

## How to Make Sense of Albany Legislation Is Focus of Lunch & Learn, February 18

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[PR Log \(Press Release\)](#) – Feb 03, 2010 – “How to Make Sense of the Albany Legislation that Affects Your Bottom Line” will be the focus of the Westchester County Association’s Lunch & Learn program, at 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM, Thursday, February 18, at Sam’s of Gedney Way, 52 Gedney Way, White Plains.

Guest speaker Mike Elmendorf, New York State Director of the National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB)—who brings a unique insider’s look of the Albany scene—will talk about the important state legislative changes that have directly impacted the bottom lines of business owners and new legislation that is on the horizon.

“From the MTA payroll tax to increased fees to new fees for companies that collect sales tax, Albany has been moving in a direction that makes it hard for businesses to operate in New York State,” Mr. Elmendorf stated.

Mr. Elmendorf brings extensive experience in state government, having served as special assistant to Governor Pataki and director of International Affairs for 11 years. In that role, he was a member of the governor’s senior staff and served as the governor’s advisor on state-federal, regional, state-to-state and international relations. He was responsible for a broad range of policy initiatives and worked with officials from across New York and the county on the local, state and federal levels. In 2007, he joined NFIB.

WCA President Bill Mooney said that Elmendorf’s appearance before Westchester’s leading business advocacy group coincides with the organization’s initiative to “convey to state lawmakers that our members are fed up with increased taxes and fees; that the dire economic conditions require real reform of government; and that we will grade and publicize how well they respond to business and taxpayer concerns as we approach the November elections.” He added: “This Lunch & Learn will help raise greater awareness of the potential impact of new legislation on the business community.”

The cost is \$40 for WCA members and \$50 for non-members. To reserve, visit <http://www.westchester.org>.

The event series sponsors and WCA Platinum members are: Broadview Networks, Compufit Computer Corporation and Mahopac National Bank (A Tomkins Community Bank).

The Westchester County Association (<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