



Maria Costanzo

Maria Costanzo (nee Colangelo) was born in the Belmont section of the Bronx in 1969. At the time, her parents lived at 732 E. 187th St. between Prospect and Crotona Avenues. Both her parents emigrated from Stigliano, Italy, a small town in the mountains of the Basilicata region of Italy. Her mother Lucia was a seamstress and her father a mechanic. Her mother came to America in 1961 when she was 19 years old and settled in the Southern Boulevard section of the Bronx. She later went back to Italy and met Maria's father. They were married two years later and he then joined her in America. Her father worked at a gas station on the corner of Fordham Road and Arthur Avenue. Through hard work and perseverance, he later purchased the gas station and owned and operated it for 15 years. He serviced the cars of mostly everyone who lived in Belmont. He was a fixture in the neighborhood. He later sold his gas station and began buying real estate in Belmont. Maria and her family still own and manage those properties today.

Maria went to our Lady of Mount Carmel School from Kindergarten through 8th Grade, then attended Saint Catherine's Academy and Williamsbridge. She graduated from Iona University Cum Laude with a degree in Public Accounting in 1991. She works at Arthur Andersen from 1991 to 1993. She then left to work for Gabelli Asset Management from 1993 to 2001 as Controller and later as Director of Human Resources. In 2001, she left to join Saratoga Partners until 2017. She then left to join her family in managing and operating their real estate investments in the Bronx in Westchester. Maria lives in Bronxville with her husband Peter and their three teenaged children.