

Professional Notices

Northern Virginia's **Blankenship & Keith PC** continues last year's growth strategy with the addition of four new attorneys — after adding nine lawyers in 2017. **Michael McAdoo** has joined the firm's Wills, Trust and Estates section and its Commercial Real Estate and Leasing practice as senior counsel. **Adam W. Smith** has joined as a principal in the Civil Litigation, Medical Malpractice, and Personal Injury practice groups. **Patrick B. Piccolo** has also joined the Civil Litigation practice as an associate. **Olivia M.F. Bean** has joined the family law practice as an associate. Bean completed clerkships with the Honorable R. Terrence Ney and the Honorable Stephen C. Shannon of the Fairfax County Circuit Court.



McAdoo



Smith



Piccolo



Bean

Wharton Aldhizer & Weaver PLC in

Harrisonburg has elected **Derek J. Brostek** to its partnership. Brostek handles cases in civil, business, and insurance issues. He joined the firm after retirement as a lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corp. Brostek served for 13 years as a judge advocate focused primarily on criminal law, including trial work, teaching trial advocacy and strategic policy work, and served in Afghanistan in the areas of operational law and detention operations.



Brostek

Richard Butterworth has joined the Corporate and Government Services department of **Kutak Rock** in Washington, D.C. Butterworth formerly served as Senior Assistant General Counsel at the General Services Administration where he was recognized with commendations from the Secretary of Defense, the Secretaries of the individual military services, and the Secretary of Energy.

Cozen O'Connor has opened an office in Richmond, where the firm's State Attorneys General (AG) Practice will offer strategies and services for Virginia companies. The team will be headed by **Jerry W. Kilgore**, a member of Cozen O'Connor's State AG practice and former Virginia State Attorney General. Cozen O'Connor's State AG group focuses on AG-facing investigations, litigation, outreach, and policy. The practice represents Fortune 500 and other companies preemptively and in response to AG investigations and litigation in all 50 states and Washington, DC



Kilgore

Jessica Hayes has joined **Pender & Coward** where she focuses her practice in the areas of wills, trusts, estate planning and administration. "Jessica's experience and talents complement the firm's estate planning practice and we're delighted to have her on our team," said Pender & Coward CEO **Rick Matthews**.



Hayes

Mary E. Kuntz has been elected partner in the Washington, DC employment law firm of **Kalijarvi, Chuzi, Newman & Fitch PC**. (KCNF). Kuntz holds a Ph.D. in Classical Languages and Literatures from Yale University and is a former tenured professor of classical languages and literatures and, from 2001 to 2005, she directed the Women's Studies Program at Auburn University. At KCNF, Kuntz's areas of practice are employment discrimination, security clearance appeals and suitability determinations; whistleblower law, and higher education law, including tenure appeals.



Kuntz

Kelly B. Martin has been named a shareholder with personal injury firm **Tronfeld West & Durrett** in Chesterfield. Martin focuses



Martin

his practice in all areas of personal injury litigation.

Reston-based **McMahon, Welch and Learned PLLC** has added two senior government contracts attorneys as counsels to its nationwide government contracts practice. **Orest "OJ" Jowyk**, who served for 20 years in the US Air Force before becoming a lawyer, will advise domestic and international clients on all aspects of government contracting law. **Johana "Jody" Reed** brings to McMahon Welch and Learned over 20 years of in negotiating international and domestic contracts including subcontracts, teaming agreements, intellectual property licenses, agent agreements, and proprietary information agreements for numerous million- and billion-dollar programs.



Jowyk



Reed

McMahon, Welch and Learned has also made **Peter Fish**, formerly counsel to the firm, a partner. Fish has been with the firm for over three years and has over 25 years of professional experience balanced between law firm practice and serving as in-house counsel for public sector contractors. His practice is focused on providing legal counsel and guidance to early stage and established government contractors and technology companies.



Fish

Rice, Paige, Pandya & Gregg announces the formation of its new partnership, effective February 2018. The all-female firm will specialize in family and criminal law and will office at 125 St. Paul's Blvd., Suite 110, Norfolk, VA 23510. Together, the partners have over 30 years' experience in the legal field, serving as commonwealth attorneys, public defenders, and substitute judges in the cities of Newport News, Portsmouth, Hampton, and Norfolk.

Andrew B. Stockment has become a shareholder at **Lenhart Pettit** in Charlottesville where he focuses his practice on intellectual property and technology, cybersecurity and data privacy, and corporate and business law. He is active in the Virginia Bar Association and currently serves on the VBA Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law Section Council and the VBA Board of Governors, and he is the chair of the VBA Young Lawyers Division.



Stockment

P. David Tarter was recently reelected to a third term as the mayor of Falls Church. He is the founder of Tarter NoVa Law in Arlington, where his practice focuses on commercial real estate, land use, and business law.



Tarter

Nathan J. D. Veldhuis has joined **Christina Pendleton & Associates PC** in its Richmond office as its senior trial lawyer. He has over 13 years of litigation experience representing injured clients in a full range of personal injury actions. He is vice president of the Virginia State Bar's Litigation Section's Board of Governors and serves as a board member of the Virginia State Bar's Standing Committee on Legal Ethics. Veldhuis is a member of the board of governors of the Virginia Trial Lawyers' Association and serves on the Boyd Graves Conference, an invitation-only conference of attorneys and judges throughout Virginia charged with studying numerous areas of civil practice.



Veldhuis

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