

# classnotes

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## 1976 Cooley Class

**Nolan, Lawrence P.**, was elected unanimously by the board of the Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society as its treasurer. He has been a member of the society's board of directors since 1991. He is also a member of the Thomas M. Cooley Law School Board of Directors, where he is vice chairman. He maintains his law practice in Eaton Rapids, Mich. where he is the founder and president of Nolan, Thomsen & Villas, PC.

**Silberman, Jared**, was recently promoted to the rank of Captain in the U.S. Navy Reserve JAG. He also received an appointment as an adjunct professor at Marymount University in Arlington, Va., in the School of Business' MBA program. Phone: (202) 685-7024; e-mail: <silberman.jared@hq.navy.mil>.

**Sutton, Jerry**, is the managing partner of SuttonAdvisors, PLC, in Lansing, Mich. The firm provides investment, estate, and tax planning services. He is a member of the Thomas M. Cooley Law School Alumni Board of Governors. Linda L. Sutton, CFP (Dethmers Class, 1981), joins her husband as partner. Phone: (517) 487-5555; e-mail: <email@suttonadvisors.com>.



**1976 Campbell Class**  
**DeVries, Kenneth J.**, was named associate vice president for development of the Western Michigan University Development Office. He has been director of planned giving services at WMU since 1989.

## 1976 Fletcher Class

**Jacokes, Paul H.**, was appointed referee for Macomb County Friend of the Court. Phone: (810) 469-5959; e-mail: <pjacokossr@yahoo.com>.

## 1977 Felch Class

**Bello, Mark M.**, is attorney/director of a three-year-old firm that represents people who invest money in pending litigation to assist plaintiffs and their attorneys in seeing litigation through to its conclusion. The firm is devoted to "helping David fight Goliath." The firm, Lawsuit Financial, LLC, is at 29777 Telegraph Rd., Suite 1310, Southfield, Mich. 48034. E-mail: <mbello@mediaone.net> or <lawsuitllc@yahoo.com>.

## 1978 Marston Class

**Charland, Gerald**, has moved his practice from Kalamazoo, Mich. to Elk Rapids, Mich. Phone: (231) 264-0617.

**Charney, Elaine**, was made director of the Michigan Department of State's News Bureau of Traffic Safety. In this capacity, she oversees all of the department's driver safety programs. Phone: (517) 241-4807; e-mail: <charneye@state.mi.us>.

## 1978 Kelly Class

**Reynolds, Frank**, was appointed by the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court as an attorney member of the Magistrate Judge Education Advisory Committee for the Federal Judicial Center. He is one of only two attorneys in the nation to be appointed to the committee, which works with the Federal Judicial Center on issues concerning programs for magistrate judges. He and his Lansing, Mich. -based law firm specialize in state and federal criminal cases and also mediate domestic custody/divorce cases. He is also vice chairman of the Thomas M. Cooley Law School Innocence Project, and is assigned to the first pro bono Innocence case under the new DNA testing law enacted in January 2001.

## 1979 Clark Class

**Branch, Raymond J.**, along with Michael D. Perkins (Bushnell Class, 1980), John K. Folts (Sharpe Class, 1998), and Douglas I. Buck II, announce the formation of Branch, Buck, Folts & Perkins, PLC, specializing in employment law, family law, civil litigation, bankruptcy, and municipal law. The firm is located at G-5161 E. Court St. North, Burton, Mich. 48509. Phone: (810) 733-8790; e-mail: <bflaw3@aol.com>.

## 1980 Potter Class

**Casey, Nan Elizabeth**, has joined the firm of Fraser Trebilcock Davis & Dunlap, PC, with offices in Lansing and Detroit, Mich. Nan, who joined as a shareholder, will continue her focus on family law in the firm's Domestic Relations Department. She is also a court-appointed mediator, president of Ele's Place, and a member of the board of directors of Capitol National Bank.

## 1980 Bushnell Class

**Cagle, Mary (Terpstra)**, recently testified before the U.S. House Committee on Government Reform. She is spending some of the summer with her family in Italy. Mary is Deputy Chief of Dade County, Florida's State Attorney's Organized Crime and Public Corruption Division. Phone: (305) 547-0668.

