

## Partners Notes

### Constance B. Foster Named Chair Of Saul Ewing Business Department

Constance B. Foster, Harrisburg Office managing partner of Saul Ewing LLP, was recently named chair of the firm's Business Department.

Ms. Foster previously served as vice chair of the Business Department and is co-chair of the Insurance Industry Service Team. In her legal practice, Ms. Foster concentrates on insurance, health and business law. She served as State Insurance Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from 1987 to 1992. Her practice includes providing corporate and regulatory advice on new insurance companies, financially troubled insurers, and regulatory issues, as well as coverage disputes and matters involving insurers in liquidation or rehabilitation.

Designated a 2005 "Pennsylvania Super Lawyer," named to the 2005 list of "The Best Lawyers in America," and named one of Pennsylvania's Best 50 Women in Business, Ms. Foster is a member of the board of directors of the United Way of the Capital Region.

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Suzanne S. Mayes, a partner in the Public Finance Department of Saul Ewing LLP in the Philadelphia office, was recently granted membership to an exclusive organization of women busi-



**Constance B. Foster**



**Suzanne S. Mayes**

ness leaders in the Philadelphia region, The Forum of Executive Women. Founded in 1977, The Forum of Executive Women is a membership organization of 300 women of influence in Greater Philadelphia.

Ms. Mayes concentrates her practice in municipal finance and project finance law, including economic development, single, multi-family and senior housing, transportation, government, and education.

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William W. Uchimoto, a partner in the Business Department of Saul Ewing and an adjunct faculty member of the Washington, DC-based International Law Institute (ILI), presented a one-day seminar to more than 15 foreign financial professionals on capital market topics.

### Nixon Peabody Names Stacey Slater As Firm's First Pro Bono Partner

Stacey Slater, who has been a litigator at Nixon Peabody for the past 10 years, has been named the firm's first pro bono partner. She will administer the firm's expanding pro bono program, and head Nixon Peabody's Pro Bono Committee, which meets regularly and consists of at least one partner from most of the firm's 16 offices.

In a statement announcing the appointment, Nixon Peabody said the move demonstrates the firm's dedication to pro bono work and its desire to

give back to the community.

Through her work with Human Rights First, Ms. Slater has successfully represented several refugee clients seeking asylum in the United States including a monk from Tibet, two young men from Sudan and the Republic of Congo, and a young woman from The Gambia. In these cases, the clients seeking asylum were fleeing persecution in their homelands and would have faced arrest, torture and possible execution if deported.

### Connell Foley Partner Named To Magazine's Top 100 Attorneys List

Anthony F. Vitiello, chairman of the Taxation and Estate Planning Group at Connell Foley LLP, has been named by the editors of *Worth* magazine in its list of the nation's Top 100 Attorneys.

The list, which is featured in the December issue, is the culmination of a year of extensive research by *Worth's* editorial staff. The editors reviewed hundreds of nominations by readers, as well as those provided by financial advisors, family office executives, accountants, consultants, academics and others who work with or closely monitor attorneys.

In determining their selections, *Worth's* editors looked most carefully at attorneys specializing in trust and estates, philanthropy, elder care, matrimonial and other private practice areas. Specifically, they looked for professionals who combined exceptional legal expertise with outstanding interpersonal

skills and great tact.

At Connell Foley, Mr. Vitiello's practice focuses on tax planning for individuals, businesses, nonprofit organizations, estates and trusts, with a particular emphasis on estate and asset protection planning. He brings his innovative expertise to planning estates from \$4 million to over \$500 million dollars, as well as advising family foundations, closely held corporations, partnerships and limited liability companies on significant tax issues.

Mr. Vitiello has lectured extensively and published on estate planning and related tax matters. He was an adjunct professor at Fairleigh Dickinson University for five years where he taught estate planning courses. He is also a member of the American Bar Association, New Jersey State Bar Association, New York State Bar Association and United States Tax Court.

