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New York Life

Gil Valdes is a Vice President in New York Life's Office of Governmental Affairs. Prior to joining New York Life in 2003, he spent ten years at the New York City Council, working for Speaker Peter Vallone's central staff. He held the position of Finance Committee Counsel where he was responsible for the oversight of New York City's multi-billion dollar expense and capital budgets. He finished his tenure at the New York City Council as Director of the Human Services Division where he acted as a Chief Advisor to the Speaker and was principally responsible for the review of all legislation, legal documentation and oversight prepared by the Division's 13 substantive legislative committees, including the areas of Education, Health, General Welfare and Civil Service & Labor. In this role he managed a staff of 30 attorneys and policy analysts in the preparation of committee hearings, the drafting and editing of legislation and oversight reports, and the analysis of complicated legal and policy matters.

Mr. Valdes graduated from Fordham University with a B.S. degree in Accounting, and received his J.D. from Columbia Law School. He and his wife, Angela, have four children. His son Gilbert is a graduate of the Air Force Academy and is currently a federal agent in the Office of Special Investigations. His sons Michael and Brendan attend SUNY Geneseo and Middlebury College, respectively. His daughter Melanie is considered a world class Irish Step Dancer.

Catherine Bresler
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After 7 years as a litigation paralegal and attorney, Catherine began her career with The Trustmark Companies in 1995, as Associate Attorney in the Regulatory and Compliance Unit of the Law Department. In her current roles, she advocates on behalf of the Trustmark Companies on various state and federal, regulatory and legislative issues. She is a registered lobbyist in Illinois.

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Jenn directs the State government relations program for Pacific Life and its subsidiaries, representing Pacific Life before lawmakers, regulators, state trade associations, and national trade associations. Jennifer works to educate public officials and their staff on public policy that impacts Pacific Life and its customers.

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