

# Meal & Wine Pairing Dinner

*Different Courses to Pair with Fine Italian Wines*

*You're invited to join us for this client appreciation presentation.*

*This event will be managed in accordance with state and local guidelines for the comfort and safety of guests.*



*DiMatteo Group - Financial Services Inc. & Wiley Etter Doyon, LLC will be hosting the presentation for their clients to become familiar with wine pairing.*

*Following brief talks given by John Esposito & Nicole Camporeale, the event will be led by Margherita Aloï, the Head Chef at Il Palio, on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00 pm.*

**Location:** Il Palio Restaurant, 5 Corporate Drive, Shelton, CT 06484

RSVP to JESSICA by May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 203-924-5420 or [jldimatteo@dimatteofinancial.com](mailto:jldimatteo@dimatteofinancial.com)

## Margherita Aloï

Margherita Aloï was born on a vineyard in the Piedmont hills of northwestern Italy in the small town of Tucci. Her father, Aloï Giovanni Luigi, was a winemaker. There was rarely a time, as Margherita recalls, where she was not involved in helping prepare meals for her dad's clientele in the wine industry or entertaining his many friends from the local hunting club. It is from these humble beginnings that Margherita rose to national prominence, one of only four women to hold the title of Celebrity Chef in Zagat for five years straight.

At age 14 she entered the Culinary Institute of Barolo. Here, traditions about the wine industry, regional agriculture and local cuisine are handed down from earlier generations of chefs, promoting a way of cooking and living that uses local ingredients and products. The summer following her graduation, at 17, one of the judges of her final exam offered her a position at the Castle of Envie, a small prestigious restaurant of only 15 seats near the city of Mondovì'. After only a summer at the restaurant she was recruited by Pino Luongo, a New York restaurateur opening a new restaurant in Manhattan to be called Le Madri (the mothers). The restaurateur wanted to showcase the local cuisine of Italian mothers and grandmothers and he brought three Italian women to come cook their regional specialties. The youngest recruit by 30 years, there was much buzz about Margherita Aloï the young newcomer who had caught Luongo's discerning eye.

Margherita arrived in New York in the spring of 1989 (her father even had to sign her passport in order for her to leave the country because she was only 17). Without speaking one word of English she began working at Le Madri as a fresh pasta maker and three months later she met Cliff Pereira, her future husband. Margherita worked within Luongo's corporation for about twelve years, taking over the position of Executive Chef at Le Madri in 1998.

In the fall of 2001 she partnered with Christopher Mazzilli to open Arezzo in New York. The restaurant opened with rave reviews. It was in this period when the press and critics began to truly take notice; she appeared in Crain Magazine's "Forty under Forty" – a list of the city's young rising stars in the New York business world in 2002, topped Zagat's list and made regular appearances for events at the James Beard House.

In 2004, she visited New Canaan, commissioned to do consulting for Bel Mare Restaurant. Taken by the beauty, peace and grace of the town, Margherita decided to move and became the restaurant's Executive Chef. One year later, the owner sold and Margherita purchased Aloï and called it her home for six years. The restaurant was listed amongst the top in Fairfield County three years and won the CT Magazine title of Best Wine list. She left the restaurant in 2010 in order to devote her time exclusively to her new venture, Il Palio.

In May of 2010, Margherita and her husband, graciously accepted a partnership with Robert D. Scinto, a long-time friend and the owner of Il Palio Restaurant in Shelton, Connecticut. Margherita's passion for food and fresh ingredients has certainly brought visitors from across New England. The menu at Il Palio changes seasonally and showcases local ingredients from Jones Farm, also in Shelton, CT. Her genuine love of food and wine, and her creativity and skill in the kitchen has catapulted her to the top and will undoubtedly keep her there for years to come.

## John Esposito, AIF



John is originally from Shelton, Connecticut, and has lived there all his life until recently moving to Middlebury, Connecticut, with his wife, Amanda, and son, Luca. He grew up in a close-knit Italian family on both sides, the Espositos and DiMatteos. He attended Shelton High School, where he played soccer and became a part of the founding lacrosse team in 2004.

In 2008, he was accepted into Western New England University on a lacrosse scholarship but ultimately decided to join and help found WENU's rugby program. They won the NERFU D4 championship the first year as a team. He still supports the rugby team to this day by donating and playing the annual WNEU Rugby Alumni game. He earned a bachelor's degree in finance in 2012.

During summers while in school, he did everything from servicing pools, installing cubicles, interning at Sikorsky, and traveling the country organizing 3v3 soccer tournaments for kids. In his junior year of college, he met and started dating his future wife, Amanda.

One of the highlights of his college career was getting the opportunity to study abroad in Florence, Italy. There, he was able to visit his family roots in Calabria, Abruzzo, and Naples and had the opportunity to meet some of his cousins and visit with an aunt and uncle, whom he hadn't seen since he was a toddler.

