

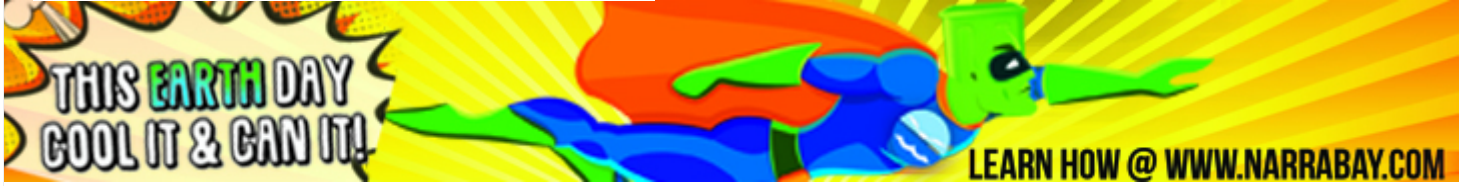
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### Dr. Pancoast Named New President of RI Veterinary Medical Association

The Rhode Island Veterinary Medical Association (RIVMA) has named a new president. The organization announced the appointment of Dr. Shelly Pancoast, who assumed the role on January 1, 2023, and now leads the 250-member association focused on promoting animal welfare, veterinary medicine, and public health.

Dr. Pancoast has served on the RIVMA Board of Directors since 2021, and led the organization at a particularly challenging time within the veterinary workforce. RIVMA has placed an emphasis on health and safety in the veterinary profession and care for animals.

Under her leadership, Dr. Pancoast indicates that "RIVMA will continue to be a leader in access to quality veterinary care and animal welfare, and as a champion for mental health and wellness for veterinary healthcare teams."



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Dr. Pancoast has been an emergency clinician at Ocean State Veterinary Specialists and Bay State Veterinary Emergency and Specialty Services since 2011. She received her undergraduate degree from Tufts University before attending Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine. After graduating, she completed a one-year internship at VCA Veterinary Referral and Emergency Center in Norwalk, Connecticut. She then spent two years in general practice both in Connecticut and Boston before going on to complete a specialty combined internship in cardiology and emergency and critical care at Tufts V.E.T.S in Walpole, Massachusetts.

When not working, Dr. Pancoast enjoys traveling, exploring new places with her husband and children, and cooking. She aspires to one day make every recipe in the America's Test Kitchen Complete Vegetarian Cookbook!



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### Roberts, Carroll, Feldstein & Pierce Adds Two

The law office of Roberts, Carroll, Feldstein & Peirce, Inc. (RCFP) announces two attorneys have joined the firm.

“Philip and Carleigh’s diligence and ability to serve our clients’ needs is much appreciated,” states RCFP Managing Shareholder Edward G. Avila, Esq. “They each bring an understanding of the legal complexities of commercial lending and finance as well as a level of expertise in business and corporate counsel. We are pleased to welcome them enthusiastically to our firm.”

### Philip R. Primeau

Philip R. Primeau joins RCFP as an attorney in the firm’s commercial lending and business/corporate law practice groups. He focuses on negotiating, structuring, diligencing and documenting term, revolving and construction loans collateralized by real estate and business assets. Other areas of secured lending expertise include interest rate swaps and London Interbank Offered Rate to Bloomberg Short-Term Bank Yield Index/Secured Overnight Financing Rate transitions.

Primeau also deals with a range of business and corporate matters from commercial real estate to the resolution of mechanics' liens, and offers insight into questions of privacy and information privacy professional.

Primeau graduated summa cum laude in 2017 from Providence College with a master's degree in theology. In 2021, he earned his juris doctorate degree summa cum laude from the University School of Law (Bristol). He served as executive notes & comment editor of the Law Review, and as a judicial intern with the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts and the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. He was subsequently admitted to the New Hampshire and Massachusetts Bar (2022).



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### Carleigh B. Romano

Carleigh B. Romano has joined RCFP as an attorney in the practice areas of commercial lending, business and corporate transactional matters. She assists financial institutions in drafting loan agreements, promissory notes, mortgages, security agreements, and more. Corporate work ranges from agency operations to business transactions with international entities on complex deals.

Prior to joining RCFP, Romano worked within the in-house legal department for a local corporation, gaining experience and background in admiralty and maritime law such as the Jones Act, customs restrictions, and shipping operations as well as environmental law and renewable energy research.

Romano is a 2021 graduate of Roger Williams University School of Law (Bristol) where she earned a juris doctorate degree. She is a 2018 graduate of University of Miami where she completed her bachelor of arts degree in political science. She was admitted to the Rhode Island Bar in 2022.

She is a resident of Newport, R.I.

### RITA's First Female Chair Aims to 'Move Minds'

Debora Babin Katz assumed the gavel as the first woman to Chair the Board of Directors of the Rhode Island Trucking Association on Tuesday, carrying on a rich legacy within the 92-year history of that association. In doing so, she paid homage to a former trucking industry trailblazer and vowed to 'move minds' as she endeavors to lead and grow that organization's non-profit Foundation.

"Lena Daly was an exceptional female leader in our industry and her leadership of the Rhode Island Truck Owners Association from 1960 to 1981 contributed to where RITA is today," said Babin Katz.

"I am excited to move forward on a dual track as RITA's new Chair: to serve to advance the mission of RITA's newly-formed Foundation. The trustees comprised of an incredible group of thought leaders, both within our organization focus on growing the foundation's fund to Move Minds by expanding our existing Lena Daly/WIT Foundation Scholarship and the John J. Gill Scholarship, in the area of apprenticeship and career development programs and educating the public in the transportation industry. We will continue to strengthen our relationships with the national Women In Trucking Foundation as part of these initiatives, which is addressing a significant challenge they face today: labor shortages," she said.



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Vice President of RITA member TrucBrush, Debora Babin Katz' board experience includes seven years on the Women In Trucking Foundation, four years as its chair, and on the Executive Boards of both RITA and the Trucking Association of Massachusetts(TAM). She currently serves on the board of the national Snow & Ice Management Association(SIMA) and their Foundation board.

Babin Katz, who succeeds Attorney Michael Kiselica as Chair, will serve a two-year term for RITA, the exclusive Rhode Island affiliate of the American Trucking Associations.



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