

Honors and Awards

The American Bar Association's Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section recognized **Richard P. Campbell** with the Andrew C. Hecker Memorial Award on Feb. 13. The award, named in honor of the late Andrew C. Hecker of Philadelphia, is presented annually to those lawyers who have consistently demonstrated—and continue to demonstrate—the qualities of leadership, outreach, enthusiasm, professionalism, and pride in the section and its accomplishments. ... Southwestern Law School, a nonprofit, nonsectarian independent law school, named **Hon. Alan Friedenthal**, class of 1983, Los Angeles Superior Court commissioner, as Outstanding Judicial Officer at the school's 22nd Annual Awards Recognition Reception on April 16. This annual event allows the Alumni Association and other members of Southwestern's community the opportunity to recognize their graduates and friends for their outstanding service. He was sworn in as a Superior Court commissioner in 2005, becoming a full-time bench officer after serving as an as-needed referee for nearly eight years. Commissioner Friedenthal is a Life Fellow of the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association. ... The Washington Bar Association, a local affiliate of the National Bar Association, presented its Charles Hamilton Houston Medallion of Merit to **Eric H. Holder Jr.**, attorney general of the United States, at the association's annual Law Day Dinner on May 2. The Medallion of Merit is awarded annually to individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to the ideals of one of the Washington Bar Association's founders, Charles Hamilton Houston, a man who was dedicated to using law as a means of effecting social change and equal justice. Past recipients of the award include such individuals as Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (posthumously). Holder is being recognized for his distinguished career in public service and his historic appointment as the nation's first African-American attorney general. ... The following FBA members were inducted as fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers

(ACTL) at its 59th Annual Spring Meeting, which was held in Fajardo, P.R., on March 2: **Nicola T. Hanna**, Irvine, Calif.; **Colin P. King**, Salt Lake City; **Joseph C. Laws Jr.**, San Juan, P.R.; **Richard Marmaro**, Los Angeles; **Jimmie C. Miller**, Kingsport, Tenn.; **Sheryl J. Willert**, Seattle; **Gregory P. Williams**, Wilmington, Del.; and **William R. Wilson**, Chattanooga, Tenn. Founded in 1950, the ACTL is composed of the best of the trial bar from the United States and Canada. Fellowship status is extended by invitation only and after careful investigation to those experienced trial lawyers who have at least 15 years of experience and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility, and collegiality.

Practitioners' News

Robert J. DeSousa, general counsel at R.E. Harper Associates LLC and a member of the FBA Board of Directors, has been named chairman of the board of directors of the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, Pa. DeSousa, who has served on the museum's board of directors since 2005, takes the helm of the nationally recognized institution at a time of great progress following several years of reorganization under previous chairs. The board represents a cross-section of central Pennsylvania's business, community, and financial leadership. ... On March 11, Fulbright & Jaworski LLP announced that **Marsha Gerber** of Houston, Texas, has been made a partner in the firm. Gerber has more than 20 years of litigation experience, representing both Fortune 500 companies and private corporations in connection with the defense of white-collar and complex civil litigation matters. ... **Sam Hirsch** has left Jenner & Block to become a deputy associate attorney general at the U.S. Department of Justice, continuing his long-standing work in the areas of voting rights, election law, and Indian affairs. The Office of the Associate Attorney General advises and assists the attorney general and the deputy attorney general on a broad range of matters involving civil justice, law enforcement, and pub-

lic safety matters; therefore, the office works with many department components, including the Civil Rights Division and the Environment and Natural Resources Division. ... **Thomas Horan** has joined Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in the firm's Wilmington, Del., office. Horan's practice is focused on bankruptcy and creditors' rights; he has represented a broad range of entities in complex commercial bankruptcy cases. Before joining Womble Carlyle, Horan practiced at Morris James LLP in Wilmington. He is a frequent speaker and author on bankruptcy and creditors' rights topics and is the newsletter editor for the Young and New Members Committee of the American Bankruptcy Institute. ... **Hon. Walter D. Kelley Jr.**, former judge of the U.S. District Court of the Eastern District of Virginia and current partner at Jones Day, has joined the McCammon Group, a leading provider of mediation, arbitration, and related dispute resolution services in the mid-Atlantic. Judge Kelley is a former member of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association; former chair of the Virginia State Bar's Section of Antitrust, Franchise and Trade Regulation Law; former master of the James Kent Inn of Court; former rector and board member of Old Dominion University; and former chairman and director of the board of directors of the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center. The McCammon Group consists of 69 professionals—including retired judges, practicing attorneys, and a financial expert located throughout Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Maryland. Since the organization's founding in 1995, it has handled more than 11,000 disputes and settled approximately 85 percent of them. ... **Margaret Lockhart** of Cooper & Walinski has been recognized as one of the 2009 Ohio Super Lawyers—a group in which only 5 percent of the lawyers admitted to practice in the state are selected for inclusion. Attorneys are selected based on their experience, representative clients, verdicts and settlements, transactions, honors and awards, special licenses and certifications, position within the law firm, professional activi-

