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People in the News - Jan. 22, 2015 - Phila. Bar Association Meeting

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Events

This month's **Philadelphia Bar Association's** board of governors meeting is scheduled for 4 p.m. today in the 10th-floor boardroom at the bar association.

Items for consideration include:

- Report on activities of international law committee and the association's relationships with the Barcelona, Spain; Lyon, France; and Montreal bar associations.
- Presentation on diversity, including diversity and inclusion action plan and individual diversity and inclusion action plan checklist.
- Report on the activities of the law school outreach committee.

The customer relationship management (CRM) special interest group of the Metropolitan Philadelphia chapter of the **Legal Marketing Association** is set to host an educational program titled "Tracking Business Development Efforts in CRM."

The discussion will be designed to give law firm marketers information to help begin the process of evaluating the worth of business development activities in a quantifiable way using CRM.

The event is scheduled from noon to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 3 at Cohen Seglias Pallas Greenhall & Furman, 30 S. 17th St., 19th floor, Philadelphia.

Register at <http://legalmarketing.org/metrophilly>.

Elected and Appointed

Blank Rome elected seven associates and one of counsel to partner, and three associates were elevated to of counsel.

From the area, they are:

- **Zachary A. Aria**, partner, intellectual property and technology, Philadelphia.
- **William R. Cruse**, partner, corporate litigation, Philadelphia.
- **Jonathan Scott Goldman**, partner, commercial litigation, Philadelphia.
- **Timothy A. French**, of counsel, corporate, M&A and securities, Philadelphia.
- **Lev Kalman**, of counsel, products liability, mass torts and insurance, Philadelphia.

Jenimae Almquist, a personal injury associate with **Messa & Associates**, was appointed to the board of directors of the **Rendell Center for Citizenship and Civics**.

The center is a collaborative effort between the **National Constitution Center** and **Arcadia University**.

Almquist concentrates her practice in complex personal injury litigation.

Reed Smith partner **David Gutowski** was elected to the board of directors of **The Parkinson Council**.

A member of Reed Smith's state tax group, Gutowski focuses his practice on multistate sales tax reviews, corporate tax appeals, and credits and incentives.

Joseph P. Gushue of **Volpe and Koenig** was elected shareholder Jan. 1.

Gushue, of the firm's Philadelphia office, concentrates on monetizing patent portfolios, including mining portfolios for valuable assets, developing licensing programs, conducting licensing meetings and marketing portfolios for sale.

His experience also includes patent prosecution, strategic patent portfolio development and patent acquisition due diligence.

Speakers

Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads partner **Christopher Scott D'Angelo** served as moderator and speaker for the 2014 International Corporate Counsel College, which is organized and presented in Europe each year by the **International Association of Defense Counsel**.

The program, "Data: The Gold of the XXI Century," was held in Milan, Italy.

D'Angelo is chair of Montgomery McCracken's international practice and co-chair of the firm's products liability, toxic torts and catastrophic events practice.

Announcements

The Legal is accepting nominations for its 2015 Best Law Firm Corporate Practices contest, honoring the top general corporate practices as well as specialty transactional areas. Firms of all sizes are invited to submit themselves for consideration.

Contact Ben Seal at bseal@alm.com for complete guidelines. Submissions are due March 20.

Correction

In the contributed article "Suggested Changes for Federal, State Criminal Procedure in 2015," published Tuesday in The Legal, the Clemency Project 2014 was established after Deputy Attorney General James Cole asked the bar to provide pro bono assistance to federal prisoners who would likely have received a shorter sentence if they had been sentenced today, due to changes in sentencing guidelines. •

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