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ZAPATA



New law practice **Zapata Law PLLC** opened its doors at Bell and the 101 freeway in January. Founder **Julio M. Zapata** focuses on personal injury, commercial litigation, probate and estate litigation, and creditor's rights. Fluent in Spanish, he serves clients throughout the Valley.

CARRILLO



Jose A. Carrillo joined the Phoenix office of **Quarles & Brady LLP** in the Labor & Employment Practice Group.

EARL



Attorney **Taylor Earl** joined **Earl, Curley & Lagarde PC**. His practice encompasses zoning, land use and related municipal law.

KNIGHT



Litigation attorney **William H. Knight** joined **Aiken Schenk Hawkins & Ricciardi PC**, Phoenix. His practice encompasses commercial disputes, professional liability, civil rights and asset forfeiture matters. He co-chairs the American Bar Association's Judicial Internship Opportunity Alumni Committee.

HADDOCK



Najia M. Haddock was named General Counsel & Chief Legal Officer at **Children's Learning Adventure USA LLC**, a national child care center provider. She is a former Chair of the Labor & Employment Law Section of the State Bar of Arizona and has focused in employment and commercial litigation in private practice for more than 20 years.

Shayna H. Balch was elected to partner at **Fisher & Phillips LLP**, Phoenix. She practices in the area of labor and employment law.

Fennemore Craig announced the promotion of **Michelle Jager** and **Patrick Irvine** as directors in the Phoenix office.

Jager assists health care providers in defending against medical negligence lawsuits; she also assists small and large companies in the areas of personal injury, product liability and commercial litigation. Irvine is a former Judge of the Arizona Court of Appeals and practices in the areas of business law and litigation.

HAGER



Brett Hager joined **Tiffany & Bosco PA** as a shareholder. He is also a pilot and focuses his practice in aviation law.

Also joining the Phoenix office is **Michael J. Rogers**, as an associate. His practice focuses primarily on civil and commercial litigation.

ROGERS



Christopher D. Lonn joined **Margrave Celmins PC** as a shareholder. He will continue his commercial litigation practice with an emphasis on securities, construction and real estate litigation.

LONN



THOMAS



Colleen C. Thomas joined **Wilenchik and Bartness**, Phoenix, where she practices civil litigation. Previously, she taught business law and ethics at Grand Canyon University, and served as a law clerk to Hon. Rebecca White Berch of the Arizona Supreme Court.

Cassandra V. Meyer was named a shareholder of **The Cavanagh Law Firm**. She has a diverse litigation practice, working with insureds and self-insured clients primarily in the areas of premises, auto, commercial, professional, liquor

and products liability.

Joining the firm as a shareholder is **James G. Busby**. His practice focuses on state and local tax planning and controversies related to state and city sales taxes, use taxes, and severance taxes, as well as income, real and personal property taxes.



Laura Clymer is a new associate at **Brian Clymer, Attorney at Law**. The firm represents people in Arizona workers' compensation and Social Security disability cases in Tucson and southern Arizona.

Attorneys **Louis Silverman** and **Kristel Patton**, both members of

Wealth Counsel, formed a business partnership that merges their practices. **Silverman Patton PLLC** is located at 3231 S. Country Club Way, Suite 101, Tempe, which originally served as offices for Silverman's firm.



Cody J. Jess was elected to membership at bankruptcy and litigation firm **Schian Walker PLC**, Phoenix. His practice encompasses commercial bankruptcy, business law and complex commercial litigation.

Holmes Negretti PLLC, Chandler, announced its personal injury division, 602-INJURED. Founding partners are **Brian**

Holmes and Jonathan Negretti, and the firm handles a variety of Arizona personal injury cases.



Steptoe & Johnson LLP announced the promotion of two lawyers to Of Counsel in its Phoenix office: **Kami Galvani**

(Corporate, Securities & Finance Group) and **Robert Vaught** (Litigation Department).



Kerry A. Hodges and **Anne E. McClellan** were elected members of **Jennings, Strouss & Salmon**, Phoenix.

Stephanie Fleischman Cherny joined Mitchell Stein Carey, Phoenix, as a partner.



Todd A. Baxter and Robin L. Miskell (formerly known as Robin L. De Respino) were named members in the Phoenix office of Dickinson Wright/Mariscal Weeks.

Bowman and Brooke LLP announced that Abram N. Bowman of the firm's Phoenix office was made a partner.



