

Westchester Arc Honors Local Attorney Bernard A. Krooks

New York, NY - Bernard A. Krooks, founding partner of Littman Krooks LLP and President of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, New York Chapter, gained the distinct honor of being named to the board of directors for Westchester Arc, Westchester County's oldest and largest agency serving children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families. Krooks has been aiding New York's seniors and those with special needs for more than 20 years. He was sworn into the position June 13th.

"It is a great honor to accept my invitation to join the Board of Directors for Westchester Arc," said Krooks. "The organization hosts many wonderful programs and events to support those with developmental disabilities and I consider it a privilege to serve in its community."

Krooks regularly lectures on special needs planning, Medicaid, elder law, guardianship and supplemental need trusts. He has co-authored a chapter in the New York State Bar Association publication *Guardianship Practice in New York State* titled "Creative Advocacy in Guardianship Settings: Medicaid and Estate Planning..." In addition, he co-authored an article for the American Law Institute/American Bar Association Direct-to-Desktop course program titled "What Attorneys Need to Know About Special Needs Trusts," which highlights legal planning for persons with special needs.

Founded in 1949 by a small group of frustrated parents who sought help and companionship for their children with mental retardation, Westchester Arc has continued to help those in need for more than 50 years. Today more than 1,600 people are served with innovative and effective programs and services designed to foster independence, productivity and participation in community life. For more information about Westchester Arc's history and programs, visit www.westchesterarc.org.