

Business Spotlight-Law office of Christopher N. Luhn

Attorney Christopher N. Luhn recently opened his law office in the 199 Milton Professional Building in Ballston Spa. A lawyer for over 20 years, Luhn traveled a circuitous route to his present situation. Born in Puerto Rico (he is fluent in Spanish) and raised in Florida, Luhn often visited his maternal grandparents at their home in the Adirondacks and developed a fondness for upstate New York that would later play a role in influencing his future home.

The law was not the first destination for Luhn. In the 1970's, he performed as the drummer in a rock band called *Wizard*, complete with touring and recording. A small black and white photograph of a longhaired Luhn at the drums sits on one of the shelves in his office. However, his interest in helping people eventually drew him to law school and he graduated from the University of Baltimore School of Law in 1985. His early work experience included a stint as an insurance adjuster but he never forgot his love of the Adirondack region and, with his wife Caroline, moved to Saratoga Springs and later to Malta. Luhn practiced civil litigation for different firms until 2000, when he took a position with the office of the Attorney General of the State of New York.

In 2005, Luhn took a brief sabbatical from work. He wanted to reconnect with the reasons why he became a lawyer in the first place. He kept going back to the same concept, what he calls "the Atticus Finch model", in reference to the iconic character in Harper Lee's classic novel To Kill A Mockingbird. He desired a working situation where he could "simply practice law", where the relationship with his clients would be personal and individualized. Luhn feels that Ballston Spa makes a better fit for the kind of law practice he envisioned and his sunny, second floor office holds only him. Says Luhn, "There are no legal secretaries, legal assistants, paralegals, associates or partners. If you call, you get me." While Luhn strives to be of counsel to his clients, if he feels their legal matter is best suited to another attorney or firm with different skills or resources, he has no problem referring them. His goal is not a large clientele but to be an effective advocate for the clients he has.

As he settles into his new surroundings, Luhn looks forward becoming more involved in Ballston Spa's community, even willing to offer his help with the summer concerts in the park. There's still a little bit of the rock drummer in there.

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