

A CULTURE OF CARING FOR CLIENTS AND COMMUNITY

BY CAROLINE CAREY

Finkelstein & Partners is a plaintiff's personal injury law firm founded by Howard S. Finkelstein in 1959 in the heart of Newburgh. Today they have offices throughout New York State with a team of more than 85 attorneys and 170 para-professionals. They operate as Jacoby & Meyers in the downstate region.

During this pandemic the firm has been sponsoring meals for frontline workers throughout the areas they serve. Marketing director Danielle Mackey said, "We encourage our family of employees to devote time and assistance to community projects, because we want to be a part of building better communities, and our volunteer program enables employees to volunteer up to four hours a month while being paid. The firm is especially passionate about educating young people on the dangers of texting while driving and has an active 'Commit to Quit' distracted driving program."

During this time of quarantine, their office locations throughout New York are closed, but they are still available to help their clients 24/7. The firm has been very generous in providing meals for hospital workers throughout our area. In the Hudson Valley,



they provided a pizza dinner for the Middlehope Fire Department, dinner from the Grandview for Vassar Brothers Medical Center/ Nuvance Health, bagels from the Bagel Shop Fishkill to Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital, lunch from Buffalo Wild Wings in Newburgh for St. Luke's Montefiore Cornwall, and dinner for Kingston Hospital. They supported five local restaurants and provided meals for over 1,000 people

In the New York City metropolitan area, they supported seven local restaurants and provided meals for over 1,000 hospital workers. In the upstate New York area, they supported 16 local restaurants and provided meals for over 710 hospital workers.

Thank you, Finkelstein & Partners, for supporting our local frontline workers.



REPLACEMENT FOR JETER-JACKSON

BY JIM LANGAN

A replacement for former Legislator Barbara Jeter-Jackson, who died recently at age 82, will be appointed on June 15 by the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council.

Jeter-Jackson, a Democrat, was a longtime legislator representing District 10.

The county charter requires a vacant seat to be filled within 30 days by the municipality's board. The council's appointment will continue through the end of 2020. There will be an election for the seat on November 3, for the year 2021, and then again in November 2021 for the regular two year term starting January 2022.

Candidates had to submit an application to Councilmember At-Large Sarah Salem last week. Mario Johnson and Joash Ward were the only applicants.

Residents of District 10 were eligible to apply and will serve a population of 11,647, according

to the common council's public notice to fill the legislative seat.

"The City of Poughkeepsie and Dutchess County has suffered an immeasurable loss with the passing of Dutchess County Legislator Barbara Jeter-Jackson," Salem said in the public notice. "Through her work on the Poughkeepsie School Board, the Poughkeepsie Common Council, the Dutchess County Legislature, and throughout the community, Barbara Jeter-Jackson offered decades of selfless, exemplary, and upstanding service toward the betterment of our entire community."

The announcement of who will fill the vacancy will be made at the common council's meeting on June 15 at 6:30 p.m. Residents can tune into the webcast by visiting www.cityofpoughkeepsie.com/common-council. A majority vote by the whole council will decide who fills the seat.



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