**Perkins, Michael D.**, along with Raymond I. Branch (Clark Class, 1979), John K. Folts (Sharpe Class, 1998), and with Douglas I. Buck II, announce the formation of Branch, Buck, Folts & Perkins, PLC, specializing in employment law, family law, civil litigation, bankruptcy, and municipal law. The firm is located at G-5161 E. Court St. North, Burton, Mich. 48509. Phone: (810) 733-8790; e-mail: <bflaw3@aol.com>.

## 1981 Dethmers Class

**Sutton, Linda L.**, CFP, is a partner of SuttonAdvisors, Inc., in Lansing, Mich. The firm provides investment, estate, and tax planning services. Her husband, Jerry Sutton (Cooley Class, 1976), joins her as managing partner. Phone: (517) 487-5555; e-mail: <email@suttonadvisors.com>.

## 1982 Wing Class

**Busch, Arthur A.**, participated in a roundtable at the American Academy of Criminal Justice's annual conference in Washington, D.C., in April 2001. The topic was School Violence: Law Enforcement's Response. He was re-elected in November 2000 to a third term as the Genesee County (Michigan) Prosecutor.

**Rozycki, Kent**, has formed a partnership with John D. Foresman and Douglas J. Donaldson in the practice of law. The firm is called Foresman, Donaldson & Rozycki, PLLC. E-mail: <kent@fdrlaw.com>.

## 1982 Brooke Class

**Hollingsworth, Jerome**, of Naples, Fla., died Friday, April 27, 2001, after an illness of several years.

**Rosen, Mary Pat**, of Detroit, Mich., along with Dave Christenson of Detroit and Sean Drew of Niles, Mich., obtained a \$5 million verdict against GM in a products liability claim involving a defective seatbelt. The verdict was reduced to \$3.8 million - comparative 25 percent. Berrien County.

**1983 O'Hara Class**

**Peacock, Peter W.**, was named president-elect of the Macomb County Bar Association. He will assume the presidency of the association in July 2002. He is a shareholder at Plunkett & Cooney, PC. He focuses his practice in the areas of municipal, products, and general liability.



**Wood, Jeffrey J.**, is vice president of the Cooley Pennsylvania Alumni Association Executive Committee. He was also recognized for volunteer services to Hershey Medical Center Emergency Care.

**1983 Chandler Class**

**Leynaud, George**, is treasurer of the Cooley Illinois Alumni Association Executive Committee.

**1983 Blair Class**

**Nettles-Nickerson, Beverley**, was honored by the Lansing Black Lawyers Association in April at their annual scholarship banquet. Those in attendance included Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, former Michigan Attorney General Frank Kelley, and former Michigan Gov. James Blanchard. She is a judge in 54-A District Court in Lansing, Mich.

**1984 McAlvay Class**

**Teperman, Bruce**, is vice president of the Cooley New York Alumni Association Executive Committee.

**1984 Carr Class**

**Wilson, Candace L.**, has formed a partnership in the practice of law with Christopher B. Brown (Flannigan Class, 1999). The Wilson and Brown Law Offices, PLLC, at 4151 Okemos Rd., Suite 100, Okemos, Mich. 48864, continues to provide representation primarily in the areas of commercial and residential real estate, and landlord-tenant. Additionally, it provides representation in the areas of small business, entity formation, probate and domestic relations. Phone: (517) 349-8500.

**1984 Manning Class**

**Mengebier, David G.**, was elected senior vice president of governmental and public affairs of CMS Energy Corp. He previously served as vice president of governmental and international affairs, with management responsibility for CMS' Washington, D.C. office. David, his wife, Molly, and their three daughters will relocate to Ann Arbor, Mich.

**1985 Smith Class**

**Bridson, Brian J.**, recently completed the rigorous requirements of certification and is now a Microsoft Certified System Engineer as

well as a Microsoft Certified Trainer. Phone: (810) 766-4144; e-mail: <bridson@teacher.com>.

**1985 Morell Class**

**Carlson, Nancy Lee**, was elected to the Illinois District 15 School Board for a four-year term. She is in private practice in Inverness, Ill. E-mail: <nancyleecarlson@email.msn.com>.

**1987 Champlin Class**

**Fox, Mark R.**, and his wife, Anita G. Fox, announce the birth of their third child, Gregory Aaron (Rory) Fox, born on December 28, 2000. Mark is a partner and chairman of the litigation department of Fraser Trebilcock Davis & Dunlap. The firm has offices in Lansing and Detroit, Mich. Mark focuses in the areas of commercial and intellectual property litigation. Anita is a partner with Willingham & Coté. Phone: (517) 482-5800; e-mail: <mfox@fraserlawfirm.com>.

