

# What I Wish I Knew Then: Jim Walden

In “What I Wish I Knew Then: Jim Walden” (New York Law Journal, February 18, 2026), Jim Walden, the founding partner of Walden Macht Haran & Williams LLP, discusses following your dreams, whether it be starting your own company or running for public office. Most do neither, but Jim Walden did both.

Jim discusses the challenges, surprises, and strategy behind his 2025 New York City mayoral campaign. And he discusses the planning behind the start of his law firm, Walden Macht Haran & Williams, which was founded in February 2015.

He also speaks about success, your ultimate objectives, and the path required to get there, reflecting on advice from one of his mentors, EDNY Judge Edward R. Korman: “Success isn’t about one thing; it is about everything.”

Jim goes on to note, “Success also depends on being a good person. Being a bad person in whatever form — whether it’s being corrupt or being disrespectful to others — ultimately ruins whatever work you’ve done.”

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