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Elected and Appointed

The **Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association** inducted **Messa & Associates** founder **Joseph L. Messa Jr.** as its 55th president for the 2015-16 year.

Messa spent the last year serving as president elect under outgoing president **Lawrence R. Cohan**.

Messa handles cases involving medical malpractice, products liability, transportation accidents, construction and workplace injuries, fire, medical device, drug products liability, and other fields of complex personal injury litigation.

Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads attorney **Johnathan Perkins** was elected to the board of trustees of the Eastern Pennsylvania chapter of the **Leukemia & Lymphoma Society**.

Perkins, a Hodgkin's lymphoma survivor, became involved with the organization to help other patients and families battling blood cancers.

Perkins is an associate in the firm's Philadelphia office.

He concentrates his practice on commercial litigation and higher education and has experience representing various universities and corporations on a wide range of matters including employment decisions, contract disputes and products liability.

Events

Weber Gallagher Simpson Stapleton Fires & Newby was among the firms and companies recognized at the **Met East High School** Mentor Celebration in Camden on June 10.

The firm has been mentoring interns **Alexa Gonzalez** and **Katherine Jacquez** since October

2014. The students are set to graduate in 2016.

The June 10 dinner included performances from students and speeches about what they had gained in their internships.

Speakers

Kaplin Stewart Meloff Reiter & Stein attorneys **Maury B. Reiter**, **Barbara P. Anisko** and **Pamela M. Tobin** are set to present at the **Pennsylvania Bar Institute's** "A Day on Real Estate" on Aug. 5 in Philadelphia.

They will discuss recent cases, legislation and practice trends, tips and strategies for varied legal issues.

Register by calling 800-932-4637 or visiting www.PBI.org.

Announcements

The **Jenkins Law Library** is set to be closed Friday for Independence Day.

The library is scheduled to reopen July 6 and resume normal business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesday hours are 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Visit www.jenkinslaw.org for more information.

Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young partner **Mark Chopko** co-authored the second edition of "Exposed: A Legal Field Guide for Nonprofit Executives."

The book, published by the **Nonprofit Risk Management Center**, explores common legal issues that confront executives and boards of nonprofit entities, and discusses important concepts and practical strategies for managing risk in the nonprofit industry.

Chopko chairs Stradley Ronon's nonprofit and religious organizations practice group and advises clients, including colleges and universities, in matters involving structural, business, governance, regulatory and complex litigation.

Each year, The Legal publishes a listing of Pennsylvania's minority- and women-owned firms in PaLaw magazine. If you work at a minority- or women-owned firm, contact Ben Seal at bseal@alm.com or 215-557-2368 to receive a one-page survey and be included in the list.