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Jonathan S. McCardle, Esq. **Attorney, Featherstonhaugh, Wiley & Clyne**

Albany is where Jonathan McCardle grew up, where he stayed for both college and law school, and (naturally) where he is now making his mark as a lawyer and lobbyist.

Representing clients in Featherstonhaugh, Wiley & Clyne's government relations as well as its legal practice, McCardle, who specializes in litigation and administrative law, has found that the work he does for each practice ultimately complements the other. "I'm often dealing with the state agencies and determinations that state agencies have made in relation to private business interests," he explained.

One of his career highlights, for instance, has been successfully litigating the New York City soda ban lawsuit. "The case taught me that there are three separate branches of government, and each one has a separate and distinct function that should not directly interfere with another branch's role," he said.

As a lobbyist, McCardle has represented clients in the areas of racing and gaming, as well as financial services. One of the most important functions of a lobbyist, in his view, is educating elected officials about their clients' interests. "Finding something that you really enjoy learning about and getting to the point where you can educate others is critical," he said. For McCardle, the racetrack is one venue that encapsulates a passion both personal and professional. In the eyes of this Albany lifer, nothing can beat spending a summer day at the historic Saratoga Race Course.

"I proposed to my wife in the winner's circle two years ago," he recalled.

Q: Where did you go to school?

Siena College, 2007; Albany Law School, 2013

Q: What politician, living or dead, do you most admire?

Theodore Roosevelt

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