



# BAR COMMUNITY

## NEWS FOR MEMBERS

### **CERTIFIED SPECIALISTS**

The following attorneys have submitted applications for certification or recertification as Certified Specialists. If you would like to submit confidential peer review on any applicant, please contact Cristie Seaton, the MCLE/BLS Administrator, at [cristie.seaton@staff.azbar.org](mailto:cristie.seaton@staff.azbar.org). You also may send comments to: Cristie Seaton, Board of Legal Specialization Administrator, State Bar of Arizona, 4201 N. 24th Street, Suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85016. We are unable to consider anonymous submissions.

**Comments Deadline: January 30, 2007**

### **Bankruptcy Law**

#### *Initial Certification*

Thomas Allen  
Robert Teague

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Thaddeus Baker, Jr.  
Robert Beucler  
Franklin Dodge  
Michael McGrath  
Adam Nach  
Randy Nussbaum

### **Criminal Law**

#### *Emeritus Certification*

Robert Hirsch

#### *Initial Certification*

Alan Hock  
John Todd  
Michael Yucevicius

#### *Recertification*

Michael Bernays  
Richard Bock  
Joseph DiRoberto  
Michael Donovan  
Ralph Ellinwood  
Donna Elm  
Deborah Euler-Ajayi  
Richard Gierloff  
Marc Hammond  
Nancy Hinchcliffe  
Lawrence Kazan  
Michael Kimerer  
James Martin  
Eleanor Miller  
Craig Penrod  
Tonya Peterson  
Lee Phillips  
Terry Pillinger  
Jeffrey Ross  
Jon Sands  
Robert Storrs  
Brick Storrs III  
Mark Weingart

### **Estate & Trust Law**

#### *Initial Certification*

Thomas Bouman

#### *Recertification*

Roger Curley  
Eugene Gieseler

### **Family Law**

#### *Initial Certification*

Kiilu Davis

#### *Recertification*

Laura Belleau  
William Bishop  
Angela Hallier  
Annalisa Masunas  
Jeffrey Pollitt  
Leonce Richard III  
Joseph Richter  
Stellisa Scott

### **Injury & Wrongful Death Litigation**

#### *Emeritus Certification*

W. Michael Flood

#### *Initial Certification*

Lowell Finson  
Kelly McDonald

#### *Recertification*

Scott Alles  
Wayne Arnett  
Daryl Audilett  
Frederick Berry Jr.  
H. Christian Bode  
C. Alan Bowman  
Charles Brewer  
Robert Bruno  
Robert Clarke  
Robert Cronin Jr.  
Donald Crowell  
James Cunningham

Paul Duda  
Herbert Ely  
Paul Englander  
James Evans  
Charles Fleury  
Paul Friedman  
Elliot Glicksman  
Stephen Leshner  
Bruce Macdonald  
Paul McGoldrick  
William Monahan  
Timothy Moulton  
Jeffrey Ostreicher  
Fred Pain Jr.  
Anthony Palumbo  
Leslie Rakestraw  
Joseph Rocco  
Randy Sassaman  
Robert Stephan Jr.  
Kevin Sweeney  
Richard Treon  
Albert Van Wagner Jr.  
H. Michael Wright

### **Real Estate Law**

#### *Initial Certification*

Maureen Anders  
Neil Konigsberg  
Ari Ramras

#### *Recertification*

Kevin Ahern  
Joseph Atkinson  
David Baker  
J. Scott Burns  
Tony Cullum  
Tanis Duncan  
David Durfee  
Irving Hymson  
Daniel Kloberdanz  
Marc Lieberman  
K. Michelle Lind  
Steven Lisker  
James Nearhood

Ralph Pew  
S. L. Schorr  
Margaret Steiner  
Paul Wentworth  
Michael Widener

### **Tax Law**

#### *Initial Certification*

Jason Silver

#### *Recertification*

Loren Christenfeld  
Douglas Cook  
John Daniels III  
Patrick Derdenger  
Michael Galloway  
Gerald Hawley  
K. Layne Morrill  
Stephen Newmark  
Scott Oberg  
Daniel O'Connell  
Austin Potenza II  
Cynthia Shupe  
Douglas Vande Krol

### **Workers' Compensation Law**

#### *Initial Certification*

Adam Palmer

#### *Recertification*

Joseph Bettini  
Gregory Folger  
JoAnn Gaffaney  
Chris Johnson  
Todd Lundmark  
Bernard Rabinovitz  
Dee-Dee Samet  
Alan Schiffman  
Roger Schwartz  
James Stevenson  
Stephen Weiss  
Robert Wisniewski

**MEMBERSHIP  
DIRECTORY  
CORRECTIONS**

Information on the following attorneys or judges is listed incorrectly or missing in the 2006-2007 Bar Membership Directory. The information provided here is the correct version. The State Bar apologizes for the errors.

