

## Partners Notes

### King & Spalding Expands Its Practice In Persian Gulf Region

King & Spalding has announced the continued expansion of its Middle East practice with the addition of a partner and two counsel to its offices in Riyadh and Dubai. The addition of these three senior practitioners to the firm's Middle East team brings the total number of King & Spalding lawyers on the ground in its Riyadh and Dubai offices to 18, making King & Spalding one of the largest U.S. firms in the region.

Joining King & Spalding as a finance partner in its Riyadh affiliate office, The Law Office of Mohammad Al-Ammar, is Michael Dunphy. Mr. Dunphy brings more than 18 years' experience in finance and project finance, notably in the energy and infrastructure sectors, to the firm's Middle East team. He comes to King & Spalding from the Bahrain office of Norton Rose, where he advised clients on numerous project financings in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

In Dubai, King & Spalding is adding Elias R. Chedid as a counsel in its mergers and acquisitions practice and Jonathan Law as a counsel in its private equity and funds practice.

Mr. Chedid joins King & Spalding from Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in Paris, with over 10 year's experience advising clients on their corporate and investment activities, with concentration on the acquisition, disposition, financing and development of real estate assets in the Middle East, Europe and United States.

Mr. Law comes to King & Spalding from Appleby, in the Cayman Islands, and has more than 10 years' experience advising clients on fund formation and private equity transactions in the Middle East, Europe and United States.

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Completing the second phase of its expansion into California six weeks

after establishing a Silicon Valley office in Redwood Shores, King & Spalding has announced that it has opened an office in San Francisco. Joining the firm there are experienced product liability litigators Donald F. (Fritz) Zimmer Jr. and Brenda Buonaiuto, who will anchor the firm's product liability and toxic tort practice in California.

Mr. Zimmer, a seasoned litigator with 25 years of experience, focuses primarily on pharmaceutical and medical device product liability litigation and also handles toxic tort, commercial and employment litigation cases.

Ms. Buonaiuto represents pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers in product liability and other personal injury litigation.

Joining Mr. Zimmer and Ms. Buonaiuto in the San Francisco office at 4 Embarcadero Center is Elaine H. Tseng of King & Spalding's FDA/healthcare practice. Tseng has been providing an "on the ground" presence in California since May 2006.

The Silicon Valley and San Francisco openings represent King & Spalding's fifth and sixth new offices, respectively, in the past 15 months, and

its tenth and eleventh worldwide locations.

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King & Spalding has announced the continued expansion of its national product liability and toxic tort practice with the addition of trial lawyers Jeff Furr and Ursula Henninger as partners. Their arrival brings to 20 the total number of lawyers in King & Spalding's Charlotte office, including eight partners. Mr. Furr and Ms. Henninger have a nationally recognized trial practice that most recently has focused on smoking and health litigation.

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### Goodwin Partner Recognized By Boston University Law School

Goodwin Procter announced today that Kenneth J. Parsigian, a partner in the firm's Litigation Department, received the Boston University Law 2008 Pro Bono Alumni Award. Parsigian was honored for his dedication to pro bono work and for his success in obtaining freedom for Kenneth Richey, a Scotsman who spent the past two decades on death row.

Mr. Richey was released from prison in December 2007 after a federal appeals court determined that there were flaws in the handling of his initial trial. Sentenced to time served, a plea to a charge of reckless endangerment allowed for his release and his return to his native Scotland. Prior to his release, Mr. Richey was the sole Briton on death row in the United States.

Mr. Parsigian, who represents clients in both civil and criminal matters, with a primary focus on complex mass tort and RICO litigation, has an impressive record of legal achievement, in which he has devoted thousands of hours to pro bono matters.

As a member of the EPA's Green Power Partnership, Lowenstein Sandler's New Jersey office has committed to purchase a percentage of its electricity from a green power source. We are also one of the first law firms in the country to join the ABA-EPA challenge, which encourages law offices to take specific steps to conserve energy and resources, and reduce emissions of greenhouse gases.

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