

## PEERS AND CHEERS

### Attorney Announcements

**Steven A. Certilman** of Steven A. Certilman PC was appointed to the Roster of Neutrals of the International Centre for Dispute Resolution, the international division of the American Arbitration Association.

**Christine Baptiste-Perez** joined Saxe Doernberger & Vita PC as an associate in the firm's Trumbull office. Attorney Baptiste-Perez has a background in product liability litigation, foreclosure litigation, personal injury litigation, international business compliance, and securities regulatory matters.

**Joseph J. Cherico** of McCarter & English LLP was elected president of the Fairfield County Bar Association, beginning September 1, 2019. Attorney Cherico is a litigation partner and the office managing partner in the firm's Stamford office.

**Patrick Clendenen** has been elected to a one-year term as chair of the American Bar Association Business Law Section. He will serve until September 2020. Attorney Clendenen practices in the areas of civil, business, intellectual property litigation, and personal injury at Clendenen & Shea LLC in New Haven

Robinson+Cole announced the addition of partner **John L. Cordani** to the firm's business litigation practice. Attorney Cordani will focus his practice on intellectual property and information technology litigation.

The Connecticut Society of Public Accountants (CTCPA) named **Paul T. Czepiga** of Czepiga Daly Pope & Perri LLC to the society's advisory council for the 2019-2020 activity year. This council contemplates the future of CTCPA and the accounting profession.

Geraghty & Bonnano LLC welcomed **Johanna McCormick** as senior associate. Attorney McCormick concentrates her practice in the areas of probate, wills and trusts, and Medicaid planning.

**Lindsay T. Reed** joined Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP as a litigation associate in the firm's Stamford office. Attorney Reed represents clients in complex matters involving a wide variety of business and commercial disputes, in state and federal courts, and in arbitration.

McCarter & English LLP associate **Tara Sheldon** was selected to join the Oliver Ellsworth Inn of Court as a barrister for the 2019-2020 membership year. This organization is made up of attorneys and judges from the Hartford area who discuss significant legal issues to help foster excellence in professionalism, ethics, civility, and legal skills.

Alderman & Alderman LLC welcomed **Catherine M. Spain**. Attorney Spain has years of experience with estate planning and probate law.

**Gregory F. Ugalde** was named chair of the board of directors of the National Association of Home Builders. Attorney Ugalde is president and chief legal officer of T&M Building Co. Inc.

**Karen E. Yates** joined Withers LLP's New Haven office as partner. Attorney Yates focuses her practice on wealth transfer tax planning and fiduciary administration.

### Firm/Organization Announcements

**Murtha Cullina LLP** has established an entertainment and sports practice group, which represents clients in litigation matters, including breach of contract, right of publicity and privacy, and copyright and trademark infringement; and manages immigration matters for international talent and athletes.

The Pro Bono Partnership honored **Robinson+Cole** with the "Volunteer of the Year" distinction during an event hosted by the organization in celebration of volunteer lawyers who provided free legal services to nonprofit organizations throughout Connecticut in 2018. ■

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*is pleased to announce that*

**Michael A. Carbone**

has become a partner of the firm



Parrett, Porto, Parese & Colwell welcomes Attorney Michael A. Carbone as a partner. Michael clerked for Judge Paul M. Foti of the Connecticut Appellate Court, and Judge Gerard L. Goettel, of the United States District Court, District of Connecticut. Michael joins our commercial and real estate practice group, and leads the firm's bankruptcy practice.

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