Merton E. Marks joined the Phoenix office of Gordon & Rees as Of Counsel. He practices in the firm's commercial litigation, Hospitality, Insurance and Drug & Medical Device practice groups.

Gallagher & Kennedy announced the election of Lindsy M. Weber and Cober C. Plucker as new shareholders.

Weber practices in the areas of bankruptcy and commercial litigation. Plucker practices in the areas

of commercial litigation, real estate litigation and products liability.

Bhavi Shah joined Blood Systems as Executive Vice President and General Counsel. Blood Systems is the non-profit national headquarters for United Blood Services.

Associate Cassandra L. Kalaf joined the Phoenix office of Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP in its Transportation and Commercial Litigation Practices.

Perkins Coie named new partners in its Phoenix office: Aaron H. Matz (Patent Litigation), Mary Bridget Minder (Investigations & White Collar Defense), Liana W. Spendlove (Real Estate & Land Use) and Jennifer J. Understahl (Real Estate).

Stinson Leonard Street LLP announced the election of Craig Morgan as a new partner in the Phoenix office. He is a member of



the firm's Business Litigation practice and is a trial attorney who focuses on general litigation.



Blake W. Rebling joined Salmon Lewis & Weldon PLC. He focuses his practice in the areas of commercial real estate and business/finance transactions.

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KACZMAREK



JOJOLA



MOZELL

Tax litigation attorneys **Derek W. Kaczmarek** and **David R. Jojola** and elder law attorney **Joshua N. Mozell** joined **Frazer Ryan Goldberg & Arnold LLP**, Phoenix. Kaczmarek and Jojola are certified tax law specialists and former IRS senior trial attorneys.



TOWNSEND

Elizabeth Townsend was elected to shareholder at **Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart PC**, Phoenix. Her practice includes counseling employers on a wide range of employment-related issues.

Joseph A. Brophy was elected partner in the Phoenix office of **Jennings Haug & Cunningham**. His practice is focused in general business litigation, surety and fidelity law, bankruptcy, creditors' rights and insurance defense matters.

Carpenter Hazlewood Delgado & Bolen PLC announced that **Tanis A. Duncan** merged her Tucson law office and employees

into its firm. She has been an attorney for more than 30 years in the areas of community association and co-op law, real estate, development and contracting, and litigation and is certified by the State Bar of Arizona as a real estate specialist.

Carpenter Hazlewood Delgado & Bolen PLC has offices in Tempe, Prescott, Tucson and New Mexico.



LONG

Intellectual property attorney **Frank Long** joined **Dickinson Wright/Mariscal Weeks** as a member.



SIMMONS

Jefferson Simmons joined the **Rosenstein Law Group**, Scottsdale. Previously, he worked as a Deputy County Attorney at the Maricopa County Attorney's Office.

The **Tarver Law Group PLLC** relocated to 2999 North 44th Street, Suite 306, Phoenix 85018. Established in 2009, the Tarver Law Group is a Phoenix-based tax, trust and business-planning law firm.

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MAYS

Dean Shirley Mays of the Arizona Summit Law School (formerly Phoenix School of Law) was named to the **Lawyers of Color's** Third Annual Power List, a comprehensive listing of the nation's most influential minority attorneys.



SCHLEIER

Schleier Law Offices PC announced that **Tod F. Schleier** was inducted as a Fellow of the **American College of Trial Lawyers** on October 26, 2013 in San Francisco.

Andrew McGuire of Gust Rosenfeld was elected President of the **Arizona City Attorneys Association (ACAA)**, an affiliate group of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns. The ACAA is comprised of all municipal attorneys in the state of Arizona, both in-house as well as attorneys who are contracted to represent cities and towns.



BLAIS

Casey S. Blais, an associate at Burch & Cracchiolo, began serving his year-long term as president of the **Maricopa County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division**. His term runs through December 31, 2014. He practices in the areas of commercial litigation, real estate law, landlord/tenant disputes, and insurance defense/personal injury litigation.



BRODIN

Jeff Brodin of Brodin HR Law was appointed to the **Human Relations Commission** for the City of Phoenix. He

was sworn in by Mayor Greg Stanton at a ceremony during the Phoenix City Council meeting on Wednesday, February 5.



