

Over the years of practicing together, Steve, Hilary, and Rosanne have grown to be friends as well as business colleagues. Even after 27 years together, they still find immigration law interesting. They remain motivated to assist people in uniting their families and achieving their professional dreams.

### Inspiration for starting the immigration practice

The business population in the Ithaca area includes many entrepreneurs and high-tech companies, and the birth of the internet made it easy to reach clients. In 1990, Congress overhauled our legal immigration system, which affected a lot of high-skilled individuals locally and elsewhere. The complex new law prompted the need for explanation. Steve, Hilary, and Rosanne saw the 1990 immigration law as a “win-win” in helping people achieve their life’s dreams and providing a robust workforce for employers both locally and nationally. The firm’s immigration practice grew, serving business and individual clients in upstate New York and around the world.

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### On the more personal side...

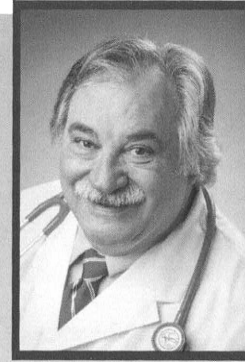
Steve has three grown children and four grandchildren, and has just finished serving on the board of directors of the Hangar Theatre. Of his 50 years in Ithaca, 27 have been in Cayuga Heights. Rosanne has four children and three grandchildren. She’s been a local resident for 33 years, during which time she has lived in three houses in Cayuga Heights. She takes runs through Cayuga Heights most mornings. Hilary’s three children all attended Cayuga Heights School. She’s been involved with the Cayuga Heights afterschool program and was president of the board for a few years. Of her 29 years in Ithaca, 25 have been in Cornell Heights.

All three love the work-life balance of being able to walk and bike to work, run out to school events, and at the same time have an exciting global business operating in this beautiful area.

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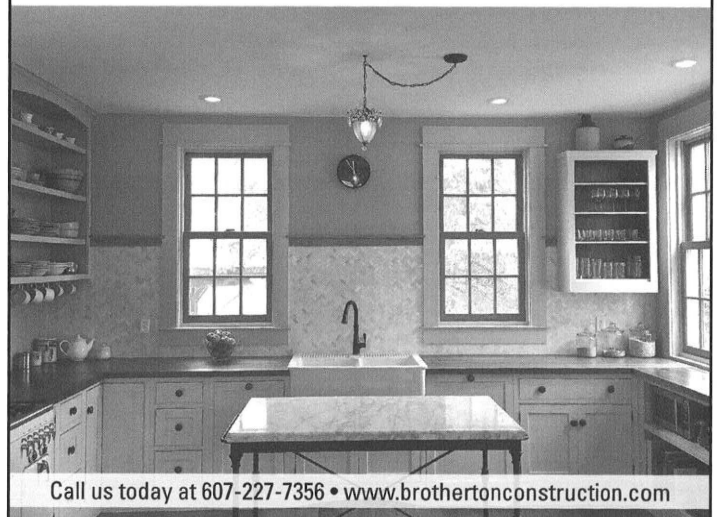
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