

Honors and Awards

The Saint Thomas More Society awarded its Annual Board of Governors' Award to **Robert J. DeSousa**, an attorney in Harrisburg, Pa. DeSousa is the chief executive officer of the Vartan Group in Harrisburg and a major in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. His unit—the 213th Area Support Group out of Allentown—was called to active duty to deploy overseas. DeSousa reported on April 23, 2007. Andrew Clark, the society's vice president presented the award and praised DeSousa for his work as a board member of the society and for his service in the Armed Forces. ... **Lucien B. Campbell**, a federal defender in the Western District of Texas, has been selected as the 2007 recipient of the American Bar Association's Dorsey Award. The award honors an outstanding public defender or legal aid lawyer and will be presented to Campbell on Aug. 10 in San Francisco. Campbell founded the federal defender's office in the Western District of Texas in San Antonio in 1975 and was instrumental in increasing the size and caseload of the legal staff—from five attorneys handling 500 cases per year to 46 attorneys handling more than 6,000 cases per year. From 1996 to 1997, Campbell divided his time between Texas and Puerto Rico while serving as acting public defender for the District of Puerto Rico. Campbell plans to retire in August 2007 after more than three decades in public service. ... At its annual banquet held on June 21 in Seattle, the King County (Wash.) Bar Association presented its highest award, the William L. Dwyer Outstanding Jurist Award, to **Hon. Betty Binns Fletcher**, senior circuit judge of the U.S. Court

of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The award recognizes lifetime achievement in the legal profession and outstanding service as a judge within the jurisdiction of King County. Judge Fletcher has served in the legal profession for more than 50 years and has chambers in Seattle. ... Three FBA members have been honored by *Law and Politics* as 2007 Super Lawyers in their respective states. To be eligible for the distinction of Super Lawyer, attorneys must have been practicing for at least five years and must have attained a high degree of recognition from their peers and for professional achievement. The selection process includes peer nominations, a blue ribbon panel review, and independent research. Pittsburgh lawyer **James W. Young Jr.**, a partner in the law firm of Willman & Arnold, LLP, has been named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer; **George T. Patton Jr.**, of Indianapolis-based law firm Bose McKinney & Evans, has been named a Washington, D.C., Super Lawyer; and Atlanta lawyer **Gary S. Freed**, of Chamberlain Hrdlicka, has been named a Georgia Super Lawyer.

Practitioners' News

Dallas attorney **John Horany** was recently elected to the Freedom to Read Foundation Board of Trustees. Freedom to Read is an organization that defends First Amendment freedom of expression rights and supports the American Library Association's work fostering libraries and helping them expand their collections. Horany, who has a history of defending cases involving civil liberties, opened his firm, John K. Horany PC, in 1995. The firm concentrates on significant personal injury cases and wrongful death cases as well

as general civil litigation in state and federal courts. ... **William L. Hallam** has joined Thomas & Libowitz PA as a shareholder. Along with Louis J. Ebert, Hallam will co-chair the firm's new practice group that handles creditors' rights. ... **Marc S. Raspanti**, a founding partner of the Philadelphia law firm Miller, Alfano & Raspanti, spoke at the Health Care Compliance Association's 11th Annual Compliance Institute on April 24 in Chicago. Raspanti's presentation, entitled "Theories of Liability and Defenses Under the False Claims Act," focused on emerging theories of liability under the Federal and State False Claims Acts and discussed ways to prove emerging liability theories and associated damage theories in cases brought under the False Claims Act. Raspanti has also been appointed by Gov. Edward G. Rendell to the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing. The commission was created by the General Assembly in 1978 for the purpose of creating a rational, uniform, statewide sentencing policy that would promote fair and consistent sentencing practices. Raspanti has been lead trial counsel in many cases involving white-collar crime in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and was previously appointed to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. **TFL**

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impressed me about Judge Herlong is that he is not afraid to make difficult decisions where the case demands that those decisions be made."

Judge Herlong "believe[s] in our system" and is proud to have the opportunity to participate in it as a judge. He enjoys federal court issues and the lawyers that come before him. In his words, lawyers "know how to get to the point with an issue, get it resolved

and find out the truth of the matter." To Judge Herlong, pinpointing the truth is what makes his position challenging, essential, and rewarding. **TFL**

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