

Professional Notices

Harrison M. Gates has joined Christian & Barton LLP, as an associate. He is a member of the litigation practice group and will assist clients with general litigation matters, including contract and business tort disputes. Before joining the firm, he served as a law clerk for the Hon. Jackson L. Kiser (U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia) and the Honorable Michael C. Allen (Circuit Court of Chesterfield County, Virginia).

Shameka L. Hall has been hired as an associate by Pagano & Marks PC, a full-service law firm in Richmond. Her areas of focus are criminal law, family law, and estate planning.

Leslie A. T. Haley, former senior assistant ethics counsel with the Virginia State Bar, announces the opening of Haley Law PLC where she will represent lawyers and law firms in ethics, professional responsibility, risk management, and law office management. For additional information, contact Haley at (804) 420-1056 or leslie@haleylawplc.com or visit the website at www.haleylawplc.com.

Charles C. Harris has joined Christian & Barton LLP, as an associate. He is a member of the firm's health care and business law departments. Prior to joining Christian & Barton, he worked for the special advisor to the vice president/CEO of a large academic medical center, where he handled an array of health care matters relating to corporate governance, administrative law, government relations and litigation.

M.G. "Glen" Henkle, a former prosecutor in Caroline County and Mecklenburg County and also formerly with Hutchens & Hutchens PC, has opened the Law

Office of M.G. Henkle PLLC in Amelia Court House. The firm focuses on criminal and traffic defense, but some other practice areas include estate planning and civil litigation. Geographically, the firm's focus is on the Central Virginia area, including greater metropolitan Richmond and counties within a forty-mile radius of Amelia. The office is located at 9200 Virginia Street (P.O. Box 183), Amelia Court House, VA 23002, but the firm also has access to meeting space in Richmond.

David B. Holt has joined the law firm of Joseph Smith, LTD and the Brain Injury Law Center located at 2100 Kecoughtan Road, Hampton. Holt's primary focus as a plaintiff's attorney is personal injury/wrongful death, traumatic brain injuries, medical malpractice, social media/business law, criminal/traffic defense, products liability, defamation/libel, workers compensation and more.

James R. Kearney, a partner at the Fairfax law firm of Kearney, Freeman, Fogarty & Joshi PLLC, recently accepted the 2012 Regional Award of Merit from the Virginia High School League for his longtime contributions to high school athletics in Virginia.

Bret D. Lee has joined SmolenPlevy as an associate. Lee previously clerked for the Honorable W. Keith Watkins of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama. Lee will practice in the family law and litigation section.

David S. Mercer, a principal with MercerTrigiani law firm in Alexandria, has been selected by the Caron Foundation to receive the 2012 Caron Legal Professional Award for his contributions in combating chemical depen-

dency in the legal profession through prevention, education or due process of the law.

Philip B. Morris, of Morris & Morris PC, received the Bar Association of the City of Richmond's Hunter W. Martin Professionalism Award at the bar's luncheon on November 15. The award recognizes adherence to the highest standards of professional conduct.

John S. Pachter was honored by the American Bar Association Section of Public Contract Law at the ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago as the first recipient of the Section's *Allan J. Joseph Award for Excellence in Leadership*. The award recognizes "exceptional effort and accomplishments" as well as "extraordinary contributions" to the section.

Sakina K. Paige is the 40th president of the Metropolitan Richmond Women's Bar Association. The MRWBA was founded in 1974 to support and enhance the professional success and personal development of women in the legal profession through education and networking opportunities.

Shikha Parikh has formed Paradigm Law PLC, based in Fairfax. She primarily practices in the areas of foreclosure prevention, consumer protection, and general civil litigation in Virginia and Maryland. She also handles criminal and family law matters.

Christine S. Ramapuram has joined Jamie A. Mastandrea PC as an associate attorney. Her practice focuses on general civil litigation, personal injury, family law, business law, and traffic matters.

Richard Rarajczak has joined Norris & St. Clair PC as an associate. His practice will focus on personal injury, traffic court, real estate, and immigration.

Stacey Sklaver has been promoted to associate at DCBA Law & Policy LLP. DCBA has moved from Arlington to Georgetown and is in the Flour Mill building at 1000 Potomac Street, NW, Suite 150-A, Washington, DC, 20007.

J. Gaston B. Williams, Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of North Carolina, has been presented a Commendation for Outstanding Performance and Invaluable Assistance

on behalf of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Environmental Crimes Section, U.S. Department of Justice. The commendation was related to the prosecution of *United States of America v. Freedman Farms, Inc., et. al.* The award was presented by Attorney General Eric Holder, Acting Associate Attorney General Tony West, Assistant Attorney General Ignacia S. Moreno, and Stacey H. Mitchell, Chief, Environmental Crimes Section.

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