

## Partners Notes

### Drinker Biddle Inaugurates E-Newsletter On Health Law Regulation

Drinker Biddle recently published the first of a series of newsletters on health law.

Named *The Pulse*, Drinker Biddle's new health care regulatory email newsletter will appear every two weeks. It will provide the reader with a summary of recent significant federal and state regulatory developments affecting the health care industry and provide links for readers to click onto for the full text of the article.

Among the articles featured in the first issue are: Leasing Arrangement Could Violate Anti-Kickback Statute, Concludes OIG Advisory Opinion; Controversial Proposed Regulation Allows

Health Care Workers To Refuse Providing Certain Services; ASC Arrangement Considered Risky but OIG Still Rules Favorably; Government and Provider Enter Into First-Ever HIPAA Privacy and Security Resolution Agreement; Changes Proposed to HIPAA Code Sets and Standards for Electronic Transactions; CMS Issues Final Rule on Payback of Overpayments; FDA Revises Process for Responding to Drug Applications; and CMS Posts Hospital Death Rates.

To access the publication from the Drinker Biddle website, visit [http://www.drinkerbiddle.com/files/upload/The\\_Pulse.htm](http://www.drinkerbiddle.com/files/upload/The_Pulse.htm).

### Norris McLaughlin Expands Practice Groups With Addition Of Judge Jack L. Lintner

Judge Jack L. Lintner has joined Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A. as a Member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution, Insurance Coverage and Appellate Advocacy Groups.

Judge Lintner served for 20 years in the New Jersey State Judiciary. He was appointed to the Appellate Division in 1999. He was a Presiding Judge of the Appellate Division from 2006 through his retirement in 2008.

Judge Lintner began his judicial career as a trial judge in the Superior Court in Middlesex County in 1988, where he spent nine years in the civil court attaining the positions of Presiding Judge of the Civil and Chancery Divisions. During his tenure as a trial judge, he presided over the State tobacco litigation and dissolution of the Health Insurance Plan of New Jersey. While serving in the law and Chancery Divisions, he was responsible for setting up and participating in numerous success-

ful court run mediation and settlement programs.

During his judicial career, Judge Lintner published over 100 opinions.

Prior to his appointment to the bench in 1988, Judge Lintner's practice concentrated on civil litigation in both the state and federal courts.

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Norris McLaughlin was pleased that firm member Edward G. Sponzilli received the 2008 Trial Attorneys of New Jersey Professional Lawyer of the Year Award from the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law. The award is to honor attorneys whose character, competence, and commitment to the highest professional standards mark them as outstanding members of the bar. Mr. Sponzilli is a New Jersey Supreme Court Certified Civil Trial Attorney with more than 30 years experience in complex corporate and commercial litigation.

### Saul Ewing, Post & Schell Partners Co-Edit Edition On Pennsylvania Environmental Law

Joel R. Burcat, a partner and co-chair of the Environmental Department at Saul Ewing LLP and Terry R. Bossert, a Partner and Chair of the Environmental Regulation and Litigation Group at Post & Schell P.C., are co-editors of the fifth edition of *Pennsylvania Environmental Law and Practice*, published by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute. Additional Saul Ewing attorneys who contributed material to the book include Pamela S. Goodwin, David J. Raphael, Dennis H. Bower and Peter J. Yoon.

The fifth edition of *Pennsylvania Environmental Law and Practice* is a comprehensive and detailed compilation of all aspects of Pennsylvania environmental law, including recent legislative and statutory developments. This year's publication features industry and case updates in a variety of environmental practice areas including the new Right-to-Know Law, air quality and climate change, water quality, sewage facilities, wetlands, water resources, mining regu-

lation, and oil and gas law, among others. The two-volume book comes with a CD-ROM of the entire contents of the book for computer access to all materials.

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Saul Ewing LLP has announced that Neal S. Grabell, former General Counsel of QVC, Inc., has joined the Firm as Of Counsel in the Business Department. Mr. Grabell will concentrate his practice on general corporate, commercial finance and international business matters.

Mr. Grabell comes to Saul Ewing from international electronic retailer, QVC, Inc. where he served for 21 years as General Counsel and oversaw the \$7 billion corporation's Legal Department. He was named Executive Vice President in 2004 and, in addition to his General Counsel work, was responsible for QVC's Internal Audit, Facilities and Affiliates Sales and Marketing departments.



From left: U.S. Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, Free Library of Philadelphia Foundation Chief Executive Officer Linda E. Johnson, Free Library of Philadelphia Board Member Leslie Anne Miller, Stradley Ronon Chairman William R. Sasso and U.S. Congressman Chaka Fattah.

### Stradley Ronon Hosts House Speaker Pelosi

Stradley Ronon chairman and chairman of the Free Library of Philadelphia Foundation William R. Sasso hosted U.S. Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi for a discussion of her book *Know Your Power: A Message to America's Daughters* at the Free Library of Philadelphia. Pelosi is the first woman to lead a major party in Congress as well as the first female Speaker of the House.

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Stradley Ronon partner Andrew K. Stutzman will present at the American Conference Institute's Third National Forum on Subprime Litigation and Enforcement on October 28 and 29, 2008. Mr. Stutzman will co-present, *Foreclosure Actions: Dealing with State Task Forces, Moratoriums, Contested Foreclosures and Other Stall Tactics*. The forum will address legal strategies for responding to new securities, investor and borrower actions.

As chair of the firm's mortgage and lending litigation practice, Mr. Stutzman oversees a team of lawyers who represent financial services and other clients in litigation involving consumer and commercial loan transactions.

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Michael Folkes has joined Stradley Ronon as director of IT, responsible for all operational aspects of planning,

delivering and supporting technology systems within the firm. In particular, he will focus on the firm's short- and long-term technology needs with its strategic and client objectives. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Folkes was the IT director for Dewey & LeBoeuf in New York City.

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Stradley Ronon partners David Scranton and Greg DiMeglio presented, "The Audit Committee: Professional and Regulatory Requirements," at the Pennsylvania Association of Community Bankers (PACB) Annual Convention in Charleston, SC. The presentation focused on the regulatory requirements and best practices applicable to audit committees and gave special focus to the role of audit committees in special independent investigations.

Mr. Scranton is co-chair of the firm's banking and financial services practice group and Mr. DiMeglio is chair of the firm's securities enforcement practice group.

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Stradley Ronon has expanded both its Philadelphia and Malvern, Pa., offices to accommodate the firm's growth.

A core group of the firm's business, estates, litigation and tax attorneys have relocated from Philadelphia to Malvern.

### India Business Law Journal Selects Kelley Drye As A Top 10 Firm

Kelley Drye & Warren LLP is among this year's ten most highly regarded international law firms for major India-related work, selected by the editors of the *India Business Law Journal*.

In a feature article, "Jewels in the Crown," the publication notes that Kelley Drye & Warren's India practice comprises several experienced Indian lawyers. The article includes an example of the practice's cutting-edge work – a complex joint venture transaction led by India practice head Talat Ansari – and quotes partner Shabbir Wakhariya on addressing the challenges of India's reg-

ulatory environment.

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Kelley Drye's Antitrust and Trade Regulation Practice Group has prepared a Client Advisory titled, "Court of Appeals Upholds FTC Challenge of Whole Foods/Wild Oats Merger." The Advisory outlines the Court's decision and discusses the potential outcome of the decision as well as remedies available to the FTC beyond stopping the deal. For more information, please contact William C. Macleod at [wmacleod@kelleydrye.com](mailto:wmacleod@kelleydrye.com) or Joseph Price at [jprice@kelleydrye.com](mailto:jprice@kelleydrye.com).