



News and notes from PA Chamber members

People

Pepper Hamilton LLP announced the election of 14 lawyers to partner and “of counsel.” These men and women were promoted from within, and represent six practice areas and five offices. The new partners are Timothy Atkins, Benjamin Cooper, Maria Feeley, Scott Fireison, John Hansberry, Christopher Huber, Solomon Hunter Jr., John Jones Jr., Todd Reinstein, Angelo Stio III and James Thomas. The new “of counsel” are Kelly Bryan, Christine Kimmel and Dennis Very.

The firm also announced:

- The following individuals joined as partners in its Philadelphia office: Amy B. Ginensky, a leading First Amendment lawyer; Jay A. Dubow, securities litigator and SEC enforcement lawyer; and Michael E. Baughman, commercial litigator and media lawyer.



• Lance Rogers, an experienced litigation attorney and Lower Merion Township commissioner, joined the Philadelphia office.

- Mark DeLuca and Paul K. Legaard, patent and intellectual property attorneys, joined as partners in the firm’s Intellectual Property Practice Group in the Berwyn office.
- David T. Shapiro, former attorney in the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, joined the Philadelphia office as “of counsel” in the Health Effects Litigation Practice Group.
- Nina M. Gussack, chair of the Pharmaceutical and Medical Litigation and Counseling Practice, was elected chair of the Executive Committee, the firm’s governing body. Gussack has spent her entire legal career at Pepper Hamilton, and she is the first woman in the firm’s 117-year history to be elected to this position.

KU Resources, Inc. announced the hiring of Teresa Sekscinski as engineering project manager; Sara Uhl as environmental scientist; Nicholas Palumbo as environmental engineer; and Leeanne Fitch as a receptionist, in its Duquesne office. The company also hired Heather Bennett as environmental technician and Craig Kowalski as a geologist in its Akron office.



Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin announced that Thomas Bracaglia, a shareholder working in the firm’s Philadelphia office, was a panelist on PaTLA’s *What’s It Worth* seminar. He addressed evaluations of the fact patterns of cases.

The firm also announced:



• Wendy Bracaglia will join the King of Prussia office as managing attorney; John Gonzales will join as assistant managing attorney.



• Colleen Bannon, a shareholder working in the Philadelphia office, presented a seminar regarding “*Electronic Discovery and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure*” to members of Manufacturers Alliance/MAPI.

Optical Image Technology announced that Scott Buchart and Jim Thumma, president and vice president of sales, respectively, gave a presentation entitled “*Imaging Nitty Gritty*” at the Metropolitan New York Chapter of the Association of Records Managers and Administrators’ (ARMA) All-Day Workshop. The presentation displayed how document imaging and digital workflow can revolutionize business processes. Both gentlemen have more than 20 years of experience in document management and technology consulting on business processes.

The company also announced:



- Three additional staff members have been hired to its technical departments: Elliot Deschamps, technical support representative; Ron Getgen and Tom Collins, quality assurance analysts. They will provide input and expertise regarding automated products designed to produce efficient paper-intensive business while allowing for cost savings.



Stevens & Lee announced that James W. Saxton, chairman of their health-care litigation group, spoke at the seventh annual Minimally Invasive

Surgery Symposium and the Active Communication International’s (ACI) Bariatric Surgery Centers of Excellence Conference. Saxton, an acclaimed lecturer who addresses health-care organizations across the country, discussed the importance of service excellence strategies, event management/service recovery equipment, and the causes of malpractice claims and why they are increasing. Saxton is the author of several articles, handbooks and textbooks, including *Five-Star Customer Service: A Step-by-Step Guide for Physician Practices*.



ALL4 Inc. announced that Corey Brandt and Colin McCall joined the

ALL4 team. Corey is a chemical engineer with more than 17 years of experience in the pulp and paper industry: she will serve as a technical manager. Colin is a meteorologist who has spent his career in air quality consulting: he will serve as a project scientist.

Noteworthy

East Penn Manufacturing announced the release of its new high-rate battery, the Unigy HR5500ET. Designed for easier installation and maintenance, this battery



uses the latest technology to lower internal resistance and provide critical power. Its low pressure, self-sealing valves prevent dry-out,

and flame arrestors are installed for added safety. The battery was developed for UPS service and has a design life of ten years.

The company also announced:

- It has expanded its current line of Deka Unigy 1 batteries by adding the new 12AVR-90, which offers greater



coverage for cabinet sizes and multiple special design features. It has a more extensive design life than that of standard

batteries used in telecom applications and comes in reinforced cases that resist bulging and meet all safety requirements.