**Hanson, R. Richard**, joined the law firm of Hettinger & Hettinger, PC, 7215 S. Westnedge Ave., Portage, Mich. 49002. He concentrates in the area of family law, Social Security benefits, and workers compensation. Phone: (800) 294-5055.

**Wilson, Barry A.**, is the chief operating officer of EC2, the Annenberg Incubator Project at the University of Southern California, which helps nurture early-stage information technology companies.

**1987 Grant Class**

**Castagne, Catherine M.**, was elected as Cheboygan County Prosecuting Attorney. She served as Chief Assistant Prosecutor for the county from 1987 to 2000. Phone: (231) 627-8450.

**1988 Pratt Class**

**Kruppstadt, Christine**, announces her new job as a Corporate Training Administrator for Castle Constructors, Inc., in Iron Mountain, Mich. She also announces the birth of her son, Kyle Christopher, born on February 19, 2000. E-mail: <ckrupp@up.net>.

**Pawluk, Daniel**, is a shareholder holding a seat on the board of directors at Spectral Learning, Inc., an E-learning company located in East Lansing, Mich. He serves as general counsel for the corporation, which develops E-learning program solutions. Phone: (517) 332-7000; e-mail: <dpawluk@spectrallearning.com>.

**1988 Martin Class**

**May, Berton K.**, and Bruce A. Sucher are the principals in the newly formed law firm of May & Sucher, PLLC, at 6230 Orchard Lake Rd., Suite 294, West Bloomfield, Mich. 48322. Phone: (248) 539-8483; e-mail: <bkmay@aol.com>.

**1989 Douglass Class**

Butera, Lucia (Provenzano), works with her husband at the couple's firm, Butera Law Offices, PC, 728 N. Main St., Rockford, Ill. She also announces the birth of her third child, Francesca Nicole, who joins brothers Richard (5) and Michael (3 1/2). Phone: (815) 962-9996; e-mail: <luesq1@aol.com>.

**Gallenthin, George A. III**, is president of the Cooley Pennsylvania Alumni Association Executive Committee.

**Hampton, Warren A.**, is treasurer of the Cooley Pennsylvania Alumni Association Executive Committee.

**1989 Johnson Class**

**Shaw, William G.**, is treasurer of the Cooley Texas Alumni Association Executive Committee.

**1990 Bacon Class**

**DeSander, Marguerita**, was promoted in July to Executive Director of Human Resources for Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools and has been invited to give a presentation on "The Confidentiality of Personnel Records and the Impact of FOIA Exemptions" at The National Education Institute at the College of William and Mary in November 2001. Phone: (757) 253-6766; e-mail: <desanderm@wjcc.k12.va.us>.

**1990 Wilson Class**

**Carlson, Kurt M.**, former in-house commercial litigation counsel for Manufacturers Bank and Comerica Bank, has become a shareholder of the Tishler & Wald, Ltd. law firm, 200 S. Wacker Dr., Suite 2600, Chicago, Ill. 60606. He continues to concentrate his practice in bankruptcy and complex federal litigation matters. Phone: (312) 876-3800; e-mail: <carlsonesq@aol.com>.

**Philo, Cynthia M.**, is secretary of the Cooley Pennsylvania Alumni Association Executive Committee.

**1990 Witherell Class**

**Cox, William D. III**, is president of the Cooley Texas Alumni Association Executive Committee.

**1991 Turner Class**

**Leibowitz, Sonya L.**, was elected president of the Calhoun County (Michigan) Bar Association. She was also appointed to the position of Domestic Relations Referee with the Calhoun County Circuit Court. Phone: (616) 969-6562.

**Nocita, John F.**, is president of the Cooley Illinois Alumni Association Executive Committee.

### 1991 Lawrence Class

**Verburg, Marcia Nawrocki**, is vice president of the Cooley Illinois Alumni Association Executive Committee.

### 1992 McGrath Class

**Surgener, Brian W.**, has joined the law office of Hubbard, Fox, Thomas, White & Bengston, PC, practicing in the firm's Litigation Division.

### 1992 Durand Class

**Denena, Frank A. II**, is vice president of the Cooley Texas Alumni Association Executive Committee.

### 1994 Williams Class

**Botwinik, Phil**, assisted with corporate sponsorship and player registration for Kids' Chance, Inc., an organization that provides educational scholarships for children of Georgia's seriously injured workers. The group hosted its fifth annual tennis tournament fundraiser in May 2001.

