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Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP



Jessica M.
Herron

Honigman, Miller, Schwartz, and Cohn LLP is pleased to announce that Jessica M. Herron, an associate in the firm's Corporate Department, has become a member of the board of directors for Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan. The mission of J.A. is to teach personal financial responsibility, workforce readiness and entrepreneurial thinking to young people through its dedicated volunteer teachers.

Herron focuses her practice on private equity, securities and corporate governance matters. She assists clients with mergers, acquisitions, financings, transactional matters, private and public securities offerings, and compliance and disclosure under SEC rules and listing standards.

She earned a law degree from Michigan State University School of Law, an M.A. in public relations from Michigan State University, and a B.A. from MSU's James Madison College.



Carl M.
Levin

In addition, Carl M. Levin, former U.S. senator, recently received the Milliken Distinguished Leadership Award from the Groundwork Center for Resilient Communities. Groundwork is a nonprofit advocacy organization located in Traverse

City whose mission is to protect the environment, strengthen the economy and build community. Levin is senior counsel in the Corporate Department at Honigman.

The award recognizes leaders who emulate the legacy of Governor William Milliken and the late Helen Milliken in their belief that a clean, healthy environment is necessary for a prosperous economy. Groundwork honored Levin for his many environmental accomplishments for Northwest Michigan as a U.S. senator, including:

- Sponsoring legislation that preserved more than 32,000 acres of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore as wilderness.

- Securing funding for the Boardman River Dams Removal Project—the largest wetlands restoration in the Great Lakes Basin.

- Playing an instrumental role in the creation of the Grand Vision, which directly engaged 12,000 people to create a consensus vision for growth and development, transportation solutions and key priorities like housing, local agriculture and clean energy in northwest Michigan.

Levin, who served 36 years in the U.S. Senate, focuses his legal practice on assisting publicly and privately held companies in identifying and addressing legal, business and reputational risks that may bring them under public or government scrutiny and result in legal action or loss of business; providing strategic advice to companies regarding public policy and regulatory issues, and issues being considered by federal, state and local legislative bodies. He also provides mediation and alternative dispute resolution services regarding complex disputes, particularly in relation to governmental units.

Levin earned a law degree from Harvard Law School and a B.A. from Swarthmore College.

Honigman is also pleased to announce that for the sixth consecutive year the firm has been ranked among the nation's most prominent law firms in several key practice areas in the U.S. News & World Report and Best Lawyers' 2016 "Best Law Firms." In total, Honigman was ranked nationally in 21 of its practice areas.

In the transactional practice areas, Honigman received high rankings nationally in Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization, Corporate, Environmental, Health Care, Information Technology, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity, Mergers and Acquisitions, Securities/Capital Markets, Securities Regulation, Tax, Trademark and Venture Capital. In the litigation practice areas, the firm received high rankings nationally in Bankruptcy, Commercial, Construction, Environmental, International Arbitration - Commercial, Mergers and Acquisitions, Real Estate, Securities and Tax.

Honigman's local metropolitan rankings include:

- Tier 1
Bloomfield Hills
Commercial Litigation
Corporate Law
Family Law
Litigation - Intellectual Property
Litigation - Mergers & Acquisitions
Non-Profit/Charities Law
Real Estate Law
Tax Law
Trusts & Estates Law

Detroit

- Antitrust Law
Appellate Practice
Banking and Finance Law
Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law
Commercial Litigation
Corporate Compliance Law
Corporate Governance Law
Corporate Law
Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law
Employment Law - Management
Environmental Law
Health Care Law
Insurance Law
Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
Litigation - Antitrust
Litigation - Bankruptcy
Litigation - Construction
Litigation - Environmental
Litigation - Intellectual Property
Litigation - Mergers & Acquisitions
Litigation - Real Estate
Litigation - Securities
Litigation - Tax
Mergers & Acquisitions Law
Real Estate Law

Securities/Capital Markets Law
Securities Regulation
Tax Law
Venture Capital Law

—Tier 2
Detroit
Construction Law
Criminal Defense: White-Collar
Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
Employment Law - Individuals
Franchise Law
Government Relations Practice
Information Technology Law
Litigation - Labor & Employment

—Tier 3
Bloomfield Hills
Banking and Finance Law
Litigation - Securities

Detroit
Immigration Law
Litigation - Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy)

LeClairRyan

LeClairRyan is pleased to announce that fifty-two (52) of the firm's practice areas have been selected for inclusion in the most recent edition of U.S. News & World Report and Best Lawyers listing of Best Law Firms for 2016. Firms were ranked in tiers, both nationally and by metropolitan area, based on specific data including client and peer review surveys.

