

Class Notes

1977 Graves Class



Schuknecht, Ronald A., has joined the Traverse City, Mich., law office of Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge as a shareholder. He has more than 25 years of experience representing creditors and trustees in bankruptcy court. He also practices in the areas of real estate law, misdemeanor criminal defense, and family law.

1978 Marston Class



Garcia, Joseph A., has joined Honigman Miller Schwarz and Cohn LLP as a partner in the firm's Lansing, Mich., office. He formerly was a general managing partner with the lobbying firm of Karoub Associates. At Honigman, Mr. Garcia will provide clients with strategic solutions that involve the executive branch of government, the legislature, and regulators.

Kuhnmuellen, Nell, was voted Michigan's top lobbyist by an independent political survey. She was twice voted the state's most effective woman lobbyist. She formerly served as Chief of Staff for eight years for two different Democratic Speakers of the Michigan House of Representatives. She is known for her expertise on health care, insurance, and environmental issues.

1980 Bushnell Class

Neal, Stephanie, published, "Opening the Workplace to Service Animals, Not Pets," in *ADA Special Report* of the Society for Human Resource Management, in January 2009.

1980 Potter Class

Ross, Gregory S., was elected Judge of the 73A District Court in Sanilac County, Michigan, Nov. 4, 2008. He formerly was in private practice of law since 1980, emphasizing criminal defense, general civil litigation, family law, and probate.

1981 T.M. Kavanagh Class



Morse, David, was re-elected as Prosecuting Attorney for Livingston County, Mich., on Nov. 5, 2008. Beginning his sixth term, Mr. Morse is Livingston County's longest-serving prosecuting attorney. Phone: (517) 546-1850.

1983 O'Hara Class



Murkowski, the Hon. David M., Chief Judge of the Kent County Probate Court, was elected to the Michigan Probate Judges Association Board of Directors and appointed chairman of the board's Estates and Trusts committee. Judge Murkowski was also elected to the Council of the Probate and Estate Planning Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

1984 McAlvay Class

Vander Veen II, Richard F., is president of the Mackinaw Power and Michigan Sustainable Energy Coalition.

He and his partners formed Bay Windpower in 1999 and built the first privately financed commercial wind turbines in Michigan. In 2003 he formed Mackinaw Power, which is developing about \$500 million of new wind-power projects.

1985 T. Smith Class

Bowler, Nannette M., was appointed director of the Department of Family Services by the Fairfax (Virginia) County Department of Family Services. She previously served as Chief Judge of the Family Division for the 8th Judicial Circuit, Ionia County, Mich. She served as head of the Michigan Family Independence Agency, served as executive director of the Chance at Childhood: Law and Social Work Initiative at Michigan State University, was co-founder and executive director of the Children's Law Center, and legal counsel/executive director to the Michigan Commission on Children. Most recently, she was president of ConceiveX, in Saranac, Mich., an international medical device company focusing on new ideas in reproductive health care.

1987 Champlin Class



Davis, Mark A., was unanimously re-elected as President and CEO for his second, five-year term at Howard & Howard Attorneys, P.C. Mr. Davis concentrates his practice in business, real estate, securities, and tax law. He has extensive experience handling the acquisition, development, leasing, and disposition of automobile sales and service facilities across the United States. Mr. Davis also has substantial experience handling (1) acquisition, leasing, and disposition of industrial and commercial property; (2) acquisition and disposition of business operations in various industries, including manufacturers, distributors, retailers, and service providers; (3) registration statements under the Securities Act, and reporting requirements under the Exchange Act. He was associated with E.F. Hutton and with the Michigan Corporation and Securities Bureau, Enforcement Division, from 1987 to 1991.

1988 Martin Class

May, Berton, has been appointed as a hearing panelist to the Michigan Attorney Discipline Board. Mr. May is a member of the State Bar of Michigan Character & Fitness Committee. He practices at May & Sucher, PLLC, 5777 W. Maple Road, Suite 180, West Bloomfield, Mich. 48322. Phone: (248) 626-5555. He practices in most areas of criminal and civil litigation with a focus on professional liability and legal ethics. He is licensed in Michigan and Ohio.

1989 Copeland Class

Henne, Mark, has joined Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB) as an environmental manager, responsible for integrating in to the PB family, marketing and sales nationally and internationally, and leading multi-discipline teams to meet project/client goals. Phone: (517) 886-7419.

1991 Lawrence Class

Karasek, John, was honored in January 2009 with the U.S. Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award, one of the Navy's highest civilian honors, and the highest civilian honor that the Commanding Officer of the Naval Research Laboratory can confer. He is an Associate Patent Counsel at the

Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C., where he supervises a staff of Navy patent attorneys.

