

Partners Notes

IP Lawyer Joins Loeb & Loeb

Loeb & Loeb LLP has announced that Thomas A. Guida has joined the firm's Intellectual Property and Entertainment Groups as a partner. Mr. Guida, who will reside in the New York office, formerly practiced law at Baker & Hostetler LLP in New York.

Mr. Guida's practice focuses on the development, licensing, financing and protection of intellectual property assets, with a particular emphasis on digital and interactive media, branded entertainment, entertainment technology and complex licensing transactions. He has significant experience in structuring commercial and corporate transactions for clients in the digital space such as joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions and co-branded licensing programs, as well as character, apparel, music, software, television and film licenses and distribution agreements.

Mr. Guida also maintains an active online IP enforcement practice, and has litigated complex trademark, copyright, and domain name disputes for clients throughout the United States and in Europe.

Mr. Guida is the fourth partner to practice in the IP area to join the firm laterally in the past two months. In February, the firm added a patent litigation team led by three partners from Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal. The firm plans two more IP partner additions.

Loeb & Loeb has announced that Ira Schreger has joined the firm's New York office as a partner in the Corporate Group. Mr. Schreger joins from Son-

nenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP in New York where he was a corporate partner also practicing in its intellectual property and technologies, Israel market, life sciences, and patent areas.

Mr. Schreger represents a wide array of both U.S. and non-U.S. public and private companies involved in diverse business operations, and counsels their respective management in a broad range of their business and legal affairs issues.

Previously, Mr. Schreger served as senior vice president, legal and corporate secretary of Sequa Corporation, a \$2 billion NYSE manufacturing conglomerate.

Loeb & Loeb has announced that Timothy J. Bellamy and Paul P. Sagan have joined the Los Angeles office and will practice in the firm's nationally recognized Entertainment and Media Group.

Mr. Bellamy's practice encompasses a variety of entertainment transactions, including the negotiation and drafting of content license and distribution agreements; the negotiation of agreements pertaining to the launch of cable networks and entertainment divisions of media companies; merger and acquisition work; domestic and international joint venture transactions, and corporate governance and financing matters.

Mr. Sagan's finance practice focuses on complex lending transactions and related matters, involving the representation of significant financial institutions in their capacities as agents or lenders in a multitude of industries.

24 Winstead Attorneys Listed Among Texas Rising Stars

Twenty-four attorneys from Winstead PC were recognized as Texas Rising Stars and were featured in the April 2007 *Texas Monthly* magazine.

The following are the Winstead attorneys, by office location and area of practice, who earned a spot among the 2007 Texas Rising Stars: Austin, Alexander R. Allemann, Corporate/Securities; Trek C. Doyle, Litigation/Dispute Resolution; Jason Roy Flaherty, Tax; David J. Muckerheide, Insurance, Corporate/Regulatory; Melissa A. Lorber (formerly Prentice), Litigation/Dispute Resolution, and Alexander S. Valdes, Litigation/Dispute Resolution; Dallas, Natalie M. Brandt, Litigation/Dispute Resolution; Louisa Ann Brunenn, Banking; Eli O. Columbus, Bankruptcy; Noelle L. Garsek, Real Estate; Tanya D. Henderson, Litigation/Dispute Resolution; Laurie C. Jardine, Litigation/Dispute Resolution; Allan S. Katz, Real Estate; Phillip L. Lamberson, Bankruptcy; Richard C. Leucht II, Banking, and Sean C. Ulrich, Labor & Employment; Fort Worth, David Fowler Johnson, Appellate, and Houston, Ricardo Garcia-Moreno, Corporate/Securities; Joshua L. Lebar, Real Estate; Demetra L. Liggins, Bankruptcy; Derrick Mitchell, Corporate/Public Finance; Jack W. Perry, Real Estate; David F. Staas, Real Estate, and Frank S. Wu, Mergers & Acquisitions.

Twenty-four attorneys, one patent agent and 25 support staff from Jenkins & Gilchrist recently moved to Winstead Offices in Austin, Dallas and San Antonio.

New attorneys in Winstead's Austin Office include: Andy Keever, shareholder, corporate; Martha Smiley, of counsel, corporate and PUC regulatory; Mandy Ford, associate, corporate; Rowland Cook, shareholder, corporate; Kathy Lindauer, shareholder, corporate; John Menchaca, shareholder, corporate; Al Axe, shareholder, environmental and energy litigation; Keith Courtney, shareholder, environmental and energy litigation; Alex Allemann, associate, corporate; Jennifer Kracht, associate, corporate; Mike Cook, shareholder, tax; Bill Parrish, shareholder, litigation; Gary Zausmer, shareholder, litigation; Carl Myers, associate, litigation; Corby Brooks, associate, tax, and Jason Flaherty, associate, tax.

