

## PEOPLE, PLACES, HONORS & AWARDS



The Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University has hired two faculty members to develop and lead new programs in response to the foreclosure crisis.

**Timothy P. Burr** is director of the Foreclosure Mediation Unit, which will provide impartial mediation services between lenders and residential borrowers facing foreclosure.

**Mary Ellen Natale** is director of the Homeowner Advocacy Unit of the Civil Justice Clinic, in which student attorneys will represent families who are at risk of foreclosure or victims of mortgage fraud scams and engage in advocacy and community outreach on foreclosure law and related issues.

Also joining the Clinic is **Andrea Esquer**, a 2011 graduate of the College of Law, who was named assistant director of the Homeowner Advocacy Unit.



**Kevin P. Nelson** was named shareholder in the Phoenix office of **Tiffany & Bosco PA**. He

joined the firm in 2007, and his litigation and transactional practice focuses on construction, Indian law, personal injury, and regulatory compliance and default issues regarding residential and commercial loans.



**Richard H. Silverman**, former General Manager of Salt River Project, has joined **Jennings, Strouss & Salmon, PLC**, Phoenix, as Of Counsel.

**Robert J. Metli** has joined **Munger Chadwick PLC** as Partner, and **Greg Patterson** has become Of Counsel to the firm. Both will practice at the firm's new Phoenix office.



**Suzanne L. Brei**, after more than 11 years of practice with Udall Law Firm, has started **Brei Dispute Resolutions**, a full-service ADR practice offering mediation and arbitration services in all litigation and pre-litigation disputes.



**Michael F. Tamm** joined the Phoenix office of **Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck** as of counsel. He will focus on litigation and health care.

**Abbie S. Shindler** has joined the Phoenix office of **Clark Hill PLC**. She focuses her practice on estate planning, probate, trusts, corporations and business organizations, and business law.

Recently retired Maricopa County Superior Court Judge **Brian R. Hauser** has joined **The Doyle Firm PC** as Of Counsel. He also announced his services as an arbitrator, mediator,

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private judge, litigation consultant, expert witness and Rule 53 Master in all areas of trial practice. He may be contacted at 602.240.6711, bhauser@doylelawgroup.com



**Lauren Crawford** has joined the Trial department of **Polsinelli Shughart** as an associate. She will practice in the Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith Litigation group, drawing on her prior experience, including working on appellate matters at the Arizona Court of Appeals.

**David Weissman** has joined **Rose Law Group**, Scottsdale, where he will lead the Employment Law Department.

**Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck** relocated to office space in the new downtown Phoenix development CityScape. Address: 1 E. Washington Ave., Suite 2400, Phoenix 85004.

**Arthur B. Alexander** has joined **Udall Law Firm LLP** as Of Counsel. His practice will focus on family law matters such as dissolution of marriage, custody, visitation, spousal and child support, as well as prenuptial and postnuptial agreements.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

**Richard J. Pocker** was elected to a position on the **Nevada State Bar Board of Governors**. He is the administrative partner for the Nevada office of New York-based Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP.



**C. Bradley Vynalek**, a partner in the Phoenix office of Quarles & Brady LLP, was selected as a Fellow in the **Flinn-Brown Civic Leadership Academy**, a component of the Arizona Center for Civic Leadership. The Academy develops future state leaders through a structured 12-seminar program, connections with established leaders, and individual plans for involvement in statewide issues and institutions.

Vynalek is co-chair of the firm's Commercial Litigation Group in Arizona.

**William A. Nebeker**, managing partner of the Phoenix office for the law firm Koeller, Nebeker, Carlson & Haluck, LLP, has been designated the Lead State Chair for the State of Arizona as well as the Southwest Regional Chair in the **Council on Litigation Management**. The CLM is a nonpartisan alliance comprised of thousands of insurance companies, corporations, corporate counsel, litigation and risk managers, claims professionals and attorneys.

His area of practice is trial litigation with an emphasis on personal injury and construction defect litigation.

**Christopher Keller**, Deputy County Attorney in the Civil Services Division of the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, received the 2011 **Outstanding Public Service Award** from the State Bar of Arizona Tax Law Section.



**David E. Funkhouser III**, an attorney in the Phoenix office of Quarles & Brady LLP, was elected to the board of directors of the **Arizona Advocacy Network**. His term began on August 1 and will run through 2013.

The Network promotes social, economic, racial and environmental justice by connecting and building power among activists and leaders in those fields, and by leading efforts for electoral justice and increased civic participation.



**Jeff Molinar**, an attorney with Osborn Maledon, PA, Phoenix, was named a Top Pro Bono Attorney for 2011 by the **Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education**.

**Kathleen Mayer**, a lawyer with the Pima County Attorney's Office, received the Ocotillo Award at the September annual awards dinner of the **Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence**. This category is for a person or group who has identified an issue facing domestic violence victims and has championed legislative or budgetary change to benefit victims.

Tax and patent attorney **Curt Harrington** was appointed to the **California Board of Legal Specialization** of the State Bar of California as an at-large member for a three-year term. He has just completed five years on the Tax Law Advisory Committee of the California Board of Legal Specialization, the most recent year as chair.



**Randy Nussbaum** of Nussbaum, Gillis & Dinner PC received the 2011 Award of Excellence from the **Scottsdale Bar Association**. The award recognized his 30 years of service to the Bar and the legal community.

**Frank Haze Burch**, co-founder of the law firm of Burch & Cracchiolo, was inducted into the

**Maricopa County Bar Association** 2011 Hall of Fame on October 27. He passed away in 2005 and was recognized posthumously. Burch was selected based on criteria that includes "a prominent and important impact on the history and development of the Maricopa County Bar and the legal profession."

He joins a list of leading Arizona attorneys, including fellow founding partner Daniel Cracchiolo, inducted in 2010.



**Lisa D. Duran**, a partner in the Phoenix office of Quarles & Brady

LLP, was elected to the board of directors of the **UMOM New Day Centers**. UMOM is the largest homeless shelter for families in Arizona.

Duran practices in the areas of commercial litigation, international business law and immigration law.

The **Jennings Strouss Foundation** received the **ICARECORPS Partnership Award** from Gateway School for the 2010-2011 school year. It was presented at the Creighton District Recognition Awards Celebration at Creighton School in Phoenix in August.

**Holly P. Davies**, of Lorber Greenfield & Polito, LLP, joined

the Executive Board of the **Arizona Association of Defense Counsel** as Secretary. The board also includes lawyers **Christopher M. Hanlon**, President, of Carnahan, Perry Hanlon & Hudson, PLC; **Michael A. Ludwig**, President-Elect, of Jones, Skelton & Hochuli PLC; **Barry M. Markson**, Treasurer, of Thomas, Thomas & Markson, PC; and Immediate Past President **Richard L. Righi** of the Righi Law Group.

Two attorneys also were selected to serve a three-year term on the Board: **Alison R. Christian** with Harper Christian Dichter & Sluga PC and **Adam E. Lang** with Snell & Wilmer, LLP.