LeClairRyan's local metropolitan rankings include:

—Tier 2
Detroit
Litigation - Patent
Patent Law

Young Basile

Andrew Balazer has joined the firm Young Basile at their Ann Arbor location as a patent attorney. Balazer focuses his practice on patent counseling and preparation/prosecution (US/foreign; utility/design) with focus on mechanical/electromechanical technologies.

With offices in Michigan, Illinois, and California, Young Basile provides a full range of intellectual property legal services to clients in technology-intensive industries including automotive, software and electronics.



Andrew
Balazer

Howard & Howard

Howard & Howard has been ranked in the 2016 "Best Law Firms" list by U.S. News & World Report and Best Lawyers' in the following metropolitan areas:

—Tier 1
Troy
Commercial Litigation
Energy Law
Litigation - Patent
Patent Law
Trademark Law

—Tier 2
Troy
Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
Litigation - Intellectual Property
Trusts & Estates Law

—Tier 3
Troy
Corporate Law
Labor Law - Management

Miller Canfield

Robert Murkowski, an associate in the Detroit office of Miller Canfield, was named a 2015 "Up & Coming Lawyer" by Michigan Lawyers Weekly for making a substantial impact in the legal industry.

A member of Miller Canfield's Litigation Group, Murkowski has litigated a variety of high-stakes corporate disputes and matters involving commercial contracts, the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC), antitrust and unfair competition laws, trade secrets, non-compete and non-disclosure agreements. Murkowski is also a member of the firm's Automotive Group, where he regularly represents automotive manufacturers and tiered automotive suppliers in negotiating and litigating supplier contract disputes and warranty claims.

He received his law degree from Wayne State University Law School and his B.S. from Eastern Michigan University.

In addition, Steve Mann, a principal in Miller Canfield's Detroit office, has been appointed to the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees. Mann was appointed on October 27th to fill the vacancy resulting from the death of Kay Arnold, a long-time trustee.

"My goal is to help out the township and try to bring the board back together, in order to be more functional and serve the community," said Mann, who also stated he will not seek reelection next year. The seat Mann was appointed to fill expires in November 2016.

Mann's involvement with the township spans over 23 years, having previously served as a township police officer for 11 years, and as an elected board member for 12 years, including one term as township supervisor and two terms as trustee.

Mann is a member of Miller Canfield's Public Finance practice group, and specializes in the area of municipal finance, representing public agencies as bond counsel. His practice covers all facets of tax increment financing, special assessments, and economic development. He has also authored several amicus curiae briefs for both the Michigan Court of Appeals and the Michigan Supreme Court, arguing on behalf of public bodies and municipal associations in cases involving complex issues related to the Freedom of Information Act and the Open Meetings Act.

He earned his law degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law

School in 2004. He also earned a B.B.A. from Cleary College in 2001.

Miller Canfield also announces that U.S. News & World Report and Best Lawyers ranked the firm among the nation's most prominent law firms in the 2016 edition of "Best Law Firms."

Miller Canfield received national first-tier rankings in Labor & Employment Litigation and Public Finance Law. The firm is recognized as having the most first-tier rankings in the United States in the area of Municipal Litigation, and was ranked nationally in a total of 18 practice areas.

Miller Canfield also received 70 first-tier metropolitan rankings, including the most first-tier rankings in Michigan, the most first-tier rankings in Michigan for Commercial Litigation, Municipal Litigation, Real Estate Litigation, Securities Litigation, Mass Torts Litigation/Class Actions - Defendants, Real Estate Law, and Securities Regulation. In all, the firm has 114 metropolitan rankings. Miller Canfield is the only firm with a first-tier ranking in Michigan in Utilities Law.