We inadvertently listed two individuals as **Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court** in the District of Arizona. Chief Judge for all district courts in the District is **Hon. John M. Roll**.

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**NEWS ON DUES**

Dues are due on or before February 1, 2007. If members have not received their statement by January 15, they can either visit Web site to file online ([www.myazbar.org](http://www.myazbar.org)) or call the Resource Center (602-340-7239) for a duplicate copy of their dues statement.



**LATE-FEE INCREASE**

The Arizona Supreme Court has approved changes to the late-fee amounts that are charged Bar members who submit their annual dues late. Annual dues are due at the State Bar on or before February 1 of every year. The new late fees, to go into effect in 2007, are the following:

- \$75 for dues received by the State Bar after February 1;
- \$150 for dues received by the State Bar after March 1.

The Court approved the change and issued its order on Nov. 7, 2006. This is the first change in the late-fee amount since the current fee was set in 1991.

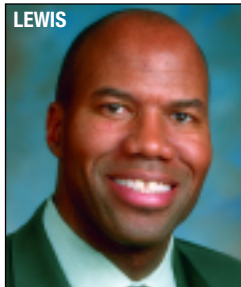


**Michelle Johnson** has joined **Adelman German PLC** in Scottsdale and practices personal injury, medical negligence and product liability law.

**Fennemore Craig** announced that 11 attorneys joined the firm. They are: **Stephen Brower, Matthew A. Lensch** and **Jesse Wuslin** (commercial litigation); **Rebecca Wetterlin, Jennifer L. Underwood** and **Almira Torralba** (real estate); **Gregory Adams** (natural resources and environmental law); **James Goodnow III** (business and personal torts); **Jennifer Mammano** (business and finance); **Jessica Tom** (labor and employment); and **Stephanie Ford Tribe** (estate planning).

**Dodge Anderson Mabelson Steiner Jones & Horowitz** announced that **Katherine E. Flaherty** and **James W. Fritz** have joined the firm.

**Gordon Lewis** has joined **Jones Skelton & Hochuli PLC** as a partner and concentrates his practice on employment and education law.



**Edward Myers** is the new Litigation Director of the **Arizona Center for Disability Law**.



**Patricia A. Alexander**, commercial litigation, and **S. Eric Wilbanks**, estate planning, have joined **Hoopes & Adams PLC** in Chandler as associates.

Attorneys **Michael Barth, Mark Brain, Jaime Holguin, Joan Huls** and **James Morrow** were appointed commissioners of the **Maricopa County Superior Court**.

## PEOPLE

**Daniel L. Mayer** has joined **Meagher & Geer PLLP** and practices in insurance coverage and commercial litigation.



**Mesch Clark & Rothschild** has announced that three attorneys have joined the firm. **Michael J. Crawford** practices construction, personal injury and bankruptcy. **Paul A. Loucks** practices construction and business law, and **David J. Hindman** focuses on litigation and bankruptcy matters.



**Randi V. Morrison** was promoted to senior vice president, general counsel and secretary of **CSK Auto Corp.**, one of the largest retailers of automotive parts in the United States.



**Carrie A. Kerksmar** has joined the **Kerksmar Law Firm PC**, and practices commercial litigation, construction defect and employment law.

**Tiffany & Bosco PA** has announced that two new attorneys have joined the firm. **Tabitha A. Jecmen** has joined the firm's litigation practice, and **Samantha C. Williams** has joined the firm's real estate group.



**Gallagher and Kennedy PA** announced that nine attorneys have joined the firm. They are:



**Kent D. Krabill**, **Suzette M. Long** and **Rhett B. Larson** (environmental and natural resources); **Dane Hague** and **Anda L. Lincoln** (business); **Jaelyn D. Malka** (land use and bankruptcy); **Cober C. Plucker** (commercial

litigation); **Janey Henze** (criminal defense); and **Andre E. Carman** (tax law).

