

Partners Notes

Norris Partner Named Co-chair Of Somerset County Mock Trial Committee

Jeralyn L. Lawrence, a member of Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A., has been selected as co-chair of the Mock Trial Committee for 2007-2008 by the Somerset County Bar Association.

The Committee is responsible for the Somerset County Mock Trial Competition, an annual competition of high

schools to represent the county in the Regional Competitions.

Certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Matrimonial Law Attorney and a Family/Divorce Mediator, Ms. Lawrence has worked with clients whose needs lie in all areas of matrimonial and family law.

Real Estate Attorney Joins Akerman

Akerman Senterfitt LLP continues to expand its New York office with the addition of Harvey Feldschreiber, who joins the firm's national real estate and corporate practices as a shareholder.

Mr. Feldschreiber's practice is focused on sophisticated real estate transactions, including the representation of owners of major office buildings, retail outlets and shopping centers throughout the United States. He represents tenants in lease negotiations for New York City office and retail space and major lease transactions outside the New York area.

Akerman Senterfitt's national real estate practice represented Syracuse, New York-based Pyramid Companies in connection with Pyramid's creation of a commercial condominium structure at the Berkshire Mall, a major regional shopping center in Massachusetts. The transaction is believed to be the first condominium structure put in place post-securitization of a mortgage loan. Miami-based real estate attorney Anthony Casareale led the negotiations of the deal, assisted by Akerman associate Dan Faust.

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Cozen Attorneys Win Asylum For Immigrant In Headline Case

Cozen O'Connor members Richard J. Bortnick and Elena Park have earned asylum for a pro bono client in her case against the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in the Immigration Court. In an immigration case that made headlines around the globe, Mr. Bortnick and Ms. Park represented Zhen Xing Jiang, a Chinese national living in Philadelphia, after she suffered mistreatment by ICE during a botched deportation attempt.

Ms. Jiang had been on parole status in the United States, after her previous asylum claim was denied as untimely filed by the Immigration Court. In February 2006, Ms. Jiang appeared for what she believed to be a routine appointment at the ICE office in Philadelphia. As pre-

viously instructed, she brought her husband and two young sons along with her. Without any prior notice, she was immediately taken into custody and transported to J.F.K. Airport in New York for deportation, while her family waited in the ICE office, ignorant of her situation. After alleged ill treatment while in custody, Ms. Jiang suffered a miscarriage of twin babies.

Mr. Bortnick and Ms. Park accepted her representation on a pro bono basis, handling negotiations and filings before the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). After numerous pleas to ICE, the community and political representatives, they earned Ms. Jiang the right to stay in the U.S. while she and her husband further pursued asylum.

Wolters Network Now Includes SEC Comment Letters

The guidance that the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission provides through Comment Letters is now easier to navigate and use in the online environment of the CCH Internet Research NetWork™ in SEC Staff Comment Letters from Wolters Kluwer Law & Business (business.cch.com).

Now available as a stand-alone product as well as part of the Federal Securities Regulation Integrated Library, SEC Staff Comment Letters provides insight into the minds of SEC staffers as they communicate what they expect companies to disclose in their filings.

SEC Staff Comment Letters is a collection of all staff comment letters and issuer responses made available by the SEC dating from August, 2004 to the present. This database reproduces the text of letters describing questions or concerns the staff has about a particular

SEC filing. The database also reproduces the text of the issuer's response to those comments.

A new feature is the organization of letters by category. Categories include: registrations; proxy materials; periodic and current reports; Williams Act filings (mergers and acquisitions); mutual funds; and other filings. Documents are sorted in most-recent-to-oldest order based on the public availability date.

Additional search options include date searching based on public availability date, citation searching and searches by company name (using the full-text searching capability).

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Retiring NJ Chief Justice To Join Former Firm And Gibbons P.C.