Meyer, John, is a partner in the firm of Foster Quan LLP in Houston, Texas. The firm, now the nation's second largest law firm devoted exclusively to immigration law, was formed with the Jan. 1, 2009 merger of Tindal & Foster PC and Quan, Burdette & Perez PC.

1991 Krinock Class

Steiner Applegate, Carol, has been named director of programs and services at the Business Ownership Initiative of Indiana and its Central Indiana Women's Business Center. She previously served as an adjunct professor of medical law and ethics at the University of Indianapolis and owned the Law Office of Carol Steiner for 10 years.

1993 Moore Class



Keilitz, Kirsten, has joined the Traverse City, Mich., law office of Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge as a shareholder. She focuses her practice primarily on the area of family law, including domestic relations, divorce, child custody, pre-nuptial and post-nuptial planning, and facilitative mediation.

1994 Person Class



Clark, James, has been re-elected to the Board of Directors of Messerli & Kramer P.A. with offices in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Plymouth, Minn. In addition, Mr. Clark has been elected Chair of the Messerli & Kramer Foundation, a 501(c)(3), whose mission is to financially assist and support Minnesota communities in their attempts to eliminate the disparities in healthcare and education; thereby, improving the quality of life experienced by low-income and disadvantaged individuals and families.

Dulan, Steven, spoke to the Conservative Law Society at the MSU School of Law regarding Michigan firearm's law and the 2nd Amendment on March 2, 2009. He also testified before the Michigan House Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources Committee in his capacity as a member of the board of directors of the Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners regarding legislation that would change the definition of "pistol" under Michigan law to coincide with federal statute. Mr. Dulan is an adjunct professor at Cooley. Mr. Dulan operates The Law Offices of Steven W. Dulan, PLC, 1750 E. Grand River, Suite 101, East Lansing, MI 48823. Phone: (517) 333-7132.

Williams, Michael P., Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel for Sunteck Transport Group, spoke at the Transportation Intermediaries Association's annual conference April 4, 2009, in San Antonio, Texas. He participated in a plenary session entitled "Who's Growing and How."

1997 Voelker Class

Descutner, Joy, was inducted by Wheeling Jesuit University into its Athletic Hall of Fame. She is a 1992 graduate of the school and a women's soccer two-time All-Region and Regional All-American. She is self-employed as a certified training consultant for case management software in the legal field in the Pittsburgh, Penn., area.

1997 Fellows Class

Novay, Christian, was named a Partner at Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP in Chicago. Wilson Elser has 20 U.S.-based offices and provides clients with international capabilities through a network of affiliate firms in France, Germany, and Mexico. The firm has 750 lawyers and serves clients in six of the seven continents.

1998 Sharpe Class

Kranz, Roy, has accepted a position as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, working in the Bay City, Mich., office. He formerly served as Chief Assistant Prosecutor for Isabella County, Mich.

1998 McDonald Class



Fultz, Karen D., of Cozen O'Connor, recently served as a panelist for the Emory University School of Law's Legal Association of Women Students (LAWS) biennial seminar, which focused on the issues that affect female attorneys.

A member in the firm's Atlanta office, Fultz focuses her practice on subrogation and recovery matters. Her practice also includes family law matters such as divorce, child custody, family adoptions, and child support. She is the coordinator for the Atlanta office's *pro bono* program and provides legal assistance for the underprivileged and unrepresented community in the state of Georgia in partnership with Georgia Legal Services and the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyer Foundation.

1999 Flannigan Class

Zyble, Tricia (Farrell), and her husband Mark announce the birth of their son, John Ryan Zyble, born on Aug. 18, 2008. He joins siblings Mark II, Nick, Katie, Olivia, and Ava. The family resides in Richmond, Mich.

1999 Fead Class



Walker, Earl H., was selected as a "Professional on the Fast Track" in Houston Texas by *H Texas Magazine*. He is senior counsel at Jackson Waller in the firm's Houston office, practicing general civil litigation involving real estate, construction, personal injury, estates, toxic waste, breach of contract, and debtor/creditor issues.

2000 Jay Class

Mendham, Robert, has joined the Cheboygan County (Michigan) Prosecutor's Office as an Assistant Prosecutor. He previously served as Chief Assistant Prosecutor for Otsego County, Mich., and has assisted in the prosecutor's office in Emmet County (Michigan). He formerly was a trooper with the Michigan State Police.

2001 Wilson Class

Ambrozaitis, Michelle, was elected Prosecutor of Clare County, Mich. Most recently she was in private practice. Previously, she was Chief Assistant Prosecutor in Clare County and also formerly was an Assistant Prosecutor in Cass County, Mich.