Phone: (404) 881-1515, ext. 206;  
e-mail: <philb@peachcity.com>.

**Graves, L. Page**, joined the firm of Sinas, Dramis, Brake, Boughton & McIntire, PC, as an associate specializing in serious personal injury and wrongful death. Phone: (517) 394-7500; e-mail: <pagegraves@voyager.net>.

**Pazner, Eric**, has opened his own practice, doing business as Fathers for Equal Rights in Divorce (FRED), at 4000 Town Center, Suite 1035, Southfield, Mich. 48075. He practices solely in the area of domestic relations and family law for male clients. Phone: (248) 355-0003.

### 1994 Person Class

**Schwartz, Ken**, is a criminal defense attorney in Clayton, Mo. His daughter, Diana Margaret, turned 1 year, on July 5, 2001. Phone: (314) 863-4654; e-mail: <schwartz@gtw.net>.

### 1996 Stone Class

**DeGroat, Eric**, has joined the firm of Howard & Howard in the Bloomfield Hills, Mich. office, concentrating his practice in real estate matters. Most recently, he was in-house counsel at K-mart Corp., concentrating in real estate matters. Previously, he was an attorney with Michigan Gov. John Engler's Legal Division, and an attorney and hearing referee for the Michigan Tax Tribunal.



**Fonfrias, Richard**, is secretary of the Illinois Alumni Association Executive Committee.

**Gair, Daniel**, is treasurer of the Cooley New York Alumni Association Executive Committee.

**Neal, Earl-Ray**, announces the opening of a second location of Davis & Neal, PSC. The firm offices are at 226 N. 2nd St., Richmond, Ky., and 200 Main St., Irvine, Ky. 40336. Davis & Neal is a three-attorney, full-service law firm. Mr. Neal focuses his practice in criminal defense. Phone: (859) 624-8858 and (606) 726-9991.

**Raisner, David**, announces the birth of a son, Dirk Cooley Raisner, born on June 15, 2001. The baby weighed in at 10 lbs., 2 oz.

**Wagner, Harley O.**, has become a partner in the Law Office of Kevin D. Mills in Martinsburg, W. V. The firm deals with criminal defense on the state and federal level.

### 1996 Moody Class

**Paradiso, Ralph**, is stationed at Aviano Air Base in Italy. He is Chief, Labor & Environmental Law, handling all international law issues related to these areas. He was recently honored as Tactical Defense Officer for 2000, the first JAG to win it. Phone: 39-0434-66-7843; e-mail: <ralph.paradiso@aviano.af.mil>.

### 1996 Black Class

**Quanbeck, Kirsten**, has accepted a new position as Associate Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, Title IX Sexual Harassment Officer, with the University of California-Irvine.

**Scharlacken, Lorna (Tarr)**, and her husband, John, announce the birth of their daughter, Kate Irene, born on November 11, 2000. E-mail: <lorna.scharlacken@srz.com>.

### 1997 Voelker Class

**Berry, Chad**, now works for the firm of Jones, Davis & Byers, LLP, as an associate attorney. He practices in the areas of commercial and business litigation. Phone: (972) 733-3117; e-mail: <cberry@jdb-law.com>.

**Buquicchio, Steven T.**, and his wife, Kelly, announce the birth of their first child, Spencer Steven, born on June 23, 2001. Spencer weighed in at 8 lbs., 5 oz., and measured 21½ inches. Phone: (616) 940-1190; e-mail: <steven@stengerlaw.com>.

**Gambrell, Todd M.**, started the firm of Cline, Close, Dyer & Gambrell, at 4604 N. Saginaw, Midland, Mich. 48640, concentrating on estate planning and IRS controversies. Phone: (989) 832-1770; e-mail: <imgambrell@yahoo.com>.

**Kilroy, Kelly (Garner)**, married Donald Kilroy on October 27, 2000. She continues to

practice with Garner & Garner, PA, in Laurel, Md. Phone: (301) 490-5565.

**Romano, Karen M.**, announces the opening of her law office, at 412 Boardman - Canfield Rd., Boardman, Ohio 44512. She operates a general practice with an emphasis on family law, bankruptcy law, criminal law, general civil litigation, and DUI. Phone: (330) 726-8669; e-mail: <kromano3941@cs.com>.

