paperless office solutions with cost-effective document scanning and document services to businesses since 2006. Mr. Taube was cited for his more than 20 years of demonstrated professional excellence in the information services industry, having established two other Westchester-based companies in this sector.

APEX Award for Young Professionals/**Jason Friedland**/President and Co-owner, Shleppers Moving and Storage. Mr. Friedland acquired the company in 2007 and is credited with doubling its revenues and expanding its market in Westchester. In 2004, he and his father Westlock Development, a real estate company and built the company into a substantial holding company with about one million square feet of retail, industrial and office space.

**William M. Mooney**, WCA President, said: "The WCA is proud to honor and thank the winners for their exemplary leadership in making a significant contribution to the future of Westchester's economic vitality through their expertise, vision and strong commitment to the communities."

The APEX Awards presentation will feature a performance by the Neppherhan Community Center Youth Corps, international food stations, passed hors d'oeuvres, open bar and desserts stations.

The cost will be \$200 if reservations are made before October 30 (\$250 thereafter). The cost for a future member is \$250 before October 30 and \$275 after. To reserve, visit [www.westchester.org](http://www.westchester.org).

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The Westchester County Association ([www.westchester.org](http://www.westchester.org)) is the preeminent business membership organization in Westchester County. The Association is committed to business advocacy, economic vitality and to providing a strong and clear voice for the interests of businesses on the regional, national and international levels. Its key objectives are: promoting positive economic development in the region; fostering business development; and providing its members with access and interaction with key public and private sector individuals, agencies and organizations.

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