**Scott R. Cook** has been elected partner at **Gordon & Rees LLP**, based in Las Vegas.



**Leta M. Hollon** and **John P. Ferlazzo** have joined the education law section of **Hufford Horstman Mongini Parnell & Tucker PC** in Flagstaff.



**Zwillinger & Georgelos** announced that four attorneys have joined the firm. **Patricia Magrath**, Of Counsel, and **Holly Dormeyer** practice real estate and business law. **Sara Wallace** and **Jesse Anderson** joined the firm's commercial and real estate litigation practice.



**Rita A. Meiser** has opened her own firm, **Rita A. Meiser PLC**, and will focus on adoption, employment defense and mediation issues. The firm is located at 1440 E. Missouri Ave., Suite 150,

Phoenix, AZ 85014.

**Sanders and Parks PC** has announced that firm ownership has been extended to attorneys

## PEOPLE

**Brett M. Hager, Debora L. Verdier and Julie D. Blumenreich.** The firm also welcomes **Michele G. Breit** as Of Counsel.



**Quarles & Brady Streich Lang**

announced that seven new associates have joined the firm. They are: **Nima Aghili** (labor and employment); **Katea M. Frey** (real estate); **Catherine M.**



**Guastello** (bankruptcy and creditor's rights); **Ryan Patterson** (commercial litigation); **Michelle A. Schultz** (corporate services); and **Ryan M. Schultz** and **Jaelyn L. Sepic** (litigation).



**SCARBOROUGH**



Phoenix attorney **Lawrence G. Scarborough** has been named managing partner of **Bryan Cave LLP** and continues to represent clients in class action, antitrust and intellectual property litigation.

## HONORS & AWARDS



**Ken Van Winkle**, managing partner of Lewis and Roca LLP, was appointed chairman of the board for **Banner Health Foundation**.

Fennemore Craig attorney **Cathy L.**

**Reece** has been elected vice president of membership of the **Turnaround Management Association**, an international organization dedicated to corporate renewal and turnaround management.

Attorney **Geoffrey Kercksmar** was appointed to the **City of Scottsdale Board of Adjustment**.



**Rob Kort**, a partner with Snell and Wilmer, was appointed to the board of the **Arizona Humane Society**.

**Ed Hendricks Sr.** of Meyer Hendricks PLLC in Phoenix and **Peter Akmajian** of Chandler & Udall LLP in Tucson were inducted as new fellows of the **American College of Trial Lawyers**.

**Hilary L. Barnes**, an associate with Quarles & Brady Streich Lang LLP, was elected to the board of the Maricopa County Chapter of the **Young Women's Christian Association** for 2006-07.



**Robert J. McWhirter** was elected to the **Criminal Justice Section Council of the American Bar Association (ABA)** for a three-year term. The ABA has also released the second edition of

McWhirter's book, **THE CRIMINAL LAWYER'S GUIDE TO IMMIGRATION LAW: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**.

The **Arizona Game and Fish Department** named Tucson attorney **Mick Rusing** as Environmentalist of the Year for his volunteer efforts benefiting wildlife and the mission of the Department.

Pima County Superior Court **Judge Leslie Miller** is chair of the Judicial Division of the **American Bar Association**.



Phoenix School of Law associate professor **Stephen Gerst** and visiting professor **Gerry Hess** were named **Teacher of the Year for 2005 and 2006**, respectively. In other news, assistant professor **Shandrea Solomon** was elected to the board of **Literacy Volunteers of Maricopa County**.



**Gretchen N. Jacobs**, an attorney with Greenberg Traurig LLP, was one of three recipients of the **Federated Human Service Co-op**



**Community Recognition Award**, recognizing community leaders who demonstrate outstanding achievement in self-determination and self-direction.

**John R. McDonald**, a shareholder with the Tucson firm DeConcini McDonald Yetwin & Lacy PC, has been named the first recipient of the **John R. McDonald Award for Outstanding Service to Arizona's Public Schools Through the Practice of Law**.

**Robert A. Royal**, an attorney with Tiffany & Bosco PA, has joined the board of the **Economic Club of Phoenix**, a group designed to enhance discussion of economic and business issues in the greater Phoenix area.