MORRIS

Roger N. Morris, a partner in the Phoenix office of Quarles & Brady, received the 2013 Spirit of Philanthropy Award from the **Association of Fundraising Professionals** for his longtime commitment to Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Central Arizona. He also was honored by the **University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy**, his alma mater, with its 2013 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Squire Sanders was recognized by **U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell** with the "Partners in Conservation Award" for the firm's work on Minute 319, a landmark bi-national agreement between the United States and Mexico on the management of the Colorado River. Phoenix partner **Peter Culp** played a significant role in the nearly five years of bi-national negotiations that led to the agreement.



SILVER

Leon Silver, a Polsinelli shareholder, was selected as a 2014 Tribute to Leadership Honoree by the **YWCA of Metropolitan Phoenix**. He was

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recognized as the Advocacy Leader in recognition of his career-long efforts to promote causes consistent with the YWCA's mission of empowering women, eliminating racism and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.



Norma Izzo Milner, an attorney with Jennings Strouss & Salmon, was elected to serve on the **Maricopa County Bar Association Board of Directors**.

Patrick Irvine, a shareholder in the Business and Litigation practice groups of Fennemore Craig, was appointed by the **Arizona Supreme Court** to serve on its Committee on Character and Fitness.

He is a former Judge of the Arizona Court of Appeals who now practices in the areas of business law and litigation, with particular emphasis on taxation, appellate practice, Indian law and arbitration/mediation.



Squire Sanders partner **Frank Placenti** served as a judge in the University of Arizona, Eller College of Management's 11th Annual **Collegiate Ethics Case Competition**. The event allows local business leaders and professionals to help students from more than 30 business colleges to reason through a business ethics case, with this competition raising students' awareness of the importance of corporate social responsibility.

Lori A. Higuera, a shareholder in the Phoenix office of Fennemore Craig, was appointed Deputy Regional President for the **Hispanic National Bar Association** and elected to the Board of Directors for the **Los Abogados Hispanic Bar Association**.

Janna Day, managing partner of the Phoenix office of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, was

elected to serve as President of the **Arizona State Board for Charter Schools**. She was appointed to the board by Governor Jan Brewer in 2010.

Fennemore Craig announced the selection of **Amy Abdo** as a member of the firm's Management Committee.

Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck announced that attorney **Ryan C. Curtis** was appointed to the board of directors for the **Arizona Museum of Natural History Foundation**.



Identity Theft 911 announced that its Chief Privacy Officer, **Eduard Goodman**, was awarded his **Certified Information Privacy Professional** designation for the European Union adding to his U.S. and Canadian designations. This follows the recent publication of his joint white paper with the Ontario (Canada) Information and Privacy Commissioner titled "Privacy Exposures and Risk Reduction Strategies for Small Organizations."



Greg Gillis, a named partner at Nussbaum Gillis & Dinner PC, Scottsdale, accepted an invitation to serve on the Board of Directors of Tempe-based **Children's Cancer Network**.

Attorney **Brent Kleinman**, founder of Kleinman Law Firm, is teaching a course at **Glendale Community College** called "The Legal, Ethical, and Regulatory Issues in Business." The course is part of an accelerated partnership between GCC and Northern Arizona University.



Maria Crimi Speth, an equity partner at Jaburg Wilk, Phoenix, was appointed to the U.S. Subcommittee of the Anticounterfeiting Committee for the 2014-2015 term at the **International Trademark Association**, effective Jan. 1, 2014.



Quarles & Brady LLP announced that **Leezie Kim**, a partner in the firm's Phoenix office, was named to the **ASU Center for Emergency Management and Homeland Security Advisory Council**.

She is a partner in the firm's Corporate Services Group, and her practice focuses on national security and international business as well as health care and restaurant business transactions.



Gallagher & Kennedy announced that **Jodi R. Bohr** joined the Board of Directors for the Desert Southwest Division of the **American Liver Foundation**. The Division supports the foundation's national mission to facilitate, advocate and promote education, support and research for the prevention, treatment and cure of liver disease.

As Of Counsel, her practice covers all matters relating to employment and labor law, with an emphasis on litigation, class actions and human resource affairs.



Udall Shumway announced that **Kimberly R. Davis** was named to the Board of Directors of the **Maricopa County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division**.

She is a member of the firm's education law practice group and represents school districts, community colleges, charter schools and other public educational institutions.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Montague E. Davis, Tucson
Joe Keilp, Phoenix
Xavier J. Sedillo, Phoenix
Herbert Spencer Fibel, Tempe
Frederick K. Steiner, Jr., Phoenix



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