

# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Rowayton resident **Annette Richmond**, the founder of career-intelligence.com, recently was awarded, a certificate of appreciation from New York Women In Communications, Inc., for her work on if Student Affairs Committee.

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Communication" and "Dress Down for Success"; Dawn Rivers Baker, who is the editor of WAHMPRENEUR, an online news magazine for women who work from home; and Frances Lylan Wolff, who is the founder of Stress Management Resources.

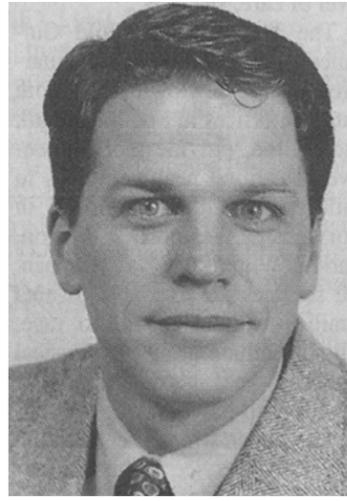
Richmond, who holds a Master of Arts degree, has experience in career counseling and content development in the online and print arenas. She spent several years working as a writer and editor before entering the nonprofit sector. Her experience as a vocational counselor for a New York based training and placement facility led to the development of career-intelligence.com.

Attorneys **Brendan Canty and Michael R. Kevin**, partners in the law firm of Kerin, Canty & laser, P.C., with offices in Norwalk and Milford, have received state certification' as worker's compensation specialists.

The certification process, administered by the Connecticut Bar Association, is the first area of specialty law recognized in the state. Applicants must complete a requisite number of continuing legal education hours in the area of worker's compensation, devote a substantial portion of their practice to the field of worker's compensation, have experience in trial and appellate work, pass the certification exam and have an exemplary reputation among other attorneys.

Canty holds a law degree from Quinnipiac University School Of Law. He is the secretary of St. Gabriel's School board and a member and former treasurer of the Exchange Club of Norwalk Board of Directors.

Kerin received his law degree from Quinnipiac University's School of Law, summa cum laude, and is a member of the Milford Red Cross Board of Directors. He also is a member of the Connecticut Trial Law-



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yers Association and the American Trial Lawyers Association.

**Michael LeBlanc**, the president and chief executive officer of Norwalk-based LeBlanc Communications, Inc., has been elected president of the 3COM Voice Solutions Dealer, Council, a nationwide organization that advises 3Com Corp. on sales and support of its family of Networked Telephony Solutions, including the NBX, 100 and SuperStack 3 systems.

LeBlanc serves as the first president of the council, which was formed last year. Composed of top dealers nationwide, the 28-member council shares best practices, facilitates

communication and provides front-line feedback and recommendations from the systems' resellers to 3Com.

LeBlanc Communications specializes in the interconnection of computers and telephone systems. The firm focuses on multi-location companies with regional, branch or remote offices in dispersed locations, including telecommuters. It installs telephone systems that allow companies to coordinate their communications both internally and externally through toll-free, three- or four-digit dialing among all employees, regardless of location.

The firm was named to the Connecticut 'Technology Fast 50, the 50 fastest growing technology companies in the state, in both 2000 and 1999.

**John Lyons** has been appointed president of MetroPool, Inc.

Lyons was the director of corporate sales and development for the firm, which promotes alternatives to driving, since 1999.

Lyons most recently managed MetroPool's six regional offices and, was responsible for client outreach and service delivery to regional employers. He was a member of the senior management team that developed MetroPool's current strategic plan and has represented MetroPool with the Connecticut and New York departments of transportation, transit and planning authorities and other public and private partners.

Before joining MetroPool, Lyons held management and consulting positions in construction and economic development here and in Russia. He headed his own firm, promoting energy conservation in architectural design and directed programs that assisted Russian businesses in operating in the post-Soviet economy. He is a graduate of Williams College with a bachelor's degree in American studies and environmental studies.

MetroPool was founded in 1981 to foster better mobility in the Hudson Valley region of New York and southwestern Connecticut. It provides free services to commuters and employers to encourage car-pooling, vanpooling, using trains and buses, tele-commuting and compressed workweeks. MetroPool receives funding from the New York and Connecticut departments of transportation and also receives contributions from the private sector.

**Sherry Becker**, M.S.W., L.C.S.W., of Norwalk has