

Practitioners' News

**Magistrate Judge Charles B. Day**, U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, has been named to a three-year term on the executive committee of the National Conference of Federal Trial Judges of the American Bar Association's Judicial Division. Day is a past president of the Federal Magistrate Judges Association and has served on a number of committees for the Maryland State Bar Association, the Bar Association of Montgomery County, Md., and the J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association. ... **Ilene Knable Gotts**, a partner at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz in New York since 1996, will serve a one-year term as section chair of the American Bar Association's Section of Antitrust Law. Gotts' practice focuses on antitrust matters, particularly relating to mergers and acquisitions. She began her career in Washington, D.C., as a staff attorney in the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition, where she conducted merger investigations, and later served in the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection. ... **Thomas O'Brien**, U.S. attorney for the Central District of California, has joined the Los Angeles office of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP, where he will practice in the firm's litigation department. In addition to serving as U.S. attorney, O'Brien served on the President's Corporate Fraud Task Force and was chair of the Cyber/Intellectual Property Subcommittee for the U.S. Attorney General's Advisory Committee. O'Brien is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and subsequently attended the U.S. Navy Fighter Weapons School (Top Gun). ... **Marc S. Raspanti**, a partner at Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick and Raspanti LLP and chair of the firm's white-collar criminal defense group, was reappointed by Gov. Edward G. Rendell as a member of the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing, which was created in 1978 for the primary purpose of creating a consistent and rational statewide sentencing policy to promote fairer and more uniform sentencing practices in Pennsylvania. Raspanti has served as a member of the commission for two years. ...

**Hon. Delissa A. (Lisa) Ridgway**, a judge on the U.S. Court of International Trade in New York, has been named chair of the National Conference of Federal Trial Judges, to serve from 2009 to 2010. The NCFTJ represents the interests of federal trial judges nationwide and is part of the Judicial Division of the American Bar Association. Judge Ridgway is a longtime member of the FBA National Council, a former chair of the FBA Government Relations Committee, and has held national offices in both the Administrative Law Section and the International Law Section of the FBA. In 2002, Judge Ridgway was honored with the FBA's highest honor, the Earl W. Kintner Award.

Honors and Awards

Brooks Kushman's president, **Mark A. Cantor**, was recently honored in the 2009 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for intellectual property law. Cantor, one of five lawyers who founded Brooks Kushman more than 25 years ago, leads the firm's active litigation practice and has handled and tried cases in state and federal courts throughout the country and in a number of international forums. ... **Allen W. Hinderaker** and **Anthony R. Zeuli**, who practice in the Minneapolis office of Merchant & Gould, were named by their peers in *The Best Lawyers in America* for intellectual property law.

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