

Small Group Members September 26, 2011

Small Group # 1 8:30 – 10:15 a.m.

Alan Caron, a lifelong resident of Maine, started what is now the Caron Strategies Group in 1987. He helped create GrowSmart Maine, where he served as president from 2003-2009, and brought in the Brookings Institution for a major study entitled *Charting Maine's Future: An Action Plan for Promoting Sustainable Prosperity and Quality Places*. In the spring of 2009, he launched Envision Maine, a non-profit, non-partisan think tank that provides independent research and analysis on major challenges and opportunities facing Maine. Mr. Caron holds a Masters Degree in Public Policy and Management from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Orlando E. Delogu, Emeritus Professor of Law, teaches at the University of Maine School of Law including law school courses in state and local government that cover state and local tax policy. Professor Delogu is a regular contributor on land use, environmental and state tax issues to *Maine Lawyers Review* and has participated in a number of test cases dealing with environmental and land use issues as well as cases testing the limits of governmental tax and spending power. Professor Delogu is one of seven founding members of the Maine Civil Liberties Union and has served as that organization's President, and on the national board of the ACLU. He holds a B.S in Economics from the University of Utah, and an M.S. in Economics and J.D. from the University of Wisconsin.

Matt Jacobson has recently taken a position at Resilient Tier V Corporation as executive vice president of corporate development. Resilient is a secure data center and secure managed IT service provider located at Brunswick Landing, the site of the former Brunswick Naval Air Station. Mr. Jacobson, former President and CEO of Maine & Company, will continue to work with Maine & Co. as a member of the board of directors, representing Resilient. Prior to joining Maine & Company in 2006, Mr. Jacobson was Assistant VP of Sales and Marketing for Canadian National Railways in Chicago, and President/CEO of the St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad headquartered in Auburn. Mr. Jacobson is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy and holds an MBA from Chapman University. He was a pilot in the United States Air Force, serving in Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

Amanda Rector is the state economist. She conducts ongoing analysis of Maine's economy to inform planning and policy decisions, including performing special research projects undertaken with and for the Governor's office, the Legislature and other state agencies. She also serves as the Governor's liaison to the U. S. Census Bureau, is a member of the Revenue Forecasting Committee, and supports the director of the State Planning Office on economic and tax policy issues affecting Maine. Amanda Rector has a BA in Economics from Wellesley College and a Master's degree in Public Policy from the Muskie School of Public Service. She is originally from mid-coast Maine and now lives in Union.

Small Group # 2 11:00 a.m. – 12:45

Conrad Ayotte, MBA, CPA, is the Co-Owner of JS McCarthy Printers, one of the largest and most respected commercial printers in New England. Prior to that Mr. Ayotte was the President/CEO of Custom Plastic Molding, Inc., Benton Plastics, and Innovative Thermoforming, Inc., in Benton, Maine. He was the Senior Vice President for Sales of Durakon Industries, Lapeer, Michigan, a partner in Schatz, Fletcher & Associates, C.P.A.s, Augusta, Maine, the Audit Senior at Price Waterhouse & Company, Providence, Rhode Island, and a Turnaround Consultant for Maine Internetworks Inc., Fairfield, Maine.

Jim Clair became CEO of Goold Health Systems (GHS) in 2007 and also serves as the President of Goold Health Analytics, LLC. Mr. Clair is Chair of the State of Maine Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission. From 2004 to 2006, he served as GHS' Chief Operating Officer and was vice president in the Waldron Group from 2001 to 2004. Prior to this, he served on the non-partisan staff at the Maine Legislature as lead staff for the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Director of the Office of Fiscal and Program Review and the Executive Director of the Legislative Council. He holds a Master of public administration degree from Syracuse University, Master of Science degree from the State University of New York and a BS degree from the University of Massachusetts.

Theodora J. Kalikow, Ph.D., has been President of the University of Maine at Farmington since 1994. Under President Kalikow's leadership, the University has been recognized as one of the nation's top public liberal arts colleges for 11 consecutive years. She received the Maryann Hartman Award in from the University of Maine Women's Studies Program in 2000 and was inducted to the Maine Women's Hall of Fame in 2001. Prior to coming to Maine she was Department Chair and Interim Assistant to the President at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Northern Colorado, and Dean of the College (with one year as Interim President) at Plymouth State College (N.H.), where she served until 1994. She holds the degrees of A.B. in Chemistry from Wellesley College, Sc.M. in Philosophy from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Ph.D. in Philosophy from Boston University.

