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SPRINGFIELD AREA
James D. Tucker, president and CEO of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE), has been inducted into the IAFE Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame Award is presented annually in recognition of an individual’s distinguished achievement in, or contribution to, the fair industry.

The law firm of Husch Blackwell, L.L.P. announces the promotion of Michael A. Cosby to partnership. Cosby focuses his practice on aviation law, with an emphasis on regulatory and tax matters.

The Missouri State Public Defender System announces that Anna C. “Callie” Moench has joined the Springfield office. Moench was previously with the Moberly office.

MID-MISSOURI AREA
Heather L. McCreery has joined the Jefferson City law firm of Turnbull & Stark, P.C. as an associate.

The Missouri State Public Defender System’s Fulton office announces that Ella Boone Conley, formerly with the Jackson office, has joined the office as district defender. Steven M. Payne has also joined the Fulton office. Gerald M. Jackson has joined the Columbia office.

KANSAS CITY AREA

Jackson County
Probate Commissioner Daniel P. Wheeler has left the court, and has joined the law firm of Kirkland, Woods & Martinson, P.C.

After 27 years with the Kansas City, Missouri Municipal Court, Judge Michael R. McAdam has retired. Jackson County Circuit Judge Edith L. Messina has retired. When appointed by Gov. Christopher “Kit” Bond in 1984, Judge Messina was the first female appointed as a circuit judge in Jackson County.

The Richard S. Arnold Award for Distinguished Service was presented to Gregg F. Lombardi of Legal Aid of Western Missouri by the Association of the Bar for the U.S. Court of Appeals–8th Circuit.

Jeffrey M. Bauer has joined Levy Craig Law Firm, P.C. as an associate in the transaction department.

The law firm of Husch Blackwell, L.L.P. announces the promotions of Joan K. Archer, Ph.D., Lyndsey J. Conrad, Nathan E. Oleen and Derek T. Teeter to partnership. In addition, Ansel Mukyev has joined the firm as an associate.

Nine attorneys with Shook, Hardy & Bacon, L.L.P. have been named to partnership. They are: Kristina L. Burmeister, Zach Chafee–McClure, Megan M. Egli, Cory W. Fisher, M. Katie Gates Calderon, Christine A. Guastello, Ann Peper Havelka, Micah L. Hobbs, and Elena K. McFarland.

The law firm of Polsinelli, P.C. announces that the following attorneys have been elected as shareholders: Jack M. Beal, Catherine R. Bell, Amy D. Fitts, Evan F. Fitts, Jeffrey M. Bauer

As part of the firm’s management changes, Russell S. Jones, Jr. has been appointed litigation department chair, and John S. Schmidt was named wealth planning practice chair.  

In addition, Polsinelli has added the following associates: Jay E. Berryman, Meredith A. Hoberock, Brisa I. Izaguirre, M. Kevin Lee, Mishelle S. Martinez, Nacente S. Seabury, Ajay A. Sharma and Daniel A. Stuart.  

The firm also announces that Jennifer M. Schwartz has rejoined the firm after spending several years as in-house counsel to Extell Development in New York City.  

Amber F. Steinbeck has joined the law firm of McDowell, Rice, Smith & Buchanan, P.C. as a shareholder.  

Hannah K. Henry has joined the firm as an associate.  

Lewis, Rice & Fingersh, L.C. announces that Rachel P. Peterson has joined its Kansas City office as an associate in the real estate department.  

Joseph W. “Josh” Murphy, III has joined Legal Aid of Western Missouri as director of its Affordable Care Act Project.  

The Missouri State Public Defender System announces that Sara H. Christensen, Kirby A. Crick, Tim E. Honse, Ruth K. Russell and Aaron R. Schuman have joined the Kansas City office. Previously, Russell had been with the Harrisonville office.  

ST. LOUIS AREA  

David G. Plufka, a partner at Keefe & Griffiths, P.C., has received the 12th annual St. Louis Workers’ Compensation Distinguished Lawyer Award. The award, presented jointly by the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and Kids’ Chance of Missouri, is given to the St. Louis area workers’ compensation attorney whose professionalism has earned the respect of the community.  

