

Altman & Company P.C.

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1. Name of your business and a brief description of what you provide to the community.

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As a trial lawyer, I have successfully appeared in and tried literally scores of cases in state and federal courts and before numerous arbitration panels. As a business lawyer, I have helped a multitude of companies and high net worth individuals solve business problems, develop and implement strategies to grow their businesses and protect them from future harm.

2. History of your business. How long have you been involved? What brought you into this line of work?

I have been practicing law for more than 30 years. Trained as a litigator at the venerable law firm now known as Proskauer LLP, my passion for law piqued during several summers in high school and college when I worked in the Managing Clerk's Office at Cravath Swaine & Moore. Of course, growing up, it didn't hurt to have the exposure to my Dad who was a contrast in styles; soft spoken and gentle, yet also fierce. He was revered as a truly great NYC lawyer and role model.

3. What's the philosophy behind your business?

I view lawyering today somewhat different than most. Many view litigation as a business tool, and it is, but I know that it is often not the most cost effective or efficient way to solve a client's problem or dispute. My desire is to achieve a favorable outcome for clients without, "breaking the bank." I am able to do that by utilizing my, "out of the box thinking style," and I combine it with the techniques of the trade: diligent research, study, preparation and analysis.

4. What is your biggest inspiration in life or in your job? What do you enjoy most about your work?

My father who passed two and half years ago is my biggest inspiration. He was a man of integrity, honor, loyalty and a brilliant thinker and listener. He was truly a great man. What I most enjoy about my work as a lawyer is being able to be of service to people, particularly to those who might otherwise not be in a position to afford a lawyer with my skill set and experience.

5. Do you have a special message to share with the neighborhood or community?

I have been a member of the community since 1999, and moved here full-time in 2010. At the time I was not sure whether or not the move would be permanent. While surely not a "local" by any definition, I have and continue to immeasurably appreciate the welcome I have received here. As wild and crazy as it gets sometimes between Memorial Day and Labor Day, Sag Harbor, really our whole "east of the canal" community, is a small town. I am very grateful to call it my home.



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6. Do you have a funny story about your business? How do you make your work day fun?

Well if I tell you the "secret" will be out, but I guess I will since most know anyway. I work seven days a week and often at all hours of the morning, afternoon, evening and night. Doing so enables me to have a very flexible work schedule, so I may frequently be found in a local hot yoga studio or sneaking in a game of tennis while my peers are at their desks in their Manhattan offices.

7. Tell us about yourself and family (kids, pets, other involvement in the community):

I have been blessed with two brilliant, loving, now adult children. Both are thriving millennials. While I have no pets these days, I am very active in our community. In addition to numerous other service commitments, I am an adult facilitator at the Long Island Teen Institute (a/k/a HUGS"), and a counselor in the Suffolk County Sheriff's Addiction Treatment Program.

8. Any additional information you would like to share:

In addition to my regular hot yoga and meditation practice, playing tennis and an occasional round of golf, I am also an avid motorcycle rider. I can often be found tooling around on my Ducati, which has provided me with a very unique traveler's view of the USA (which is a story, several actually, for another day).