

Partners Notes

Stroz Friedberg Adds Digital Forensics Expert Rachel Womack In Dallas

International digital forensics, cyber-crime response, and electronic discovery firm Stroz Friedberg is pleased to announce the addition of Dallas lawyer Rachel Ratcliff Womack as vice president of the firm's Dallas office.

At Stroz Friedberg, Ms. Womack is

responsible for leading and conducting investigations involving digital forensic analysis, cybercrime investigations, electronic discovery matters, and data breach response for Fortune 500 companies, government agencies, major law firms, individuals, and non-profit orga-

nizations. Additionally, her full docket of cases includes matters involving intellectual property theft, deletion of digital data, e-forgery, cyber-harassment, and online fraud and abuse.

Ms. Womack joins Stroz Friedberg after practicing at the Dallas law firm of Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, LLP, where she focused on commercial litigation and employment

law matters for clients in administrative, federal, and state court proceedings.

Ms. Womack was a Presser Scholar at Texas Woman's University before earning her law degree at Texas Tech University School of Law.

In addition, Ms. Womack has twice been named to the *Texas Super Lawyers* Rising Stars list of top young attorneys in Texas.

Fernando Pinguelo Appointed

To Masters Conference E-Discovery Cabinet

Fernando M. Pinguelo, a member of the law firm Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A. and co-chair of its Response to Electronic Discovery and Information (REDI) Group, was appointed as a cabinet member by the Masters Conference. Masters Conference cabinet members provide strategic direction to the Conference's management to ensure the speakers and topics are of the highest quality and the Conference remains the authoritative resource for legal professionals.

The Masters Conference is an advanced legal educational experience. It was formed in 2006 to provide an avenue for learning about e-discovery in

a new way. Its mission was to have speakers, vendors, and attendees work together. In this year's down economy, the Masters Conference still produced record-breaking results. The conference, "Global Corporate Change – Navigating Through Discovery, Risk and Security," achieved record attendee registration and media coverage.

Mr. Pinguelo devotes his practice to complex litigation with an emphasis on business disputes, electronic discovery, and media and employment matters and handles a broad spectrum of disputes including copyright infringement, misappropriation of trade secrets, fraud, discrimination, and business torts.

Margaret Black and Theodora McCormick To Co-Chair Sills Cummis & Gross' Women's Group

Sills Cummis & Gross has announced that Margaret F. Black and Theodora McCormick have been selected as co-chairs of The Women's Group.

Max Crane, Managing Partner, stated: "Since its inception several years ago, The Women's Group has become an important part of our commitment to women and diversity. With Peg and Teddy at the helm, I am sure the program will continue to flourish and provide a positive venue for our female attorneys as well as the firm's clients."

The Group has hosted numerous internal educational meetings and seminars; well-attended social and cultural events with its female clients; and has

served as a mentoring tool for our younger female attorneys.

Sills Cummis has also announced that Scott D. Stimpson has joined the firm as a member resident in the New York office. As co-chair of the Intellectual Property Practice Group, Mr. Stimpson has practiced intellectual property litigation and counseling for more than 20 years and has successfully litigated many patent infringement cases, serving as lead litigation counsel in numerous cases. Apart from his experience representing U.S. clients, Mr. Stimpson has also served as lead counsel for clients in Japan, China and Korea.

Miguel Alexander Pozo Installed As President Of Hispanic Bar Association Of New Jersey

Miguel Alexander Pozo, member of the law firm Lowenstein Sandler PC, has been installed as the 30th president of the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey (HBN-NJ). The 30th annual installation ceremony was conducted on October 29, 2009, at the W Hotel in Hoboken. The Honorable Julio M. Fuentes of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit administered the oath of office before an audience of federal and state court judges, elected officials including Virginia Governor Tim Kaine, business leaders, and many others in the legal profession.

An attorney in the firm's Litigation Department, Mr. Pozo has ten years of experience representing Fortune 500 corporations, businesses, and non-profit organizations in a broad range of federal

and state court litigation matters. His work has included all phases of fact and expert discovery, motion practice, trials, arbitrations, and mediations.

