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Michael Polemis

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Michael Polemis was elected to the Columbia Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors on December 15, 2015.

Michael Polemis is retired after 41 years in the International shipping business, the last 28 years as President of Pro Bulk (USA) Inc. During his career he worked primarily in New York and London. He managed a joint venture company comprised of 20 dry cargo vessels and provided management for several international clients.

In 1986, he became one of the founders of the Columbia Land Conservancy (CLC), which today is one of the most diverse and successful land trusts in the country. He served as CLC board chair from 1995 to 2011, and currently serves as chairman of the CLC Governance Committee.

Polemis is a member of the Land Trust Alliance Board of Directors, a national land conservation organization based in Washington, DC. In addition to his interest in conservation, Polemis is Vice Chair of the Shelburne Museum Board of Directors in Shelburne, Vermont and serves as Chair of the museum's collections committee.

Michael and his wife live in Chatham Centre, New York. They have two married daughters living in New York and New Orleans. Michael is an avid fly-fisherman and upland game hunter.