

### Practitioners' News

**Rosemary Becchi** has joined Patton Boggs' Washington office as a partner, where she will provide strategic counsel on developing federal and state policy initiatives, developing strategic relationships, and long-term planning. She plans to counsel clients on financial service and tax issues. Becchi is the current executive director for the Capital Area REACH Program, a local community service-based program that provides job training, scholarships, mentoring, and professional internships to disadvantaged youth. ... **Lila M. Bateman** has been elected partner in Morrison & Foerster LLP, where she is a member of the Litigation Department in the firm's Denver office. Bateman specializes in complex commercial litigation, appellate litigation, and class action defense. She has represented clients in a variety of commercial contexts, including contract disputes, franchise law, financial services, products liability, and business torts. ... The American Bar Association nominated **James Dimos** of Indianapolis to serve on its Board of Directors, representing District 18: Indiana, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. ... **Matthew T. Fitzsimmons**, a partner at the Cleveland, Ohio, law firm of Nicola, Gudbranson & Cooper LLC, has been elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of NorthEast Ohio Neighborhood Health Services Inc., the nation's second oldest federally qualified community health center, which has been serving the medically underserved for 42 years. ... **Michael Navarre** has been named special counsel at Steptoe & Johnson LLP, a leading international law firm. He is a member of the Litigation Department in Steptoe's Washington office, where his practice focuses on government contracts and criminal defense matters. Navarre is also a co-founder and regular contributor to a blog, known as CAAFlog, which the *ABA Journal* selected as one of the top 100 legal blogs in 2008. His writing for the blog focuses on the application of military law to civilians supporting U.S. contingency operations abroad. He has appeared on news shows and

has been quoted on these issues by the *New York Times*, *U.S. News and World Report*, and the *Wall Street Journal's Law Blog*, among other publications.

### Honors and Awards

**Alan G. Carlson**, managing partner of Carlson, Caspers, Vandenburg and Lindquist, a leading intellectual property litigation law firm in Minneapolis, has been named the "Minneapolis *Best Lawyers* Intellectual Property Lawyer of the Year" for 2010. The award is presented by *Best Lawyers*, one of the oldest and most respected peer-reviewed publications in the legal profession. A 38-year veteran of intellectual property law, Carlson was the first patent lawyer to be a fellow in the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers. He is consistently named a "Super Lawyer" by the *Minnesota Journal of Law and Politics* and has been listed with *Best Lawyers* every year for the past 18 years. Throughout his career, Carlson has achieved a number of multimillion dollar jury verdicts and continues to lead the firm in securing successful outcomes for intellectual property cases in and out of court. ... **Paula M. Junghans** of Zuckerman Spaeder LLP was recognized as a "Top Lawyer" in the "Death and Taxes" category by *Washingtonian* magazine. The magazine's biennial issue naming the "Top Lawyers" recognizes the region's top 800 attorneys. ... The American Bar Association's Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section honored **Samuel P. King** of Orlando, Fla., with the Pursuit of Justice Award, which recognizes lawyers and judges who have shown outstanding merit and who excel in providing access to justice for all. The award was presented to King at the ABA Midyear Meeting in Orlando on Feb. 6, 2010. King is a partner at Dellecker Wilson King McKenna & Ruffier LLP in Orlando, where his areas of practice include personal injury, wrongful death, automobile accidents, medical malpractice, nursing home negligence, defective products, premises liability, insurance company bad faith, business torts, and negligent security. King is "AV"-rated

