



Tucson attorney **Amelia Craig Cramer** has been named the new chief deputy county attorney of the **Pima County Attorney's Office**. In that position, she will be the office's second-in-charge.



**Ty Fields** was appointed legal counsel and vice president of the warranty department of **Trend Homes, Inc.**

**Anderson Brody Buchalter Nemer** has announced that **Shelly McTee** and **James Armstrong** are new shareholders in the firm. McTee practices in land use and zoning. Anderson concentrates on labor and employment law. In addition, **Elizabeth A. Kinney** has rejoined the firm as senior counsel in real estate and commercial finance.

**Dana Smalley** has joined the **Rose Law Group PC** and focuses her practice on land use and zoning issues.

Attorney **Eric Groten** has joined the Austin, Texas, firm **Vinson & Elkins LLP** as a partner in its administrative and environmental law practice.



**Jonathan O'Steen** has joined **O'Steen & Harrison** and will practice in personal injury and products liability.



Four new associates have joined the Tucson office of **Lewis and Roca LLP**. **Stephanie Edwards** practices in real estate law. **Sivan Korn** and **Patrick Mause** practice in commercial litigation, and **Mark Patton** practices in the firm's corporate and securities department. In the firm's Phoenix office, **Kasey Gregson** has joined as Of Counsel in the education practice group, and associate **Jessica Hernandez** has joined the firm's commercial dispute practice.



shareholders at **Sacks Tierney PA**.

**Anoma Phanthourath** was named shareholder at **Shughart Thomson & Kilroy PC** and continues to focus on business litigation in the firm's Phoenix office.

**John F. Daniels III** (business and

finance), **Thomas D. Ulreich-Power** (product liability and personal injury) and **Julio M. Zapata** (creditors' rights and bankruptcy) have been elected shareholders and directors of **Fennemore Craig**.

**Tiffani E. Lucero** has joined **DeShon Pullen & Associates PLC** and practices in family law.



**Charles R. Cohen** has joined the new Phoenix office of **Barger and Wolen LLP** as a partner and practices in insurance, administrative law and government operations.



**Wade Burgeson** has joined **Engelman Berger** as shareholder, and practices in the areas of debtor/creditor disputes, bankruptcy and commercial litigation.



**Scott A. Blaney** has joined the Phoenix office of **Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart PC** as an associate.

**Felisa M. Bermudez** has joined the **Law Offices of Daniel M. Jaffe PLLC** as an associate and focuses on criminal defense.

**Gallagher & Kennedy PA** has announced the addition of two new attorneys. **Garry Hays** has joined the firm as an associate in

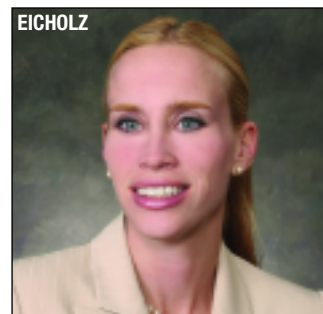
the governmental affairs practice, and **Michelle Ray Matheson** has joined as Of Counsel in the employment law practice.



**Valerie Todorovich** has joined the real estate practice of **Gust Rosenfeld** as an associate.



**Randall Theisen** has joined **Western Alliance Bancorporation** as senior vice president and general counsel for the holding company and its three bank affiliates.



**Jennifer Eicholz** is a new associate in the corporate law practice at **Quarles & Brady Streich Lang LLP**.

Four new attorneys have joined **Greenberg Traurig LLP**. **Jeffrey Manley** has joined the firm as a shareholder in the trusts and estates department. **Janet Jeter Gould** and **J. Ryan Hamilton** have joined the real estate group, and **Michael L. Aguirre** focuses his practices in business finance.

**Jennings Strouss & Salmon** attorney **Steven C. Barclay** has been appointed chair of the firm's commercial department.



**Victoria E. Fimea** is the new vice president, general counsel and secretary of the **Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Company** in Downers Grove, IL.



**Jones Skelton & Hochuli PLC** has named four new partners. They are: **Jennifer Erickson**, insurance defense; **Michael W. Halvorson**, transportation and insurance defense; **Rachel Love Halvorson**, municipal liability and civil rights; and **Joseph Popolizio**, commercial litigation and insurance defense.

**Diane Miller** and **Chris Kramer**, former assistant attorneys general in the transportation section of the Arizona Attorney General's Office, have opened **MillerKramer pllc**, a firm specializing in eminent domain and real estate valuation litigation. The firm is located at 842 N. 2nd Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85003.

The following were elected to the board of directors of the Tucson Old Pueblo Chapter of the **Association of Legal Administrators**: **Jo Ann Keckonen**, **Quarles & Brady**

Streich Lang LLP, president; **Christine Goff**, Bancroft Susa & Galloway, vice president; **Stephanie Glave**, Fennemore Craig, secretary; **Mark Hamblin**, Pima County Public Defender's Office, treasurer; **Candace Thorne Canton**, Mesch Clark & Rothschild, member at large; and **Phyllis Hawley**, Hawley & Associates, member at large.

**NALS of Phoenix** elected its 2006 officers: **Delana Keehner**, Fennemore Craig PC, president; **Tara Hughes**, Dodge Anderson Mableson Steiner Jones & Horowitz Ltd., secretary; **Whitney Birk**, Fennemore Craig PC, treasurer; **Pati Williams**, Fennemore Craig PC, director of membership; **Lisa Mazza**, Perkins Coie Brown & Bain PA, director of education; **Gabriela Diaz**, Baird Williams & Greer, directing of marketing; and **Carol Smith**, Fennemore Craig PC, director of certification.