Upon completing his term as chief justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, James R. Zazzali is returning to private practice as of counsel with two firms. He is rejoining Zazzali, Fagella, Nowak, Kleinbaum & Friedman (the firm his father founded in 1925, which Chief Justice Zazzali, his brother Andrew, and their partners subsequently expanded) and joining Gibbons P.C. (where his daughter, Mara Zazzali-Hogan, currently practices). The dual positions will enable him to both draw on and build on a distinguished family tradition in the state's legal community.

At Gibbons, Mr. Zazzali will join the firm's standard bearer and name partner John Gibbons, the former chief judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Also at Gibbons is Herman Michels, the former presiding judge of the Appellate Division of New Jersey.

"The firm looks forward to tapping the experience and insight of another eminent jurist, one with a prominent career in both the public and private sectors," says the firm's managing director, Patrick C. Dunican Jr.

Justice Zazzali had served on the Supreme Court for more than six years, and had written more than 100 opinions, before Governor Jon Corzine named him Chief Justice in 2006. Prior to his service on the bench, Justice Zazzali had served as general counsel for the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority; chairman of the New Jersey State Commission of Investigation; New Jersey attorney general; chief of the Appeals

Division of the Office of the Essex County Prosecutor; as well as other positions in addition to his private law practice. He is also a former adjunct professor at Seton Hall Law School, where he taught alternative dispute resolution and arbitration, and where Gibbons has endowed the Gibbons Institute of Law, Science & Technology to educate and train the next generation of attorneys in the technology and scientific fields.

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Five more intellectual property attorneys have joined the Gibbons Philadelphia office. Louis Heidelberger has become co-administrative director of the Philadelphia office and a director in the Intellectual Property Department. Thomas J. McWilliams has joined as a director in the Intellectual Property Department. Joining as associates in the Intellectual Property Department are Justin C. Allen, Edward F. Behm Jr. and Todd A. Norton.

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Gibbons has changed the skyline of Newark with the addition of the firm's logo atop its headquarters building at One Gateway Center. The sign was officially lit for the first time on September 19. The firm's directors and counsel from all four of its offices were on hand to celebrate the event.

The creation of the sign was a part of the firm's relocation of its headquarters to One Gateway Center. Gibbons has six floors of offices and conference space in the building, all featuring the design and technological innovations of a 21st Century law firm.

New Report Explores Impact Of Globalization On Legal Field

Globalization is not only changing how and where corporations operate, it also is affecting the composition of the legal workforce, expanding the practice of law across borders, and transforming the management and operation of law offices. These and other trends are the subjects of a just-released white paper from Robert Half Legal.

The paper is titled *Managing a Global Workforce* and is part of the company's annual Future Law Office project. It also highlights how law firms and corporate legal departments are addressing recruiting, training and retention challenges, and their response to increased demand for legal service providers worldwide.

For its Future Law Office project, Robert Half Legal commissioned surveys of attorneys, interviewed leading experts and conducted research to assess how law offices might operate in the future. The results are available at www.futurelawoffice.com.

Within the next five years, many of the 76 million members of the baby boomer generation will be eligible to retire and the pool of skilled legal candidates will continue to contract. The resulting global talent shortage is an issue that all law offices are contending with, noted Charles Volkert, executive director of Robert Half Legal. "To staff

adequately, law offices must expand beyond their traditional recruitment efforts to attract and retain candidates," he said.

Mr. Volkert said law firms with clients doing business across borders must cultivate an international perspective regarding every aspect of their practice – from recruiting staff and handling multijurisdictional issues to strategically expanding their operations.

For law firms, globalization also has led to an increase in the number of international transactions and in the amount of legal work done for foreign clients with interests in the United States. "To best serve their clients' needs, and because matters rarely fall into one jurisdiction, these firms must have a deep knowledge of regulations and laws in both the United States and the clients' home countries," Mr. Volkert said.

Transnational legal activity has created operational challenges for law offices. Chief among these is the difficulty of managing geographically dispersed, multilingual teams whose members work in different time zones and jurisdictions.

To order a complimentary copy of the complete Robert Half Legal white paper, or for more information on the Future Law Office project, visit www.futurelawoffice.com.