

Saint Mary's Hospital Foundation Board Appointments

Mike O'Connor, Esq., is the Regional President and Director of Corporate Real Estate at Webster Bank for the Greater Waterbury, Connecticut market. He joined Webster Bank in March of 2012 and is responsible for all aspects of the bank's corporate real estate portfolio consisting of 180 properties and approximately 1.3 million square feet. Mike earned his bachelor's degree at High Point College and his JD at Ohio Northern University.



Mike is a retired Army officer, having served in the Reserves, National Guard and Active Army. He has served in over 10 countries and earned a bronze star for action while serving in Afghanistan with the 3rd Battalion 3rd Special Forces Group, Airborne.

On his appointment as a new Foundation Board member, Mike stated, "Saint Mary's has and continues to be a cornerstone in our community. I am proud to be appointed to the Foundation Board and support their efforts creating better high-quality health care options for those who live and work in the greater Waterbury area."

Selim G. Noujaim, MBA, CFPIM, D. Litt., is the executive vice-president of Noujaim Tool Co., Inc. in Waterbury, CT. Incorporated in 1985, Noujaim Tool is a family-founded, family-operated tool-and-die machine shop known for quality, on-time response, and precision machining. He is a graduate of Post Jr. College, Central Connecticut State University, received an MBA from the University of New Haven and a *Doctor of Letter* designation from Post University. Selim resides in Waterbury with his bride of 48 years, Linda; together they share three grown daughters and two grandchildren. He enjoys running, racquetball, swimming, watching sports, and attending the theatre.



Regarding his appointment to the Foundation Board, he stated, "Being a part of Saint Mary's Hospital since the 1990s has been a blessing for me and my family. I was honored to be a long-time member of the Board of Directors. I later served as treasurer of the Foundation Board of Directors, and now, I return to fulfill a role of support for our community and the people of Greater Waterbury. I am excited to work with the extremely competent staff who provide much-needed services of all types for those who rely on the expertise of Saint Mary's."

Kathleen McPadden has been employed at Ion Bank since 2011 and currently serves as Senior Vice President, Community Relations Officer for Ion Bank and Executive Director of the Ion Bank Foundation. Before assuming her current positions, she worked in the human resources field for over 30 years.

Kathy has dedicated much of her personal time to volunteer service. She has served on the boards of many nonprofit organizations including Wellmore Behavioral Health, Are You Dense?, YMCA of Naugatuck, American Red Cross-Naugatuck chapter, Morris Foundation, United Way of Naugatuck and Beacon Falls, and Jane Doe No More. She also served on the board of incorporators for Waterbury Hospital.

Upon her appointment to the Foundation Board, she stated, "I am truly honored to be appointed to Saint Mary's Hospital Foundation Board. It will be my privilege to work beside so many dedicated community partners and leaders with the goal of providing high quality health care to the Waterbury area."



Danielle Shaker teaches college courses in Business Management at Naugatuck Valley Community College and has worked at Post University as an Associate Faculty of Business. She is certified in distance learning practices and is currently attending classes at Fairleigh Dickinson University in NJ, pursuing her Doctoral Degree in education.

She has served on The Woodbury Planning Commission for five years. Danielle was on the Board of Directors of Shakesperience Productions and is a founding member of the Palace Theater's Marquee Society. She has done work with The United Way of Greater Waterbury and is a charter member of the Board of Directors of The Community Theater at Woodbury. She has been actively involved in the Greater Waterbury community for over 25 years assisting in community outreach, and service.

"It is my great pleasure to work beside such an esteemed group of community leaders on behalf of an organization as vital as SMHF."



Timothy C. Moynahan is the CEO and owner of Moynahan Partners, which offers business development consultancy, identifying strategic business partnerships and funding sources. He also founded and heads the **Moynahan Law Firm**, and both are located in Waterbury, Connecticut. He is a sought-after and successful trial lawyer, earning the **Super Lawyer of New England and Connecticut** awards from 2009 to 2012 and **Best Criminal Defense Attorney** accolade in 2013.

