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**Limousine Service of Westchester's Chief Operating Officer Nominated for the Business Council of Westchester's Rising Stars Award**

White Plains, New York April 24, 2009 – Limousine Service of Westchester, a well-established leader in the chauffeured transportation industry, today announced that its Chief Operating Officer, Melissa M. Thornton, has been selected as one of the finalists for the Business Council of Westchester's 2009 "40 Rising Stars under 40." Christopher K. Jones, founder of Financial Solutions, Inc., nominated Ms. Thornton for this prestigious award.

"40 Rising Stars under 40" is modeled after the national recognition program "Forty under Forty" and pays tribute to Westchester, New York professionals who have achieved outstanding success before the age of 40. The competition recognizes individuals who exemplify leadership, foresight and a vision for the future of Westchester County.

Ms. Thornton was selected as a nominee from hundreds of industry and business professionals as a result of her accomplishments since being named Chief Operating Officer of Limousine Service of Westchester in April 2008. In 2009, her willingness to explore new concepts, rebrand and improve on the company's business model, while staying committed to their mission and core values, solidified Limousine Service of Westchester's reputation as a leader within the chauffeured transportation industry.

"Just being nominated for this award is an honor," said Ms. Thornton. "I believe a strong leader brings out the very best in others simply by being who they are. I believe people follow a leader's vision from their own place of passion and power. I have tried to create a working environment at Limousine Service of Westchester that inspires and develops savvy leaders who empower, motivate and call forth this greatness in others." Ms. Thornton added, "As we begin a new generation of service, it is my goal to embrace change, to provide our customers with the responsiveness and accountability they deserve, and to exceed our customer's greatest expectations."

Limousine Service of Westchester was founded in 1978 by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Thornton, Sr. after recognizing a distinct need within his own community, Mr. Thornton responded with a luxury chauffeured transportation service designed to focus specifically on the transportation needs of the many business professionals residing in the tri-state area. Over the last 30 years, Limousine Service of

Westchester has grown to include a broad spectrum of world-class transportation services through a network of more than 450 affiliate providers around the globe.

Ms. Thornton is also the Chief Operating Officer of Limousine Service of Westchester's sister company, DLC Ground Transportation Services. DLC is a family-owned and operated business that has provided ground transportation for Westchester County Airport since 1981. Being the provider of exclusive ground transportation to and from the airport, DLC has successfully transported thousands of people throughout Westchester for nearly three decades.

Business Council of Westchester is the county's largest and most influential business membership organization. Committed to helping businesses market, learn, advocate and grow, the Business Council of Westchester aligns its member's goals in order to create a powerful business-building strategy. A reception to meet the 2009 Rising Stars nominees is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, 2009 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Antipasti restaurant in White Plains, New York.

The 2009 40 Rising Stars under 40 award ceremony will take place at The Atrium in Rye Brook, New York on Thursday, June 11, 2009 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The price for attendance is \$50. Please visit [www.westchesterny.org](http://www.westchesterny.org) for more information

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