- It will have another year of partnership with Evernham Motorsports and its NASCAR Busch Series program. The logo for East Penn's Deka battery will appear on the No. 9 Ultimate Chargers Dodge Charger, which runs a full-time Busch Series schedule and will be driven by Kasey Kahne, Elliot Sadler and Scott Riggs. The logo will also appear on the uniforms of the drivers and all Evernham Motorsports transporters and pitboxes.
- It has released a new battery cleaning spray that penetrates, loosens and neutralizes surface acid and corrosion deposits. When sprayed, the cleaning agent dispenses as a yellow color and leaves a pink foam behind as it detects acid.

GGG Information Services announced that its Chennai, India operation has been fully certified to ISO 9001:2000 Global Quality Standards. The GGS India operation joins the firm's other offices in Atlantic Highlands, NJ; New York City; St. Paul, MN and York, PA.

Optical Image Technology announced the release of five new add-on modules to its current DocFinity Version 9 management suite. These add-ons make business communications faster and easier by offering increased integration of software applications and the ability to quickly process large volumes of routine forms. The products benefit a diverse range of businesses.

The company also announced:

- It has formed a business partnership with Acacia Group LLC. The collaboration will offer a complete line of products and services to companies searching



for enterprise workflow, document management software solutions and related services. Options will include hosting, online backup recovery and storage, systems integration and consulting.

High Real Estate Group LLC

announced that it is finalizing the details of a joint venture partnership with Faison Enterprises Inc. of Charlotte, NC to develop the 300,000-square-foot Mill Creek Square shopping center in East Lampeter Township. The site is located along the Route 30 shopping corridor next to the Congress Inn and Lancaster Host Resort.

Wohlsen Construction Company

completed major renovations at the Water Street Rescue Mission in Lancaster. The project consisted of 86,360 square feet of renovations and a connecting bridge between two existing buildings. New facilities were added including expanded medical, dental and learning centers.



RETTEW

announced the opening of its ninth office in Chambersburg.

The office will seek to address the engineering, land development, and related service needs of Franklin county, northern Maryland and West Virginia.

Recognitions



York County Chamber of Commerce

announced that Louise Heine, director of marketing

and member relations; and Kristi Walsh, vice president of customer development, were presented the Award for Communications Excellence by the American Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE). The ladies won in the category of Chamber Image Campaign for their chamber's advertisement, "Need it...Find it...Click it...www.YorkChamber.com, Your Source for Reliable Business." The competition drew 280 entries from more than 100 chambers throughout the country.

RETTEW announced that it was awarded the 2007 Diamond Honor Award by the



American Council of Engineering Companies of Pennsylvania (ACEC/PA) for designing a passive

abandoned mine drainage treatment system for the Audenreid Mine Tunnel. The tunnel empties aluminum-contaminated AMD into the Catawissa Creek Watershed in Schuylkill County. The system has tripled the creek's acid-neutralizing capacity, restored its aquatic habitat, and created a greater opportunity for ecotourism such as hiking, fishing and boating.

Skelly and Loy announced that it was awarded the 2007 Diamond Award Certificates for Engineering Excellence by the American Council of Engineering Companies of Pennsylvania for three of its projects: the First Hollow Run Stream Restoration Project, the Market Street Underpass Mitigation—Archaeology Lesson Plan, and the improvement of Opossum Creek in Adams County.

Optical Image Technology announced its selection as a finalist in the ECM Connection ACE Awards in the banking and finance category. The awards recognize hardware and software vendors that promote education and adoption of ECM technologies, and honor their noteworthy achievement across three criteria: appeal, content and education.

Wohlsen Construction Company

earned Platinum Level status in the National 2007 Safety Training and Evaluation Process award program of the Associated Builders and Contractors. Wohlsen was one of fewer than 250 general contractors nationwide to receive the highest award level given out by ABC in recognition of safety management excellence, highlighted by management commitment, a quality written safety program, and OSHA incidence rates consistently below established national averages.

The firm also announced:

- Mike Quinn was awarded the company's Herman F. Wohlsen award, named after the company's founder. The award acknowledges the field employee who best exemplifies the characteristics of hard work, attention to detail, attention to customer satisfaction, honesty, innovation and leadership.
- R. Edward Gordon was awarded the company's President's award. The award is given to the office employee whose performance and productivity best exemplifies the values of Wohlsen Construction Company, including customer satisfaction, teamwork, supplier relations and community involvement. ◆

Does your business have news you'd like to share with other PA Chamber members? Email ismith@pachamber.org for consideration.