### Norris McLaughlin Partner Included In *Who's Who In America*

The Somerville, NJ law firm of Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A. has announced that Peter D. Hutcheon, a member of the firm, has been selected for inclusion in the 60th Diamond Anniversary Edition of *Marquis' Who's Who in America*. Mr. Hutcheon also appears in the following other Marquis publications for 2006: the 2nd edition of *Who's Who in the World*, the 14th edition of *Who's Who in American Law* and the 33rd edition of *Who's Who in the East*.

Mr. Hutcheon practices in the areas of commercial transactions, securities, banking and finance law. He also regularly counsels the management of public and private companies on a variety of corporate governance matters including the complexities of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

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Norris McLaughlin recently welcomed David T. Harmon as a member of the firm's corporate department. Mr.



**Peter D. Hutcheon**



**David T. Harmon**

Harmon focuses his practice in the areas of corporate, labor & employment, and higher education law. He serves as legal counsel for privately and publicly held companies on a wide range of matters, including corporate transactional and ongoing general counsel work. He also represents colleges and universities through extensive work as their outside general counsel, as well as management and individuals in the negotiation and preparation of employment and severance agreements.

### 71 Goodwin Lawyers Named 'Super Lawyers'

Goodwin Procter LLP has announced that 71 of its partners were named to *Law & Politics* 2005 Super Lawyers ranking. The survey honors the top 5 percent of Massachusetts attorneys.

Three Goodwin partners, Daniel M. Glosband, Joseph F. Savage and Paul F. Ware, were among the top 100 lawyers statewide. In addition to these top honors, the firm's partners were ranked within the following categories of law:

banking, bankruptcy, business litigation, business/corporate, class action/mass torts, criminal defense/white collar crime, employee benefits/ERISA, energy/oil and gas, environmental/land use, estate planning/trusts, general litigation, intellectual property litigation, labor and employment, mergers and acquisitions, real estate litigation, real estate transactions, securities and corporate finance, securities litigation, and tax.

### Magazine Honors Cozen O'Connor Partner

Cozen O'Connor member and director of strategic expansion Elaine M. Rinaldi was named to the *Philadelphia Business Journal* and National Association of Women Business Owners 2005 Women of Distinction list. Rinaldi was honored along with 24 of the region's most dynamic women who are making headlines in their professional field and in their community at the Eighth Annual Awards Banquet on Nov. 30. She is being profiled in a special section of the *Philadelphia Business Journal's* December 2 issue.

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Lance I. Levine recently joined Cozen O'Connor's New York Midtown office as a member in the business law department. Mr. Levine concentrates his practice in real estate law, focusing on real estate finance. He has represented mezzanine lenders, mortgage lenders and real estate developers in numerous debt and equity transactions, and also advises both lenders and borrowers with respect to construction projects.

Nicholas L. Magali recently joined Cozen O'Connor's New York Downtown office as a member in the insurance department. Mr. Magali concentrates his practice in the areas of complex tort litigation as well as construction and labor law, products and premises liability.

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Cozen O'Connor recently announced that Rafael Perez was named as chair of the firm's diversity committee. In this position, Mr. Perez will work alongside the firm's hiring committee to recruit and retain lawyers with a wide range of backgrounds and experiences as part of the firm's ongoing commitment to foster diversity.

### Attorney Tapped For ADR Inn Of Court

Robyn M. Gnudi, a partner at St. John & Wayne, Newark, NJ, has been invited to join the Justice Marie L. Garibaldi American Inn of Court for Alternative Dispute Resolution. The Garibaldi Inn of Court was established in 1998 by the American Inns of Court Foundation.



**Robyn M. Gnudi**

Ms. Gnudi is certified by the New Jersey Supreme Court as a Civil Trial Attorney. Her law practice is focused on a range of complex litigation matters, including commercial disputes, products liability, professional malpractice and employment matters.