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## Reflecting on the events that took place in 2012

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As we begin the new year, we reflect on the events that took place in 2012. Some are business related and some personal. We all think about a business transaction that didn't quite go the way we wanted, or a project that closed successfully. In the commercial real estate world as I'm sure in many others, the day to day events that take place in our lives, we all try and do the best we can to succeed in our endeavors. Whether it is to make new contacts, sell our products, build and nurture new relationships, or maintain the relationships we have; the most important one of all is to cherish our families. When put in perspective, they just don't seem to be as important as the latter.

When we heard about the shootings at Columbine, Virginia Tech, or Colorado, we were all appalled at what happened. Many of us said it would never happen here in Connecticut. But it did. December 14, 2012 will never be the same for the people of Connecticut and especially the Town of Newtown and suburb of Sandy Hook. The horrible tragedy was an unthinkable horror that took place in our own State, in our own backyard. We were all touched by what happened that day, and re-discovered that life is and always will be, very fragile. It made us all realize we have to focus on living and enjoying every day with our loved ones, as best as we can without getting hung up on the daily trials and tribulations that take place in our lives.

As a people, we need to keep things in perspective. As a business organization and as people of ethics, we all work towards maintaining standards of doing the right thing. No matter what happens in our life, we have to always strive towards doing our best, and being a good person. Our thoughts and prayers are and always will be with the children, the adults, and their families who suffered in this unspeakable tragedy.

We will likely witness legislative discussion and action in 2013, in response to Newtown, Conn.; both in Connecticut and nationally. Other possible changes to keep an eye on include the FASB regulations, as well as the Transfer Act in Connecticut.

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