The law firm of Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C. announces that Erin E. Williams has been elected to the position of shareholder.  

Daniel D. Doyle has joined the law firm of Lashly & Baer, P.C. as of counsel.  

United States Arbitration & Mediation (USA&M) announces that Kim L. Kirn has joined the senior arbitrator panel. Kirn currently serves on the USA&M’s mediator panel. James W. Reeves has rejoined the mediation panel. Reeves focuses his practice on resolving business, legal, and multi-party disputes.  

Joel O. Christensen of Behr, McCarter & Potter, P.C. has been appointed to the board of directors of the Heartland Chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America. In addition, Joseph “Joey” C. Vitale has joined the firm.  

The law firm of Polsinelli, P.C. announces that Leo C. Chmielewski,
Peter A. Corsale and Ryan J. McCarty have been elected as shareholders.

In addition, the firm announces the addition of associates Anna E. Bonacorsi, Todd A. Davidovits, Kevin M. Hogan and Kelly J. Muensterman.

Erin M. Leach has joined the law firm of Shands, Elbert, Gianoulakis & Giljum, L.L.P. as an associate.

The Rabbitt Law Firm, L.L.C. announces that John H. Marshall has joined the firm as of counsel.

Paul N. Venker, a founding partner at Williams, Venker & Sanders, L.L.C., has been elected as the firm’s managing partner. Venker replaces co-founder Steven P. Sanders and joins partners Steven S. Wasserman and Robert J. “Bob” Bassertt, who continue to serve on the executive committee. Partner Lisa A. Larkin replaces past committee member Lucy T. Unger.

In addition, the firm has announced that the Honorable Michael P. David has joined the firm upon his retirement from the 22nd Judicial Circuit Court after 25 years of service.

Benjamin M. Bakula and Julia M. Pahlow have joined HeplerBroom, L.L.C. as associates.

The law firm of Husch Blackwell, L.L.P. announces the promotions of Kate M. Heideman Leveque, Sonni Fort Nolan and John M. “Jack” Terry to partnership. In addition, Matthew D. Ahlers has joined the firm as an associate.

Paule, Camazine & Blumenthal, P.C. announces that Lisa G. Moore has been elected president of the firm. New board officers for the calendar year are: Chair Alisse C. Camazine, Vice-President Alan E. Freed, Secretary David M. Slaby, and Treasurer Carl M. Markus. Also serving on the board are Peter A. Gianino and Allison Schreiber Lee.

In addition, Patricia L. Bland and Barton E. Saettele have become shareholders in the firm.

The Missouri State Public Defender System announces that Matthew J. Bell and Julie E. Regenbogen have joined the St. Louis City office. In addition, Kristina S. Olson, previously with the St. Charles office, has been promoted to district defender with the Appellate/PCR A Public Defender’s Office.

Also, Michelle L. Hinkl, formerly with the Columbia office, and Jemina R. Steele, previously with the Jackson office, have joined the St. Louis County Public Defender’s Office.

The law firm of Carmody MacDonald, P.C. announces that Edwin C. Ernst, IV and Benjamin D. McIntosh have been promoted to principal.

Armstrong Teasdale, L.L.P. announces the addition of the following attorneys to partnership: Richard L. Brophy, Erin M. Florek, Dione C. Greene, James M. Heinen, Jr., Tamara J. Keller, Christopher R. LaRose and Jonathan D. Valentino.

Partner Donna Frazier Schmitt has been added to the firm’s intellectual property practice group. In addition, firm partner Daniel E. Sakaguchi has been appointed as an at-large member of the board of governors of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA). The NAPABA represents the interests of more than 40,000 attorneys and 68 state and local Asian Pacific American bar associations.
Also, firm attorney Jonathan R. Shulan has been named to the Missouri Chamber Music Festival board of directors.

Armstrong Teasdale attorney Lucas M. Amodio has become a certified ethical hacker through the International Council of E-Commerce Consultants. Amodio is a member of the firm’s intellectual property practice group.