Mr. Pozo was recognized as one of New Jersey's top "40 Under 40" lawyers by the New Jersey Law Journal (2009) and was named to *NJBiz* magazine's 2009 "Forty Under 40" list honoring individuals who exhibit "excellence in business, commitment to community and professional development."

In addition, Mr. Pozo was named to *DTM* magazine's 2009 Latino Trendsetters list, and has been named a "Rising Star" by New Jersey Super Lawyers magazine (2007) and listed among New Jersey Law Journal's "50 Leading Women and Minority Attorneys" (2005).

Eisner LLP Joins PKF International

Eisner LLP has announced that it has become a member firm of PKF International Limited (PKFI), the 11th largest international network of legally independent accounting firms with aggregate annual fees of more than \$2 billion.

The Board of PKFI, headquartered in London, has approved the formal application of Eisner to join the PKF network. Simultaneous with the vote of the PKFI Board, Eisner also joined PKF North America (PKF NA), an association of independent accounting firms throughout Canada, the U.S. and Mexico.

Eisner managing partner Charly Weinstein said, "Eisner conducted substantial research and we determined that the PKF network was a great fit for us. Our new relationship with PKFI is all about client service as we share our

resources and plan together with other PKF member firms to achieve significant growth."

Eisner, the 23rd-largest public accounting firm in the U.S. and seventh largest in New York City with US \$135 million in revenues, will add depth and expertise to the PKFI network and PKF NA. The firm has enjoyed strong growth over its 45-year history servicing more than 1000 companies, many of which require global support for audit, tax, transfer pricing, outsourcing and entry into the U.S. market. "Eisner's talented professionals provide clients with the highest quality service and now, together with the talents of professionals throughout the PKF network, we are positioned to be the clear choice for growing companies seeking true global excellence," Weinstein said.

Sanctuary for Families Recognizes Weil Gotshal Attorneys For Pro Bono Advocacy

Weil Gotshal attorneys have been recognized for their pro bono efforts on behalf of the Sanctuary for Families at the annual "Above & Beyond" benefit held today in New York. The annual "Above & Beyond" benefit celebrates Sanctuary's Center for Battered Women's Legal Services and honors members of the legal community who have gone "above and beyond" by providing outstanding pro bono representation and advocacy to domestic violence victims. Recipients of this year's awards for "Excellence in Pro Bono Advocacy" included Weil Gotshal partners Guillermo Aguilar-Alvarez and Jacqueline Marcus and associates Jose Alcantar and Andrea Saavedra.

Weil's Jacqueline Marcus com-

mented, "It is immensely rewarding to be able to make a positive impact on people's lives. We are honored to be recognized by the Sanctuary for Families for our ongoing efforts on behalf of domestic violence victims and for the firm's steadfast dedication to pro bono service."

Sanctuary for Families is the largest nonprofit in New York State dedicated exclusively to serving domestic violence victims and their children. Each year, Sanctuary helps thousands of victims and their children build safe lives by offering a range of high quality services to meet their complex needs. These services include clinical, legal, shelter, children's and economic stability services.

Martin V. Schwartz Joins Phillips Lytle

Phillips Lytle LLP has announced Martin V. Schwartz has joined the firm's commercial practice group as special counsel in its New York City office. He joins Phillips Lytle from the Siemens Corporation, where he had previously worked for the past 23 years, most recently serving as general counsel of Siemens Financial Services, Inc.

At Phillips Lytle, Mr. Schwartz concentrates his practice in the areas of bankruptcy, equipment finance litigation, general commercial litigation, equipment leasing and secured lending

transactions, including syndications, tax exempt financing and vendor equipment/software financing. He earned his J.D. from Hofstra University School of Law graduating "with Distinction" and his B.A., magna cum laude, from Queens College.

Mr. Schwartz is a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the Association of Commercial Finance Attorneys. In addition, he is also a member of the New Jersey Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel.

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