

PEERS AND CHEERS

Attorney Announcements

Austin Apanovitch has joined the firm of Kane Hartley & Kane PC as an associate. Attorney Apanovitch will practice in the areas of residential and commercial real estate transactions, estate planning, and probate administration.

Brian J. Clifford has joined Saxe Doernberger & Vita PC as an associate. Attorney Clifford has almost a decade of experience in litigation, including insurance coverage, from depositions and discovery through mediations, trials, and appeals.

Britt-Marie Cole-Johnson, of Robinson+Cole, has been elected to serve on the board of directors for the YWCA Hartford Region. She has been actively involved in the YWCA Hartford Region for more than nine years and has previously served as chair of the Board of Directors, the Governance Committee, and the Nominating Committee.

Christopher F. Droney, retired senior US Court of Appeals judge for the second circuit, has rejoined Day Pitney LLP's Hartford office as a partner in the Litigation Department. His practice will focus on complex litigation at state and federal levels. He will also represent clients in matters involving governmental and internal investigations and white collar defense.

Leslie P. King has joined Carlton Fields as a shareholder in its Hartford office. Attorney King is a construction litigator who was notably victorious on behalf of the City of Hartford in disputes involving its minor league baseball stadium.

Rebecca A. Iannantuoni and **Christopher A. ("Chris") Klimmek** have been elected partners at Day Pitney LLP. Attorney Iannantuoni is an individual clients partner in the New Haven office where she represents fiduciaries, handles estate administration, and advises individuals and families regarding all aspects of estate planning with a particular focus on elder law and planning for persons with special needs. Attorney Klimmek is a litigation partner in the Hartford office where he practices in the area of complex business disputes and has experience with trial and appellate litigation in state and federal courts, as well as arbitration proceedings.

Andrew R. Lubin, a principal with the law firm of Neubert Pepe & Monteith PC, has been named the Connecticut state chair for the American College of Mortgage Attorneys (ACMA). There are currently only 14 Connecticut lawyers who have been elected to the college. The American College of Mortgage Attorneys is a national association of private practice and in-house commercial real estate finance lawyers.

Adam Masin has joined the Hartford office of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP as a partner in the products liability and mass torts group.

Hon. Douglas C. Mintz, former Connecticut Superior Court judge, has joined Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP

as a partner in the firm's Litigation Group and a member of its Alternative Dispute Resolution practice area.

Meghan Smith has been named partner at Kahan Kerensky Capossela LLP. Attorney Smith practices in the business department and has extensive experience handling commercial and residential real estate transactions; commercial and residential landlord tenant matters; business formations; and contract drafting, review, and negotiation.

Richard L. Street has been elected managing partner at Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP. Previously, he served as assistant managing partner of the firm and as practice group leader of the firm's litigation group.

Firm/Organization Announcements



Robinson+Cole lawyer Ryan Leichsenring, Robinson+Cole Pro Bono Chair Peter Knight, and Robinson+Cole Managing Partner Stephen Goldman.

Robinson+Cole received the Diana Kleefeld Pro Bono Award from Connecticut Appleseed for its work on a special education research project, and other pro bono efforts, during the organization's "Good Apple" Awards. A group of R+C lawyers, including Gregory J. Bennici, Emily C. Deans, Peter K. Knight, Rachel V. Kushel, and paralegal Albina Yaikbaeva, recently assisted Connecticut Appleseed in a research project that examined how school districts are dealing with rising special education costs. Their findings will be incorporated in a report that will be disseminated to every school district in the state and to the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS), the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE), and to members of the state legislature's Education Committee. Additionally, Ryan V. Leichsenring was recognized for his role in the spin-off of an existing Connecticut Appleseed program, Connecting through Literacy: Incarcerated parents, their Children, and Caregivers (CLICC), to a new public charity. CLICC focuses on the use of mentoring and literacy activities to strengthen communication and deepen bonds between children and their incarcerated parents. ■

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