Partner Jeffrey L. Schultz, co-chair of the firm’s privacy and data security practice, has earned the Certified Information Privacy Professional/US credential through the International Association of Privacy Professionals.

Firm attorney Jessica M. Mendez has been appointed co-chair of The Missouri Bar’s newly formed Committee on Diversity. The committee, which is part of the Lawyers in the Community Division of The Missouri Bar, is responsible for planning the Bar’s annual Diversity Summit.

In addition, Samir Mehta, a member of the firm’s intellectual property practice group, has been elected to a one-year term as president of the South Asian Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis.

Gregory A. Iken, a partner in Armstrong Teasdale’s litigation practice group, has been named to the board of directors of St. Louis Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts.

Also, Darryl M. Chatman, formerly a member of the firm’s litigation practice group, has been named deputy director of the Missouri Department of Agriculture.

Jovita M. Foster, a partner in Armstrong Teasdale’s litigation practice group and chair of its diversity committee, has been selected to receive a 2015 Young Leader Award from the St. Louis American Foundation. The award recognizes African-American professionals who are making a positive impact in the community.

**ELSEWHERE IN MISSOURI**

Attorney John A. Nicholas, of the Law Office of Hensley & Nicholas in Carthage, has been elected associate circuit judge for the 29th Judicial Circuit Court in Jasper County.

The Missouri State Public Defender System announces the addition of the following attorneys: Kenneth R. Heineman, Jr. (Union); Philip G. Scanlon (Farmington); Kenton D. “Kent” Harding (Harrisonville); Ryan M. White (Harrisonville); Maurice E. Brewer (West Plains); Andrew B. Mead (Bolivar); Matthew T. Weatherman (Bolivar); Travis C. Bargeon (Jackson); Eric C. Bradley (Jackson); Patrick M. Nolan (Kirkville); Shanti M. Katona (Poplar Bluff); and Brian M. Ukman (Poplar Bluff).

Susan R. Warren has joined the Caruthersville office as district defender. In addition, M. Patricia “Patti” Tucka, formerly with the Jackson office, has joined the Kennett office as district defender.

Edward L. Guinn has been promoted to district defender with the Moberly Public Defender’s Office after serving as assistant public defender in that office.

Courtney G. Goodwin, previously with the Farmington office, has been promoted to district defender with the Hillsboro office. In addition, Dane R. Rooper, formerly with the St. Louis City Public Defender’s Office, has joined the Hillsboro office.

**OTHER STATES**

The Wilmington, Delaware office of Polsinelli, P.C. announces that attorney Shanti M. Katona has been elected to shareholder.

As part of the firm’s management changes, W. Andrew Douglass has been appointed employee benefits and executive compensation practice chair in the Chicago office.

**ORGANIZATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Estate Planning Society of Kansas City announces the first four inductees into its newly formed Hall of Fame. The inductees are: James L. “Jim” Cole, CEO of Country Club Trust in Shawnee Mission, Kansas; Myron E. Sildon, chairman of Sildon Law Group, P.C.; William K. “Bill” Waugh, III, of counsel at the Overland Park, Kansas office of Lathrop & Gage, L.L.P.; and, posthumously, Edward A. Setzler,
Jr., attorney and past president of the Estate Planning Society. Honorees must have at least 40 years of experience in the estate planning field and made significant contributions to the area’s estate-planning community.


The St. Louis County Bar Association recently held its annual dinner and installation of officers. Bruce F. Hilton, managing partner of the Hilton Family Law Group, L.L.C., was installed as the 80th president of the association. Elizabeth “Beth” D. McCarter was recognized with the Dudley C. Dunlop Distinguished Service Award. This award is given for distinguished service to the organized Bar and the community.

Kevin J. Dolley
Anthony L. Martin
Mark D. Seigel

Sheena R. Hamilton was presented the Roy F. Essen Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. The award is given annually to an attorney licensed less than 10 years who has shown excellence and distinguished work as a lawyer and distinguished service to the organized bar.

Elizabeth D. McCarter

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