Harvey R. Rosenfeld has been the President and Executive Director of the Scarborough Economic Development Corporation for 22 years. During his tenure, the population of Scarborough increased from 12,500 people to nearly 19,000 and the number of jobs has more than doubled. Prior to his work in Scarborough, Mr. Rosenfeld was the city administrator for Saco, executive director of the Rockingham County Community Action Program, and held positions working with State of Maine's CDBG and low income energy programs. He was also Director of the Young Adult Conservation Corps. Mr. Rosenfeld holds a B.A. in Art and Architectural History from Windham College in Putney, Vermont, and has served on numerous boards and committees including Friends of Casco Bay, U.S. Small Business Administration's Small Business Advisory Committee and the Greater Portland Council of Governments Revolving Loan Fund Committee.

Thomas Sturtevant is the co-owner of ALCOM, which manufactures aluminum trailers in Winslow, and the co-recipient of the 2010 Small Business Person of the Year Award. ALCOM has grown from a company that in 2005 was housed in 8,000 square feet of space and produced a couple trailers a week to a company that now operates 7 days a week in a 70,000 square-foot factory employing more than 150 people and producing more than 250 trailers a week. Mr. Sturtevant has significant experience building companies including founding Gazelle Products, which became the third largest fiberglass canoe manufacturer in the U.S., and Benton Plastics, a manufacturer of plastic bed liners that in two years doubled its workforce and more than doubled its revenues gaining a worldwide market. Benton Plastics became the third-largest company of its kind in the world. In 1994, Tom Sturtevant sold Benton Plastics to Durakon Industries.

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Small Group # 3 3:00 – 4:45

Charles Colgan, Ph.D., currently holds the Russell Chair in Education and Philosophy at University of Southern Maine and is a Professor of Public Policy and Management in the Muskie School where he teaches economics, policy analysis, economic development, and courses in analytic methods. He is chair of the Community Planning and Development Program and Associate Director of the U.S.M. Center for Business and Economic Research and the University of Maine System Center for Tourism Research and Outreach. He also currently holds positions as a Research Fellow at the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics and Chief Economist for the National Ocean Economics Program. Prior to coming to USM, he served 12 years in the Maine State Planning Office, including positions as Maine State Economist and Special Assistant to the Governor for International Trade.

Chip Morrison has been President of the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce since the fall of 1995. Prior to joining the Chamber he was City Manager of Auburn and Commissioner of the state departments of Administration and Labor. He has a bachelor's degree from Carleton College and a master's degree from the University of Michigan. Over the course of his career Mr. Morrison has won several honors including the State of Maine Public Administrator of the Year, the Ken Curtis Leadership Award from the Maine Development Foundation, the Auburn Citizen of the Year, the Chamber Executive of the Year, and the 2008 MaineBiz nonprofit CEO of the year.

Danielle N. Ripich, Ph.D., assumed the University of New England presidency July 1, 2006. Under her leadership over the past five years, the University has seen substantial growth and the University was honored with the 2009 Economic Achievement Award from the City of Portland, and the 2010 Robert R. Masteron Award for Economic Development from the Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce, for its contributions to the region's economic vitality. She serves in numerous professional association leadership positions including on the Board of Directors at the Maine Development Foundation, as President and Treasurer of the Maine Independent College Association, and incoming President of the Maine Higher Education Council. President Ripich earned a Ph.D. in speech pathology from Kent State University. She was selected by MaineBiz as one of 2011 Women to Watch in Maine.

Anne M. Romano, C.P.A., established her practice in 1993, after working for 14 years in Big Six and major regional accounting firms. Her areas of expertise include tax planning and preparation services, audit and accounting services, business consulting, and personal financial planning. She is the president of the Maine Society of Certified Public Accountants, a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and serves on various community boards. Anne Romano graduated Summa Cum Laude with a B.S. degree in Accounting from Husson College.