36th District Court

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder recently announced the appointment of Adrienne Hinnant-Johnson to the Wayne County 36th District Court in the city of Detroit.



Adrienne
Hinnant-Johnson

Johnson has been in private practice since 2006, when she began her legal career in the Detroit area. The focus of her practice has been on criminal law, landlord/tenant and general civil matters.

Johnson serves as the board chair for the Institute for Population Health Inc. and is a member of the Detroit branch of the NAACP. She earned a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Tennessee and a law degree from Howard University School of Law.

Johnson fills the seat vacated by Judge Brenda Sanders. She must seek election in November 2016 for the balance of the term expiring January 1, 2021.

Bodman PLC

U.S. News & World Report, in association with The Best Lawyers in America, has named Bodman PLC to its 2016 "Best Law Firms" list in multiple practice areas both locally and nationally.

Bodman PLC has been ranked in the 2016 U.S. News & World Report "Best Law Firms" list nationally in 40 practice areas and regionally in 40 practice areas.

U.S. News ranked Bodman as a leader in the following local areas:

Detroit market:
Banking and Finance Law
Bankruptcy & Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
Corporate Law
Environmental Law
Litigation - Banking & Finance
Litigation - Bankruptcy
Litigation - Environmental
Litigation - Trusts & Estates
Mergers & Acquisitions Law
Non-Profit/Charities Law
Commercial Litigation
Real Estate Law
Health Care Law
Litigation - Intellectual Property

Troy market:
Banking and Finance Law
Commercial Litigation
Labor Law - Management
Litigation - Construction
Litigation - Trusts & Estates
Real Estate Law
Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
Litigation - Banking & Finance
Litigation - Real Estate
Employment Law - Management
Litigation - Labor & Employment
Municipal Law
Securities / Capital Markets Law

McKeen & Associates PC

Brian McKeen, managing partner of McKeen & Associates of Detroit, (www.mckeenassociates.com) has been recognized for his dedicated service and outstanding leadership for the Personal Injury Institute at the 2015 Primerus Global Conference in Amsterdam in early October.

Primerus is a society of the world's finest independent, boutique law firms with about 200 member firms in more than 40 countries.

Young and Associates

Farmington Hills-based Young & Associates, a boutique law firm specializing in complex business litigation, announced that five attorneys on staff have been named Super Lawyers and Rising Stars.

Young & Associates Founder Rodger D. Young achieved the Super Lawyer designation for the ninth consecutive year. Attorneys Sara MacWilliams, Terry Milne Osgood, and Jaye Quadrozzi were also honored as 2015 Super Lawyers and Jason D. Killips was honored as a 2015 Rising Star.

With a record of winning 49 out of 54 jury trials, Young leveraged his experience in complex commercial litigation to found the Young & Associates firm in 1991. He has garnered numerous state and national distinctions, including Best Lawyers in America, election to the American College of Trial Lawyers and was selected as one of the 25 Leaders in the Law in Michigan. His experience also includes gubernatorial appointments to the Michigan Environmental Review Board, the Michigan Transportation Commission, and a presidential appointment by former President George W. Bush to serve as a United States delegate to the United Nations General Assembly in 2007-2008.

Honored in 2013 and 2014 as a Michigan Super Lawyer, MacWilliams focuses on issues such as health care litigation, contract litigation, trade secrets, intellectual property, and business torts. She was named a Super Lawyers Rising Star

for 2010 and 2011 and has secured judgments or settlements in excess of \$35 million over the last three years. She earned a law degree from the University of Michigan Law School and joined the Young & Associates team in 2007.

Osgood's practice is focused on complex briefing, particularly in the area of accounting, for both trials and appeals. Since 2002, Osgood has held the top ranking of "AV" for legal ability and professional ethics, by Martindale Hubbell. She was named a Super Lawyer in 2014 and received her law degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. She then clerked for the United States District Court in Kansas City and the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Named one of Michigan Lawyers Weekly's 2014 Leaders in the Law, Quadrozzi handles day-to-day responsibilities for numerous multi-million dollar cases. She recently represented Oakland County in the Detroit bankruptcy case, and serves on the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority Board, which is charged with overseeing the regional park system of Wayne, Macomb, Oakland, Livingston, and Washtenaw counties. Prior to joining Young & Associates, she was a partner at Katten, Muchin, & Zavitz. Quadrozzi attended University of Michigan Law School.