New attorneys in Winstead's Dallas Office include: Stan Moore, shareholder, IP; Ross Robinson, shareholder, IP; Cathryn Berryman, shareholder, IP; Andrea Walker, staff attorney, IP; Harry Joe, shareholder, immigration, and Rebecca Massiatte, associate, immigration.

New attorneys in Winstead's San Antonio Office include: Phil Freeman, shareholder, corporate, and Nicole Bet-

Women's Organization To Honor Ballard Spahr For Firm's Support

Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP will be the first-ever business to receive WOMEN'S WAY's prestigious Leadership Award for its 30-year history of support for the organization.

The award will be presented at the organization's 30th Annual Event on May 3 from 5-8:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel in Philadelphia City Center.

Each year WOMEN'S WAY presents its leadership award to a leader located in Southeastern Pennsylvania or Southern New Jersey, with an exemplary record of involvement with women's issues and a commitment to the mission and goals of WOMEN'S WAY. This is the first time in the history of the award that it is being presented to an organization. Past recipients have all been individuals.

Ballard Spahr's support of

WOMEN'S WAY goes back to the organization's very start. Ernesta Ballard, philanthropist and wife of Ballard Spahr partner Frederic Ballard, enlisted the firm's assistance with forming the organization. Throughout the 30 years of this relationship, lawyers in every department in the firm have devoted pro bono hours to assist WOMEN'S WAY in its critical mission of serving women and families.

Lynn Axelroth, the first managing partner of Ballard Spahr's Philadelphia office, has worked on WOMEN'S WAY's matters for 25 years. "We benefit at least as much as WOMEN'S WAY does from our partnership with them," she said. "It is enormously rewarding knowing we are helping an underserved and deserving community of women and children."

Lexis Broadens Alliance With State Net

LexisNexis has announced an expanded alliance with State Net® by adding state legislative history content to the LexisNexis® services. State legislative history gives legal and government affairs practitioners' insights as to the legislative intent behind proposed and enacted legislation.

With the addition of State Net Legislative Histories, LexisNexis now provides complete research solutions to help practitioners track proposed and

enacted legislation and also dig deeper into the meaning of legislation to ensure that their compliance programs not only fit the letter of the law, but also the intention.

The State Net content available on the LexisNexis services now provides: access to legislative history since 2003 (2000 in California), and full-text searching through thousands of Committee Reports, Fiscal Notes, Governors' Messages, etc.

King & Spalding Expands Middle East Practice

King & Spalding has announced that it has expanded its Middle East practice throughout Saudi Arabia through an affiliation agreement with The Law Offices of Mohammed Al-Ammar in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. King & Spalding, whose lawyers have been handling client matters in the Arabian Gulf for more than 20 years, established an office in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, in December 2006. The firm expanded its Middle East platform in Dubai last January with the addition of three lawyers.

King & Spalding also announced that Tariq Abbadi has joined King & Spalding in Riyadh as of counsel to work with Mr. Al-Ammar. Mr. Abbadi, a native Arabic speaker who specializes in corporate and Saudi regulatory work, has practiced in Riyadh for more than three years.

Mr. Al-Ammar has significant experience in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Middle East, including serving as in-house counsel in Riyadh for Samba Financial Group (a prominent financial institution in the Middle East) and being seconded to a UAE energy company to advise on an initial public offering.

King & Spalding has announced that Lloyd Hand, U.S. chief of protocol under President Lyndon Johnson, and Dan Donovan, U.S. Senate Committee on Finance senior investigative counsel, have joined King & Spalding's Wash-

ington, DC Government Advocacy and Public Policy practice group. Mr. Hand and Mr. Donovan join a growing practice group which includes former senators Dan Coats and Connie Mack, as well as George Crawford, former chief of staff to Nancy Pelosi.

Mr. Hand's long history in government includes serving as an assistant to then-Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson. When Johnson became president, Mr. Hand served as assistant to the president and was appointed to the post of U.S. chief of protocol with the rank of ambassador.

Mr. Hand joins King & Spalding as senior counsel, having represented a variety of clients - from major defense contractors and Fortune 500 companies looking to enter foreign markets, to foreign governments and financial services organizations - before the executive branch, including White House and cabinet officials, and before the Congress.

Mr. Donovan joins as counsel after serving as senior investigative counsel to U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley, chairman of the Committee on Finance, from 2003 to 2007, where he directed investigations of pharmaceutical, medical device, and other healthcare companies on a broad range of regulatory compliance issues, including matters of drug and device safety, drug pricing, and fraud, waste and abuse in Medicare and Medicaid and other federal government programs.