Mr. Moynahan seeks to improve communities through social, health, and education works. He is a founder and current Chairman of the **Global Virus Network (GVN)**, which identifies, investigates and controls viral threats to humankind. His community work included an advisory post on the Mayor of Waterbury's Commission, as well as Board memberships of the **Greater Waterbury Chamber of Commerce** and the **Connecticut Special Olympics**.



Stephanie E. Cummings is an attorney with Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP, Waterbury, and specializes in a variety of areas and her clients include small businesses and individuals. Stephanie previously served as a State Representative in the Connecticut General Assembly, where she represented Waterbury's 74th District. She is the Ranking Member on the Commerce Committee and is also a member of the Judiciary Committee and Committee on Children. Stephanie has been the youngest female legislator since her election in 2016. Prior to her election as State Representative, she served as an Alderwoman for the City of Waterbury from 2013 through 2017.

In addition, Stephanie is involved with a variety of Waterbury charities - Waterbury Reads Gently Used Children's Book Drive, Founder; Silas Bronson Library, Board of Regents; Literacy Volunteers, Board of Directors; East End Community Club, Member; Republican Town Committee, Member; Connecticut Young Republicans, National Committeewoman and United Way of Greater Waterbury, Founding member of the Emerging Leaders Steering Co.



Whitney Cadett is the AVP, Marketing Manager at Thomaston Savings Bank. She earned her BS in Communication from Eastern Connecticut State University in 2011 and her MBA with a concentration in Marketing from Post University in 2020. She has worked in the banking industry for the last 10 years and is actively involved in her community.

Whitney currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Children's Community School and just finished a term as the Chairperson for the Young Professionals of the Waterbury Region in March of 2021, where she will remain involved in their executive committee as Immediate Past Chair. Whitney has been recognized for her community involvement, both with the United Way of Naugatuck and Beacon Falls Van Allen Medal and as the Waterbury Regional Chamber's Young Professional of the Year.

Whitney resides in Wolcott, CT with her husband Joel, her one-year old son Sidney, and their pets. Aside from time spent with her family, Whitney enjoys cooking, gardening, canning, and being active.



Erica Peryga has lived or worked in the Waterbury area for most of her life. She graduated from Western Connecticut State University, receiving a degree in Social Work and obtained a Master's of Counselor Education: Student Affairs Practice in Higher Education from Clemson University. Currently, she serves as the Dean of Students at Post University.

Erica is the Greater Waterbury Chamber of Commerce - Business Women's Forum Scholarship Chair, has served on the Greater Waterbury United Way Campaign Leadership Council and was the United Way Campaign Chair 2018, 2019 at Post University. She has also served on the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Region 1 Corporate Sponsors Chair and Entertainment Chair.

In her free time, Erica enjoys spending time with her family, being outdoors, boating, gardening, skiing, singing, and acting. Erica cares deeply for those around her and is committed to making a difference in the lives of those in her community.



Rifat Saleh, P.E. has resided in the Greater Waterbury area for over 35 years, where he has raised his family and operates his business. The eldest of five siblings, Rifat left his homeland of Jordan to pursue an American education. He came to the United States in 1981, earning his degree in civil engineering in 1984 from the University of New Haven, and his master's degree in civil engineering in 2004 from the University of Hartford. In 2003, Rifat founded RHS Consulting Design, pursuing his American dream of owning his own business. RHS is multidisciplinary consulting engineering firm, located in Cheshire, Connecticut.

Mr. Saleh is a board member and sponsor for the Arab-American Association for Engineers and Architects (AAAEA) – Tri-State chapter. He volunteers for the Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Task Force, a division of Homeland Security. He is an active member of various professional organizations and serves as adjunct professor for the University of Hartford, teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in civil engineering.

Rifat is dedicated to his family, spending his free time with his wife Donna, and daughters Amber and Farrah. He is outgoing, social, and enjoys meeting new people. His interests include soccer, history, bridges, jazz music, bike riding, enjoying the outdoors, and recently decided to pursue golf.

