

Honors and Awards

Chambers and Partners has recognized **Alan Brown**, an attorney at Frost Brown Todd LLC, in the 2009 edition of *Chambers USA*, a publication that ranks attorneys and their practices based on reviews by peers and clients. Individuals and attorneys are ranked in bands between one and six, with one being the highest band; Brown was ranked in Band 2 in the general commercial litigation category. ... Several attorneys at GrayRobinson P.A. were recently recognized as *Florida Trend* magazine's "Legal Elite," a distinction that honors attorneys who have been voted by their peers as being the state's legal leaders. The following recognized attorneys, listed by name with the primary area of practice for which they were recognized, all practice in the firm's Tampa location: **Richard M. Blau**, alcohol, beverage, and food; **Frederick S. Schriels**, litigation; **Grace H. Yang**, alcohol beverage; and **Richard M. Zabak**, litigation. ... **Angela Logan Edwards**, a partner in the Louisville, Ky., office of Woodward, Hobson & Fulton LLP and chair of the firm's business litigation practice group, has been chosen as this year's Outstanding Young Lawyer by the Kentucky Bar Association (KBA). She received a plaque commemorating this great honor at the KBA Young Lawyers Section's luncheon during the KBA convention held in Covington in late July. Edwards has been with Woodward, Hobson & Fulton since 1996, where she practices in the areas of commercial and ERISA litigation; counsels clients involved in business disputes; and represents employee benefit plans, claims administrators, and employers with benefits issues. ... The U.S. Army recognized **Rich Harper** of R.E. Harper Associates LLC, for the firm's contributions and "exceptional support of the Army mission, and Army soldiers and veterans," said Lt. Col. Alan W. Gallagher (Ret.), who presented the award on behalf of the secretary of the Army and the Army's Chief of Staff Freedom Team Salute Commendation Program. The Freedom Team Salute Commendation follows the firm's fund-raising campaign, which raised more than \$10,000 to help support severely wounded veterans of the military operations in Iraq and

Afghanistan re-entering the workplace through training and internships in the financial services industry.

Practitioners' News

Charles Baker has joined Fulbright & Jaworski LLP as a partner in their Houston office. Baker is an intellectual property litigator with two decades of experience handling matters for clients in the software, Internet, and media industries. He makes the move from Porter & Hedges LLP, where he served as the firm's intellectual property litigation head for the past four years. ... **Robert J. DeSousa**, a member of the FBA Board of Directors and a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, was recently elected and installed as the state judge advocate for the Pennsylvania Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), the largest state VFW organization in the United States, with 115,000 members and 520 posts. DeSousa, a lieutenant colonel with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, was sworn in by the VFW's national commander in chief, Glen Gardner, on June 27 during the state VFW's annual convention in Pittsburgh, Pa.. DeSousa is the general counsel of R.E. Harper Associates LLC and currently teaches in the master's degree program at Duquesne University. ... **Robert R. Harrison**, an attorney at Snow, Christensen & Martineau in Salt Lake City, Utah, has been named chair of the FBA's Health Law Section. ... **Nancy Heilman**, a director and member of the labor and employment and litigation practice groups at Cohen & Grigsby's Pittsburgh, Pa., office, has been elected to the Board of Governors of the Allegheny County Bar Association (ACBA); her term began on July 1 and extends to June 30, 2012. Heilman holds numerous leadership roles throughout Allegheny County and currently serves as law fellow for the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and as chair of the ACBA Judiciary Committee. In addition, she is president emeritus of the W. Edward Sell American Inns of Court, director of the Western Pennsylvania Diversity Initiative, and a member of the Women in the Profession Committee for the Pennsylvania Bar Association. ... **Lawrence Kolin**, a certified media-

tor and partner in the Orlando office of Alvarez, Sambol, Winthrop & Madson P.A., was reappointed to the Civil Procedure Rules Committee of the Florida bar, where he serves as chair of E-Discovery Rules. ... Cozen O'Connor attorney **David Y. Loh** recently participated in a life sciences industry forum, entitled "First Party Risks Facing Life Sciences Companies." Loh participated in a panel—"Impaired Property Risks"—that discussed the insurable event and recovery challenges posed by asset impairment risks in a highly regulated environment. Loh, who is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell, focuses his practice on international insurance matters and has extensive experience in successfully litigating cases involving insurance coverage and aviation, maritime, and transportation issues. ... **Deanne Maynard**, former assistant to the U.S. solicitor general at the Department of Justice, has joined the Washington, D.C., office of Morrison & Foerster as a partner. At the firm, she will chair the appellate and Supreme Court practice group. Maynard served in the solicitor general's office from 2004–2009; during her tenure, she argued 11 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, including some of the most important business cases over the last few terms: the anti-trust case *Pacific Bell Telephone Company v. linkLine Communications Inc.* and the patent case *MedImmune Inc. v. Genentech Inc.* ... **Alexander J. Passantino**, former acting administrator of the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division, has joined Jackson Lewis LLP as partner. Nominated to the agency position by President George W. Bush, Passantino led the federal office that interprets and enforces the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), the Davis-Bacon Act, the Service Contract Act, and close to 70 other federal statutes on behalf of approximately 135 million workers in more than seven million workplaces. **TFL**

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