### 1997 Fellows Class

**Gonko, Marianne**, has accepted a position as Director of the Immigration Department for Friendly House, Inc., a non-profit organization serving the needs of the greater Phoenix, Ariz., area. She's been director since January 2000, and worked as a staff attorney since January 1999. Phone: (602) 257-1870; e-mail: <marianneg@friendlyhouse.org>.

**Kairalla, Mark D.**, has opened his own firm, Glenn, Tittle & Kairalla, PA, at 4 Harvard Circle, Suite 600, West Palm Beach, Fla. 33409. The firm focuses on civil trial litigation, including personal injury, commercial and business disputes, domestic matters, and real estate transaction work. Phone: (561) 687-7235; e-mail: <mdkairalla@glennitittle.com>.

**Menes, Nonye (Jude)**, is secretary of the Cooley Texas Alumni Association Executive Committee.

**Schenk, Joseph H. M. Jr.**, holds an LL.M. in litigation and dispute resolution from George Washington University. He is employed as an assistant public defender in Martinsville, Va., specializing in juvenile representation.

**Young, Gary**, is secretary for the Cooley New York Alumni Association Executive Committee.

### 1998 Sharpe Class

**Folts, John K.**, along with Michael D. Perkins (Bushnell Class, 1980), Raymond Branch (Clark Class, 1979), and Douglas I. Buck II, announce the formation of Branch, Buck, Folts & Perkins, PLC, specializing in employment law, family law, civil litigation, bankruptcy, and municipal law. The firm is located at G-5161 E. Court St. North, Burton, Mich. 48509. Phone: (810) 733-8790; e-mail: <bflaw3@aol.com>.

**Hutson, Brenda K.**, is an attorney for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, in Detroit, Mich. She received the Distinguished Service Medal for her work on the Branch Davidian-David Koresh case in Washington, D.C., and Waco, Texas. The ceremony was held in Washington, D.C.

**Larson, Mark A.**, joined the firm of Vinton Nissler Allen & Vellone, PC, at 1600 South St., Suite 1100, Denver, Colo. 80202, and will concentrate his practice in complex commercial litigation. Phone: (303) 534-4499; e-mail: <mlarson@vnavlaw.com>.

### 1998 McDonald Class

**Klohn, James A.**, has joined Prosperity Partners, Inc., as corporate counsel. The firm is a purchaser of lottery winnings, annuities and structured settlements. Phone: (800) 938-6400; e-mail: <j.klohn@ppicash.com>.

**Ness, David M.**, is with the firm of Kuehn & Keppler in St. Paul, Minn. The firm specializes in estate planning. He also serves as general counsel for Sons of Norway Insurance Co., headquartered in Minneapolis, Minn. Phone: (651) 222-2586; e-mail: <dness@kandklawyers.com>.

**Siebrecht, Aaron**, is Assistant Marion County (Iowa) Attorney. He married Cathleen (Schaffner) Siebrecht (McDonald, 1998) Oct. 8, 1999.

**Siebrecht, Cathleen (Schaffner)**, is a general practice attorney with Borseth, Genest & Suddreth, a four-member law firm in Des Moines, Iowa. She married Aaron Siebrecht (McDonald, 1998) Oct. 8, 1999.

### 1999 Snow Class

**Catalano, A. Joseph**, is president of the Cooley New York Alumni Association Executive Committee.

**Kalinowski, Joseph P.**, maintains his private practice in Scranton, Penn., concentrating on criminal defense, family law, and bankruptcy. He is also employed as an assistant public defender for Lackawanna County, Penn. Joseph and his wife, Natalie, also announce the birth of their first child, Jacob Matthew, born on June 21, 2001.

**Kampa-Kokesch, Duane**, has joined the Office of the Corporation Counsel in Washington, D.C. The office represents the government of the District of Columbia in civil and criminal matters. He practices in the Abuse and Neglect Section of the Family Services Division. He formerly served as an assistant prosecuting attorney for Calhoun County in Battle Creek, Mich. Phone: (202) 442-9832.

**Kratenstein, Brian S.**, joined the law firm of Kirschenbaum & Kirschenbaum, PC, in Garden City, N.Y., specializing in commercial litigation, labor law, and debt collection. Brian also announces the birth of his first nephew, Adam Kratenstein, born on April 12, 2001. E-mail: <litigationattorney@hotmail.com>.