## HONORS & AWARDS

Attorney **Stephanie Nichols-Young** was named Pet Person of the Year by the **Arizona Animal Welfare League**.

**Noel Fidel**, associate dean of graduate studies at ASU's College of Law, was recently elected board president of the **Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project**.

**Steve Gonzales**, a professor at the **Phoenix International School of Law**, served as a judge at the ABA's annual Section of Dispute Resolution regional law student competition. He also spoke recently on international ADR at the United Nations.



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**Bill Hardin**, an attorney with Osborn Maledon PA, has received the Chairman's Award from the **American Red Cross Grand Canyon Chapter**, in recognition of his volunteer efforts during the weeks after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

### CORRECTIONS

Our April People column contained two errors.

We reported that **Roger W. Frazier** and **Michael S. Woodlock** had recently joined the Tucson office of **Gust Rosenfeld**. In fact, they have been there for several years but were recently elected to membership in the firm.

In our announcement of new faculty at the **Phoenix International School of Law**, we inadvertently identified attorney **Daniel Dye** as an adjunct instructor. But he is a full-time lawyering process instructor.

We apologize for the errors and regret any inconvenience they caused.

# BOARD OF GOVERNORS

## FEBRUARY MEETING REVIEW

Below are highlights from the February 17, 2006, State Bar Board of Governors meeting. Meetings typically are held monthly at the Arizona Bar Center in Phoenix. To see the complete minutes, go to [www.myazbar.org/AZBarInfo](http://www.myazbar.org/AZBarInfo) and click on "Board of Governors."

- ▶ President Helen Perry Grimwood called the meeting to order. President Grimwood stated that Los Abogados was coming to speak to the board regarding their concerns with the board's appointments process.
- ▶ Margarita Silva, President, Jose Rivera, Ernest Calderón and Daniel Ortega addressed the board to express their concern over the process used in appointing and recommending candidates to the Governor's office for the Maricopa County Commission on Trial Court Appointments.
  - ▶ The board voted to write letters to Los Abogados, the Committee on Minorities and Women in the Law and the Appointments Committee acknowledging that the Board of Governors made a mistake by not remanding the matter to the Appointments Committee for its further consideration when concerns were raised concerning the sole Hispanic nominee and affirming the Board of Governor's commitment to diversity on the various appointments committees. Roger Contreras abstained.
- ▶ The board went into Executive Session at 9:15 a.m. until

10:00 a.m.

- ▶ A friendly amendment was offered to approve the concept and circulate a draft of the letter via e-mail to the board for review.
- ▶ A motion was made to draft a resolution to reaffirm diversity. The matter was tabled.
- ▶ A motion was made to write a letter expressing regret to the First Vice President to apologize for personal attacks. The motion was withdrawn.
- ▶ The Executive Director, Teresa Schmid, asked that her written report be considered as her summary for the purposes of this meeting due to time constraints.
- ▶ Ray Hanna, Chair of the Finance Committee, reviewed the following requests:
  - ▶ The board voted to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation to approve sponsoring a table at the Maricopa County Bar Association's Barrister's Ball for \$1,000.
  - ▶ The board voted to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation to approve sponsoring a table of eight (Copper Level) at the Judge Learned Hand Awards Luncheon on March 29, 2006.
  - ▶ The board voted to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation to authorize Raymond A. Hanna to sign, on behalf of the State Bar of Arizona, the Certificate of Corporate Authority authorizing the Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer to

establish and maintain an account with Wells Fargo Brokerage for investing surplus cash on behalf of the State Bar.

- ▶ Chief Financial Officer's Report—The preliminary December 2005 financial statements were included in the board packet. Due to time constraints there was no oral report given.
- ▶ Christine Thompson, Director of Government Relations, distributed a handout to cover the legislative activity. No oral report was given.

### Liaison Reports

- ▶ Young Lawyers Division, Jeff Jacobson, President, reported on the very successful Wills for Heroes program. Mr. Jacobson reported on the 100 Club donations of laptop computers.
- ▶ Eleanor Terpstra of the Arizona Asian American Bar Association reported on the activities of the Asian Bar and their commitment to the legal community.
- ▶ The board approved the consent agenda to include Approval of Reinstatements and Amended Notice of Deceased Members. The board approved the amended January 20, 2006, minutes.
- ▶ Ed Novak reported on the request for board approval for the rewording of the Tom Karas Criminal Defense Award, which would make this award for the criminal defense practitioner and to establish an additional award in honor of Michael C. Cudahy, which would be an award presented to the criminal law prosecutor

who during his or her career has worked tirelessly to advance the principles of criminal justice by representing the public's interest with integrity, fairness, tenacity, creativity, brilliance and above all professionalism. This item was moved to the March agenda.

- ▶ Richard Coffinger addressed the board to request that the issue brought forward from the Senior Lawyers membership needs to be addressed and he requested it be put on the agenda as an action item for the next month.
- ▶ Amelia Cramer, Chair of the Tucson Building Task Force, reported on the February 3 meeting of the Task Force, which made an offer on the 70-80 Franklin property. Ms. Cramer reviewed the Task Force's recommendation to the Scope and Operations Committee and their subsequent approval authorizing the Task Force to make a purchase offer on the property located at 70-80 W. Franklin Street, Tucson (not to exceed \$540,000 on the building purchase and tenant improvements not to exceed \$140,000, for a total authorization of up to \$680,000). The backup offer was submitted February 15.

### Standing Board Committee Reports

- ▶ Amicus Committee, Human Resources Committee, Long-Range Planning Committee, Member Services Committee, Rules Committee—No report.
- ▶ Meeting adjourned.