Killips, a 2014 Super Lawyer, focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation, including intellectual property, accountant liability, automotive supplier and business dispute litigation. He received his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School.

Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak, & Stewart PC

Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak, & Stewart PC is pleased to announce that the firm has been named a "Law Firm of the Year" for the fifth consecutive year. Only one law firm in each practice area receives the "Law Firm of the Year" designation. In the 2016 edition of the U.S. News - Best Lawyers' "Best Law Firms" list, Ogletree Deakins is named the "Law Firm of the Year" in the Employment Law - Management category.

Additionally, Ogletree Deakins' Detroit (Metro) office earned metropolitan "First Tier" practice area rankings in the Employment Law - Management and Litigation - Labor & Employment categories.

Earlier, 188 of the firm's attorneys were selected by their peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America's 2016. Many earned recognition in multiple categories—147 were named under the Employment Law - Management category; 101 were named under the Labor Law - Management category; and 111 were named under the Litigation - Labor and Employment category.

The Meisner Law Group PC

The Meisner Law Group PC is pleased to announce that on Halloween Robert M. Meisner was a featured speaker at the Michigan State University Management Education Center in Troy on the topics of serious problems with the 2015 amendments to the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act, and how to handle disputes with the developer of your condominium. In the spirit of Halloween Meisner dressed in a prison garb with a sign stating "The Condo 'Police' Got Me." The costume was well received with predictable humor.



Robert M.
Meisner

Meisner is a practicing attorney of more than 46 years, the founding member of The Meisner Law Group PC, and specialist in Community Association Law. He is Michigan's first inductee into the CAI College of Community Association Lawyers. Meisner is a five time Michigan Super Lawyer, has been awarded as one of only 30 Michigan "Leaders in the Law," and has been selected twice as a "Top Lawyers in Metro Detroit" by his peers, DBusiness Magazine.

He is the author of the recently published "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium," has been a featured columnist for more than 35 years with the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers, and is a former adjunct professor of law at Western Michigan University-Cooley Law School and MSU College of Law.

Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss, P.C.

DBusiness magazine has recognized 28 Jaffe, Raitt, Heuer, & Weiss PC partners as Top Lawyers in Michigan. Jaffe CEO William Sider made the announcement.

Among the firm's 2016 Top Lawyers honorees, include:
Arthur A. Weiss—Mergers & Acquisitions Law, Tax Law
Arthur H. Siegal—Energy Law, Environmental Law
Brian C. Shannon—Appellate Law
Brian S. Raznick—Real Estate Law
Christopher A. Andreoff—White-Collar Criminal Defense

Eli Maroko—Immigration Law
Hollis H. Targan—Banking & Financial Service Law
Jeffrey G. Heuer—Litigation—Construction
Jeffrey M. Weiss—Securities Law
Jennifer M. Oertel—Nonprofit/Charities Law
Joel M. Alam—Mergers & Acquisitions Law
Joel S. Golden—Trusts and Estates
Julianne C. Sharp—Immigration Law
Lawrence R. Jordan—Litigation - Intellectual Property
Lee B. Kellert—Mergers & Acquisitions Law
Mark D. Rubenfire—Real Estate Law
Mark G. Cooper—Litigation - Insurance
Mark L. Kowalski—Securities Law
Mark P. Krynski—Real Estate Law
Michael A. Rajt—Litigation - Insurance
Michael S. Khouri—Information Technology Law
Paul R. Hage—Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights Law
Peter M. Alter—Litigation - Banking and Finance and Real Estate
Peter Sugar—Mergers & Acquisitions Law, Securities Law
Richard A. Zussman—Real Estate Law
Robert J. Gordon—Mergers & Acquisitions Law
Shirley A. Kaigler—Trusts and Estates
Stephen G. Schaffer—Public Finance Law.