### 1999 Flannigan Class

**Brown, Christopher B.**, has formed a partnership in the practice of law with Candace L. Wilson (Carr Class, 1984). The Wilson and Brown Law Offices, PLLC, at 4151 Okemos Rd., Suite 100, Okemos, Mich. 48864, continues to provide representation primarily in the areas of commercial and residential real estate, and landlord-tenant. Additionally, it provides representation in the areas of small business, entity formation, probate and domestic relations. Phone: (517) 349-8500.

**Reddin, Michelle**, is a member of the Tampa, Fla., law firm of Forizs & Dogali, PL. She practices exclusively in construction law. In March 2001, she joined the American Council for Construction Education as a member of the accreditation team on its visit to Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville to assess the possibility of accrediting its construction program. She is also the 2001-2002 Vice-President of the National Association of Women in Construction, Tampa Chapter. E-mail: <mreddin@forizs-dogali.com>.

### 1999 Fead Class

**Guminski, Janet L.**, has relocated to Gaylord, Mich., where she opened the Law Office of Janet L. Guminski, 905 N. Center Ave., PO Box 1243, Gaylord, Mich. 49734. E-mail: <jguminski@northland.lib.mi.us>.

**Nezswiek, Kurt R.**, is now an associate at Schenk & Boncher law firm in Grand Rapids, Mich. He concentrates on family law, property law, and personal injury. Phone: (616) 647-8277; e-mail: <nezswiek@aol.com>.

**Stratton, Tim**, was elected to a six-year term to the McHenry County College Board of Trustees Community College District 528 in the Illinois consolidated municipal election. Phone: (815) 459-8100; e-mail: <timstratton@prodigy.net>.

### 1999 Weadock Class

**Atkinson, Rick**, has opened a practice with Chad Brown (Flannigan Class, 1999), at 4700 S. Hagadorn Rd., East Lansing, Mich. 48823. Phone: (517) 336-7000.

**Courtright, Paul**, and Juhl, Dawn, were married January 21, 2001, in Orlando Fla. The couple lives in Altamonte Springs, Fla. E-mail: <pctril@juno.com>.

**Morse, David R.**, joined the firm of Fox & Associates Co., LPA, in Dayton, Ohio. Fox & Associates is a general practice firm serving clients in central and western Ohio. David has been admitted to the Federal 6th Circuit Court. Phone: (937) 258-3668; e-mail: <dmorse101@aol.com>.

**Sommers, Jay**, opened his own law practice at 1503 Grady St., Davenport, Iowa, 52803-4655, specializing in bankruptcy, personal injury, family law, real estate, and criminal defense. Phone: (563) 323-6440; e-mail: <jesquire@aol.com>.

**Tusar, Erika**, started a new position with Legal Aid and Defender Association as a Wayne County Public Defender in Detroit, Mich. Phone: (313) 965-4384, ext. 262.

### 2000 Rutledge Class

**Acho, Jim**, has joined the firm of Cummings, McCloy, Davis & Acho, PLC, as an associate. He focuses his practice on labor and employment, personal injury, and sports law.

**Ellenstein, Robert L.**, joined the Jaques Admiralty Law Firm in Detroit, Mich., as an associate. Phone: (313) 961-1080; e-mail: <respertfor3@aol.com>.

**Johnson, Cory**, was hired as an Assistant Prosecutor for Van Buren County (Michigan). Phone: (616) 637-5177; e-mail: <johnsonc@vbco.org>.

**Upshaw, Geoffrey**, has joined the law firm of Reed Stover, PC, in Kalamazoo, Mich., as an associate. Phone: (616) 381-3600.

**Yannelis, Maria**, is a policy adviser (securities) for the Industrial and Financial Policy Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Finance in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. E-mail: myannelis@hotmail.com>.

### 2000 Cushing Class

**Couch, P. Brian**, has joined the firm of Crawford Law Offices, now entitled Crawford and Couch Attorneys at Law, in Corbin, Ky. Practice areas include corporate law, personal injury, workers' compensation, family law, estate planning, bankruptcy, and criminal law. Phone: (606) 523-1950; e-mail: <bcouch@tcnet.net>.

**Pirrota, Salvatore W.**, has joined the Grand Rapids, Mich., law firm of Miller, Johnson, Snell & Cumiskey, PLC, as an attorney handling litigation matters. Phone: (616) 831-1700.

**Harrison, Brian D.**, has joined Howard & Howard Attorneys, PC, in the firm's Bloomfield Hills, Mich., office. He concentrates his practice in commercial litigation.