ties, pro bono and community service, and other criteria. ... **Laura Prather**, a partner in the Austin office of Sedgwick Detret Moran & Arnold LLP, has been named the 2009–2011 co-chair for the American Bar Association's Women in Communications Law Committee, a national committee made up of women who practice in the area of media law. The primary goals of the committee are to encourage discussion of problems related to legal counseling and representation, to promote exchange of information among practitioners, to support and promote research, to develop forums and publications focusing on communications, to keep abreast of developments in the law and discuss evolving issues, and to preserve and develop professional competence and integrity in the practice of law. Prather's practice is concentrated at the trial and appellate level and focuses on commercial and business litigation, First Amendment litigation, prepublication review and clearance work, copyright and trademark litigation, general commercial litigation, open government issues, and privacy concerns. ... **Marc S. Raspanti**, a partner in the law firm of Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti LLP, retired from the Pennsylvania Disciplinary Board on Jan. 27, after serving two three-year terms on the board. The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania appointed Raspanti on Jan. 27, 2003, after Chief Justice Ronald D. Castille recommended him for the position. Raspanti served as chair of several of the board's committees throughout his two terms. ... **Glenn M. White** has been named to the board of directors of Mullins, Hirsch, Edwards, Heath, White & Martinez PC in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Obituaries

Hon. Joseph H. Baum, 78, a retired Navy captain, who spent more than 20 years as chief judge of the Coast Guard Court of Criminal Appeals, died of congestive heart failure at Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis, Md., on April 25. During his tenure on the Coast Guard's appeals court, the only military service court that has civilian members, Judge Baum was the sole civilian chief judge of a U.S. military court. Judge Baum became chief judge in 1985 and

participated in more than 250 decisions, writing the majority opinion in two-thirds of them. In 1987, his most notable case, *Solorio v. United States*, reached the Supreme Court, which upheld his decision. Joseph Herbert Baum was born in Memphis and was a graduate of the University of Chicago and Vanderbilt University Law School. He joined the Navy after law school in 1955 and was a legal officer aboard the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier *USS Enterprise* before being stationed in Japan from 1965 to 1969. Judge Baum represented the prosecution and defense on many courts-martial during his years with the Navy's Judge Advocate General's Corps; he was also chief of the Navy's Military Justice Division and was a judge on the Navy's Court of Military Review, the forerunner of the Court of Criminal Appeals. Judge Baum was a longtime member of the FBA and chaired the association's Military Justice Committee and the Judiciary Division. In 2006, he won the FBA's Justice Tom C. Clark Award for outstanding work by a government lawyer, and he retired the following year. Judge Baum lived in Fairfax County, Va., for many years before moving to Arnold, Md., two years ago. His wife of 22 years, Hope Malcolm Baum, died in 1985. Judge Baum's survivors include his longtime companion, psychologist and author Dr. Joyce Brothers of Fort Lee, N.J.; a son from his marriage, Daniel B. Baum of Arnold, Md.; three stepchildren, Eric C. Helfers of Glenn Dale, Md., and Patricia H. Buckley and Mary Elizabeth Gantt, both of Atlanta; a sister; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. ... **Kenneth H. Liles**, 88, tax lawyer for 35 years at Sutherland, Asbill and Brennan in Washington, D.C., before retiring in 1986, died after a heart attack on Jan. 25, at his home in Bethesda, Md. Liles worked briefly in the Internal Revenue Service chief counsel's office before joining Sutherland, where he specialized in federal tax law and represented corporations, trade groups, nonprofit organizations, and private foundations. Liles wrote articles for law reviews and tax publications, lectured at tax institutes nationwide, and did advisory work for the IRS and New York University's Institute on Federal Taxation. He was a former chair of the FBA's Section on

Taxation, which named its annual tax service achievement award—the Kenneth H. Liles Award for Distinguished Service—after him. He was also a former vice chair for committee operations for American Bar Association's Taxation Section. Kenneth Harding Liles was born in Birmingham, Ala. His father gave him his middle name as a tribute to President Warren G. Harding, but the younger Liles grew embarrassed by the connection to the scandal-ridden Harding White House and always said his middle name was "Hardin," although he never officially changed it. He was a 1942 magna cum laude graduate of Birmingham-Southern College, where he was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa honor society and was president of his social fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega. Liles served in the Navy during World War II and later graduated from the University of Michigan Law School, where he was elected to the Order of the Coif scholastic honorary society. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Dorothy Campbell Liles of Bethesda; two children, James C. Liles of Chevy Chase, Md., and Susan Wisneski of Dallas; three brothers; and two grandchildren. **TFL**

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