After graduating from college, it was tough finding a job as the economy and job market were still recovering from the great recession of 2008. During that time, he went back to working on pools and cleaning windows. Eventually, he found a job in Boston developing business for a corporate payment and foreign exchange trading solutions company. After a short while there, he received a call to interview at GE Capital in Norwalk, Connecticut. It was a great opportunity. He took the interview and landed the job as a portfolio analyst in commercial lending operations. Two years later, the news hit that GE was selling off the lending business and their jobs would be terminated.

He thought this would be a great time and opportunity to follow in the family footsteps and join the business that his grandparents built. So here he is today, enjoying coming into the office; seeing his mother, two aunts, and two uncles; and being able to work with them on a professional level to help grow the business and pass on the legacy of his grandfather and grandmother to a third generation.

He truly enjoys what he does now! He loves helping people of all ages prepare for and navigate through retirement. He also loves helping small businesses take their practice to the next level in setting up retirement plans and training their employees on the benefits and investments within the plan.

His time is mostly taken by his young family and continuous home improvement projects. However, in his spare time, he enjoys hunting and fishing, woodworking, and mixed martial arts.

## Nicole Camporeale, Esq.



Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.), Quinnipiac University School of Law, 2015; Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Politics, Fairfield University, 2012, minors in Italian Studies and Studio Arts.

Nicole's passion revolves around educating her community and peers. During her time at Fairfield University, Nicole was appointed captain of the Division 1 Cross Country team, while simultaneously achieving consistent academic excellence. Nicole's fondest memory from college was the semester she spent living in Florence, Italy and traveling around Europe.

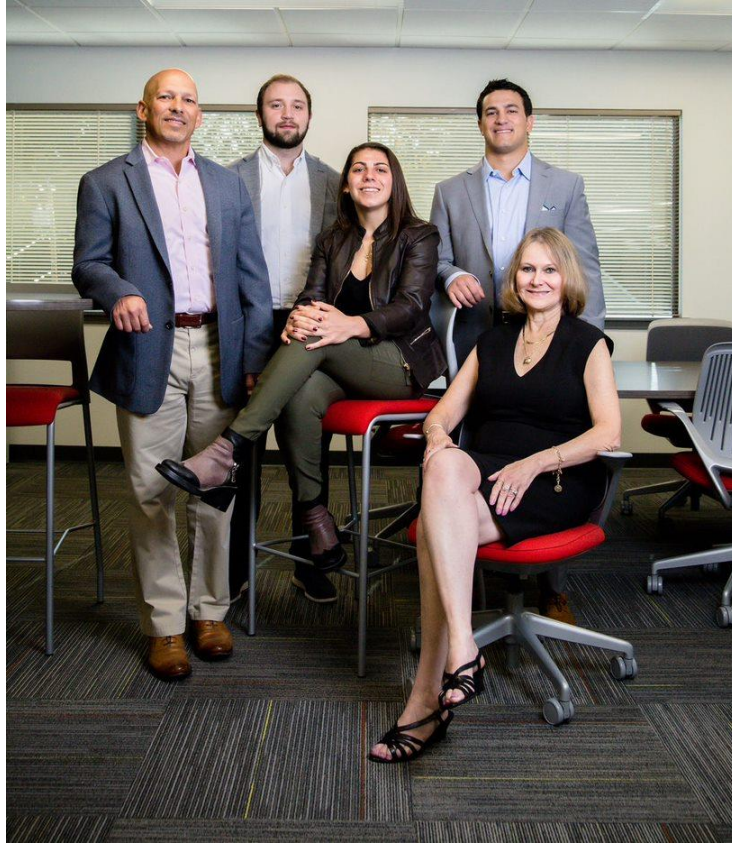
While at Quinnipiac University School of Law, Nicole continued to focus her attention on learning how to counsel families, focusing on Family Law and Estate Planning, and working in the New Haven Superior Court. This was quickly recognized by Steve Floman and Allison DePaola as Nicole began a mentorship program at Floman DePaola, LLC. Upon graduating and passing the Connecticut and New Jersey bar exams, Nicole was quickly able to jump into counseling clients and teaching educational classes in the local communities. She served as an Adjunct professor at Albertus Magnus College and continues to teach adult education classes on Medicaid, Probate and Estate planning in Milford, Branford, and Trumbull.

It is no surprise that Nicole was quickly recognized as a rising star when Floman DePaola, LLC merged with Wiley Etter Doyon, LLC creating one of the largest Estate Planning firms in Connecticut. Her colleagues took notice of her personal achievements, making her lead partner of the elder law team.

While Nicole continues to explore what success means to her, she has found that an educational approach to counseling clients on estate planning, asset protection, elder law issues, and probate estate administration is still her passion! Attorney Camporeale enjoys helping individuals navigate long term care planning issues and finding creative ways to protect and use hard-earned assets in the most beneficial ways for families. She is committed to providing clear, plain English legal guidance in specialized areas of the law and prides herself on being reliably available to advise her clients.

When she's not in the office, Nicole is spending time with her husband Vinny and their dog Luna at their home in Newtown, CT. She enjoys gardening and hopes to have a homestead at some point in the future. When she's not at home, Nicole enjoys taste-testing local restaurants (recommendations welcome!) and traveling (when possible).

We hope you can join us for this appreciation event. Space is limited.



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