Parker, Julie A., a founding owner of the Sarasota, Fla., law firm Parker Law Group, has been appointed to the board of directors for Easter Seals of Southwest Florida. She practices in the area of personal injury law.

2002 Chase Class



Boyle, Michael J., was promoted to the position of Senior Trial Attorney with the Barone Defense Firm. The firm's primary focus is to help persons charged with alcohol-or drug-impaired driving. With his promotion, Mr. Boyle takes a more active role in the training and mentorship of the firm's junior trial lawyers. He is certified as a practitioner of the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests and in the use of BAC Tracker software. He is a 2006 graduate of the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan Trial Lawyer's College.

2002 Paterson Class

Donaldson, Brett T., has been elected as a member of The Cavanagh Law Firm, in Phoenix, Ariz., by the firm's board of directors. He practices primarily in the areas of insurance defense, criminal law, and general litigation.

2003 Swainson Class

Baluch, Laura A., has been named a partner with the law firm Barrick, Switzer, Long, Balsley & Van Evera, LLP, in Rockford, Ill. She concentrates her practice in the areas of personal injury, complex family law, and dissolution of marriage litigation. Phone: (815) 962-6611.

Roggenbuck, Amanda L., of Unionville, Mich., has been selected by the Michigan State University Michigan Political Leadership Program. The political leadership fellowship involves a public policy and leadership training program that runs annually from February through November. She owns and operates Amanda L. Roggenbuck & Associates, PLLC, in Cass City, Mich.

2004 Cross Class

Tlaib, Rashida, was elected to the Michigan legislature in November 2008, becoming the first Muslim woman to hold a seat in the Michigan House of Representatives.

2006 Reid Class

Ameika, Ashley E., has joined the Wigger Law Firm in North Charleston, S.C., as an associate attorney. Previously she was with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP. She practices in the areas of personal injury, workers' compensation, employment, Social Security, disability, estate planning, and incorporation.

2006 Edwards Class

Alifo, Eric, is a Judicial Systems Monitor for the United Nations Mission in Liberia.

Welsh, Patrick F., of Denver, Colo., has been named as a deputy district attorney for the 14th Judicial District Attorney's Office in Moffat County, Colo. He handles lower level felonies and Moffat County Court misdemeanors.

2006 Fitzgerald Class

Trevino-Savala, Marcelina, has been named Director of Migrant Affairs for the state of Michigan. Previously, she was in private practice and was a senior staff assistant for the Michigan State University College Assistance Migrant Program.

2007 Fisher Class

Cuthbertson, Jeff, was named mayor of Rochester, Mich., by his fellow city council members. He is an attorney with Secrest Wardle. He focuses his practice on municipal law, estate planning, and real estate.

2007 Boston Class



Gozdzik, Dorothy, has joined the Garden City, New York-based law office of Michael L. Pfeifer as Of Counsel. The firm concentrates in the areas of elder law, special needs planning, and estate planning.

2008 C.Adams Class



Ahmad, Mohammad, has joined the Cook County State's Attorney's Office in Chicago, Ill. as an assistant state's attorney.



Garlinghouse, Laura J., has joined the Grand Rapids, Mich., office of Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C., as an associate in the firm's General Litigation Group.

obituaries

1976 Cooley Class

Come, Donald R., 87, formerly of Lansing, Mich., died Sept. 14, 2008 from cancer complications. He was a resident of Sarasota, Fla., since 1998, and was an active member of his community.

1976 Campbell Class

Fitzke, Robert, 82, died Oct. 30, 2008. He was a retired East Lansing attorney, former lobbyist, and the first Executive Director of Delta Dental of Michigan.

1979 Butzel Class

Whalen, James Lee, of Burton, Mich., 56, died Sept. 5, 2008. He operated a private law practice for 26 years, served as Interim Director of the Bishop Airport Authority in the early 1980s, and was a former city attorney for Flint, Mich.

1981 Dethmers Class

Flanagan, Dan C., 58, died Nov. 4, 2008. He was an attorney with the Illinois Department of Employment Security. He was active with Home-wood-Flossmoor Youth Soccer and the Illinois Women's Soccer League.

1995 Bird Class

Kettell Sr., Charles Allan, 51, of Clearwater, Fla., died Sept. 15, 2008. He served for eight years with the Clearwater Police Department, where he won a medal for bravery for saving his sergeant's life during a hostage situation. He was formerly a S/Sgt in the U.S. Air Force, where he served as a firefighter.

2008 E. Sharpe Class

Ikeh, Olive, died Jan. 5, 2009, as the result of a car accident while visiting her family in Nigeria.

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