by Martindale-Hubbell and has been a board-certified civil trial lawyer for more than a decade. He is a member of the Florida bar, where he served on the Executive Committee of the Trial Lawyers Section from 2004 to 2008 and currently serves on the Unlicensed Practice of Law Committee. King has also been recognized as one of Florida's "Legal Elite" by *Florida Trend* and as a "Florida Super Lawyer" by *Law & Politics* for 2007-2009. King earned a B.A. in 1982 from the University of Florida and a J.D. with honors in 1985 from the Florida State University College of Law, where he was a member of the trial competition team. ... Central High School, the nation's only high school authorized to award B.A. degrees upon graduation, has inducted alumnus **Judge Lawrence S. Margolis** of Washington, D.C., into its Hall of Fame. Established in 1836, Central High is America's second oldest public high school and its first citywide magnet school and has rigorous academic admissions standards. Of Central High's tens of thousands of graduates, only 86 have been named to its Hall of Fame, which includes an astronaut, a Nobel Laureate, and an Olympian as well as internationally known scientists, jurists, artists, and academicians. Following his graduation, with honors, from Central, Judge Margolis went on to the Drexel Institute of Technology (now Drexel University), where he earned a B.S. degree in mechanical and aeronautical Engineering. After graduating from Drexel, he moved to Washington, D.C., where he served as a patent examiner at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office during the day and attended George Washington University Law School at night. After receiving a J.D., he served as patent counsel for the U.S. Naval Ordnance Laboratory, then embarked on a series of assignments as a prosecutor: first as assistant attorney general for the District of Columbia, then as special assistant U.S. attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice and trial attorney in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, and finally as assistant U.S. district attorney for the District of Colum-

bia. In 1971, Margolis was appointed as magistrate judge for the U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C. Eleven years later, President Ronald Reagan appointed him to a judgeship on the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, a position in which he continues to serve.

... **Judge M. Margaret McKeown** of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit is among the 2010 recipients of the prestigious Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award from the American Bar Association's Commission on Women in the Profession. The award, which is named after the first woman lawyer in America, Margaret Brent, who won every case during an eight-year legal career that began in 1638, is given to women in the law whose many achievements have made them role models for future generations of women lawyers. "It is an honor to receive the award and humbling to be among the women considered to be trailblazers in the profession," Judge McKeown said of the recognition. Nominated by President Clinton, Judge McKeown has served on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals since 1998. She has sat on hundreds of appellate panels and authored more than 300 opinions, including ones on sex discrimination and mutilation of female genitalia. The 58-year-old jurist maintains chambers in San Diego. In addition to her work on the bench, Judge McKeown is actively involved in court governance, serving on various committees at the circuit and national levels, including chairing the Codes of Conduct Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States. Prior to becoming a judge, Judge McKeown was in private practice in Seattle, Wash., where she became the first woman partner at the law firm of Perkins Coie LLP. She founded the firm's intellectual property practice and was the first woman to serve as managing director on the firm's Executive Committee. She also created the firm's part-time lawyer program and its Saturday day care program in cooperation with the YMCA. Judge McKeown was the founder and first co-president of the statewide Washington Women Lawyers Association. She was the first female lawyer to represent the Western District of Washington at the Ninth

Circuit Judicial Conference. She served as the first woman president of the Federal Bar Association for the Western District of Washington and was a member of the Ninth Circuit Gender Bias Task Force, the first federal task force to be established to study this issue. Judge McKeown, who was a White House fellow and worked as a special assistant to the secretary of the Interior, had this advice for young women lawyers just beginning their careers: "Find a mentor, pursue your passion within the law, and if you want to be a trial lawyer or litigator, find a way to be in court as often as possible." ... **Chad A. Readler**, an attorney focusing in appellate litigation with Jones Day in Columbus, was the recipient of the Ohio State Bar Foundation's Statewide Community Service Award for Attorneys 40 and Under in recognition of his outstanding service to the community. By concentrating on three major areas of community service—helping the public, helping children, and providing pro bono legal services—Readler has been a part of a diverse mix of state and local organizations. He is a board member of Directions for Youth and Families, an organization that provides counseling, educational, and parental services to more than 8,000 families in Ohio. He is co-chair of the United Way of Central Ohio's Young Leadership Group, in which he works to enhance the United Way's community support services while recruiting new members to the organization. He is the former Public Member of the Ohio State Dental Board and was appointed by Chief Justice Moyer to the Commission on the Ohio Judicial Center, which he now chairs. **TFL**

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