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Lawley, an independent insurance broker, hired **Stephanie Gervan** as business assistant account manager. She has experience in workers' compensation, auto insurance and general liability insurance, and will be responsible for managing business insurance accounts.



The Buffalo Niagara Chapter of NYS Women honored **Nakiea S. Cook**, the CEO and founder of Buffalo-based NC Accounting & Consulting Solutions, as a Woman in Leadership.



Destination Niagara USA promoted **Reanna Darone** to director of convention sales. In her new role, Darone is responsible for increasing convention and meeting sales in Niagara Falls USA.



MedCor Staffing, an independent medical staffing company, hired **Thomas Makowski** as an account manager.



The Against the Storm Foundation elected **Matt Connors** to its board of directors. Connors is a vice president with Sinatra Development where he oversees all areas of multifamily development.



Lawley, an independent insurance broker, hired **Brett Davidson** as assistant controller. He is a CPA, has a master's and bachelor's degree in accounting, and several years of accounting experience.



Patrick P. Lee Foundation elected **Suzanne Stern** to a three-year term on its board of directors. Stern is an attorney whose practice focuses on corporate law.



McIntosh & McIntosh, a land surveying firm in Lockport, hired **Clifford Rigerman** as survey office manager. Rigerman is a licensed land surveyor with over 34 years of experience.



The Buffalo Urban League promoted **Melissa Archer** to chief operating officer. Archer is a board certified licensed psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner who joined the Buffalo Urban League in 2021.



Tops Friendly Markets, a grocery retailer, promoted **John Kurdziel** to perishable warehouse shipping shift manager. He was previously a grocery warehouse shipping supervisor.



Trellis Marketing, an advertising agency, hired **Sarah Schlaich** as a media planner/analyst. Schlaich will develop, manage and track media activity for clients.



Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo has appointed **Dr. Andrea T. Manyon** chair of the department. She is president and CEO of UBMD Family Medicine and chief of service for family medicine at Erie County Medical Center.



The Buffalo Urban League hired **Michelle Sawyers** as chief program officer. Sawyers is a higher education administrator and non-profit operations leader.



The Patrick P. Lee Foundation elected **Jon Pellish** to a three-year term on its board of directors. Pellish, a partner at CTBK, will serve as chair of the finance and audit committee.



Seneca Gaming Corp. named **Les Leonard** vice president of information technology and chief information officer. Leonard has more than 39 years' experience in information technology, including several years working in the gaming and hospitality industry.



Lawley, an independent insurance broker, promoted **Reggie Dejean** to the newly added position of director of operations. He will oversee operations for the property and casualty insurance divisions.

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