Lorelie Masters Installed as WBA President

Continuing the Firm’s rich tradition of public service, Jenner & Block Partner Lorelie S. Masters was sworn in as President of the Women’s Bar Association (WBA) of the District of Columbia in June. A distinguished insurance coverage litigator, Ms. Masters hopes to help lead career development programs and establish networking opportunities for the women attorneys who practice law in the District of Columbia and surrounding area.

Ms. Masters will focus on continuing the WBA’s efforts to address the reasons why women and women of color leave law firm practice in high numbers and on helping to preserve the independence of our courts and the U.S. judicial system’s tradition of ensuring widespread access to fair and impartial courts. As President, Ms. Masters leads the WBA’s informal networking group of women who are managing partners and leaders of law firms in the DC area. In her year as president, Ms. Masters plans to press for the appointment of women to positions in law firm leadership.

In her keynote address in May 2007 as she accepted the WBA presidency, she pointed out that, “although 50 percent of law school graduates are women, only 15 percent of law firm partners and general counsel are women, percentages that have not changed significantly for more than a decade. Even fewer law partners and general counsel are women of color.” Her lead agenda item will be to build on the recommendations set forth in the WBA’s nationally recognized report, “Creating Pathways to Success,” to remove the barriers faced by women attorneys and advance the position of women in the legal profession.

Ms. Masters was the subject of a December 10, 2007 feature article in Legal Times, which detailed her views on women’s advancement in the legal profession. The article noted that, as WBA president, Ms. Masters is stepping up to the “bully pulpit” for other women attorneys, by advocating for improved firm mentoring programs as well as honest and anonymous exit interviews when women leave a firm. The WBA, Ms. Masters concluded, can also be an open forum to talk about common issues of concern and be “the voice for people who don’t want to burn those bridges.”

Ms. Masters is also a member of the District of Columbia Bar’s Litigation Section Steering Committee and DC’s Committee on Admissions. She is a member of the Firm’s Litigation Department and Climate and Clean Technology Law, Insurance Litigation and Counseling, and Arbitration: Domestic and Internal Practices.

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Successes for GDLS/General Dynamics
Partner Susan C. Levy led two trial teams in matters on behalf of clients General Dynamics Land Systems and General Dynamics and achieved success in both cases. In one matter, Ms. Levy and the Firm’s team, which included Partner Debbie L. Berman and Associate Joelle K. Blomquist, secured a complete victory for General Dynamics Land Systems (GDLS) in an arbitration in the American Arbitration Association’s International Centre for Dispute Resolution. The arbitration focused on whether GDLS, a designer and manufacturer of amphibious combat systems for the U.S. Army and Marine Corps, breached a “best efforts” clause of a multimillion dollar contract. After a 12-day hearing, the arbitrator ruled in favor of GDLS on all claims in the case, ruling that GDLS did not breach the best efforts clause and that the claimant did not prove any damages. In another matter, a False Claims Act case, the Firm secured a partial summary judgment in the client’s favor on all claims that General Dynamics “impliedly certified” compliance with certain governmental guidelines. Jenner & Block has since moved for summary judgment on the remaining claims.

Adelphia Recovery Trust
Partner Deirdre E. Connell represented the Adelphia Recovery Trust in connection with a $167.5 million settlement of the Trust’s claims against Deloitte & Touche LLP arising from the accounting firm’s audit work on behalf of Adelphia Communications Corp. The settlement is among the largest between a public accounting firm and its audit client.

Sentinel Management Bankruptcy
Partner Catherine L. Steege and Associate Christine L. Childers are part of the Firm’s team representing Trustee Frederick J. Grede in the Chapter 11 proceedings of Sentinel Management Group, Inc., a Northbrook, Illinois-based cash management firm. In August Mr. Grede was appointed as the Trustee of the company by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois. In October, the Firm filed suit on behalf of Mr. Grede against the company’s insiders and affiliates, accusing them of a “long-term, massive fraud” and seeking $350 million plus punitive damages.

Appellate Victory for Paramount Pictures
Partner Debbie L. Berman secured a victory for client Paramount Pictures when the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit upheld the trial court’s grant of summary judgment of a defamation suit brought against the studio by Robert Muzikowski, a Chicago man who had claimed that the movie studio’s 2001 movie, “Hardball,” was based on his life story. Ms. Berman briefed and argued the case before the court.

Missouri Supreme Court Victory
Partner Gabrielle Sigel was part of the Firm’s team that secured a unanimous victory before the Missouri Supreme Court for the City of Bridgeton when the court ruled that the City can use private funding for a public road building project and still require a water company to abide by existing agreements and common law duties to pay for the relocation of their facilities.

GM’s $5.6 Billion Sale of Allison Transmission
Jenner & Block represented General Motors in the sale of its Allison Transmission commercial and military business to The Carlyle Group and Onex Corporation for approximately $5.6 billion. The sale agreement covered substantially all of Allison Transmission, including seven manufacturing facilities in Indianapolis and its worldwide distribution network and sales offices. The transaction was structured to preserve GM and Allison’s competitive strengths in their product lines. Jenner & Block attorneys contributing to the Firm’s representation of GM included Partners Elizabeth A. Davidson, Barbara M. Flom and E. Lynn Grayson and Associates Mercedes M. Davis and Katherine M. Rahill.

Firm Wins Case for General Dynamics
The Firm won a major victory for its client General Dynamics in Final Analysis Communications Systems, Inc. v. General Dynamics, a complex breach of contract and tort case. Final Analysis sued General Dynamics for more than $500 million over the failure of the companies’ satellite telecommunications venture. In 2005 a federal court jury in Maryland awarded Final Analysis $138 million and awarded General Dynamics $8 million on its counterclaim. Later, the federal district court judge reduced the verdict against General Dynamics to $19 million. Both parties appealed. This month the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals exonerated General Dynamics by affirming the $8 million judgment in its favor and reversing the $19 million judgment against the company. Jenner & Block Partner Linda L. Listrom led the trial team which also included partners Iris E. Bennett, Elaine J. Goldenberg and Susan C. Levy.

SEC Investigation Defense
Partner Suzanne J. Prysak defended a corporate client in an SEC investigation, including preparing written submissions and preparing the client to testify. After receipt of the written submissions and client testimony, the Securities and Exchange Commission sent our client a notice stating that the investigation was complete and the staff does not intend to recommend any enforcement action.

Viacom Sues YouTube & Google
Partners Susan J. Kohlmann and Amy L. Tenney and Associates Elizabeth L. Kendall and Sharmila Sohoni are part of the Firm’s team that filed a federal lawsuit on behalf of Viacom, Inc. against YouTube and Google accusing the Internet services with “massive intentional copyright infringement” of Viacom’s entertainment properties. The infringement suit brought by Jenner & Block seeks more than $1 billion in damages, as well as an injunction prohibiting Google and YouTube from further copyright infringement.

Video Game Act Challenged
In a victory for Jenner & Block’s video game industry clients, district courts in Oklahoma and California have granted the Firm’s motions for summary judgment and struck down laws in each state that would have required violent video games to be labeled as “violent” and would have prohibited the rental or sale
of those games to minors. In its motions, the Firm argued that the laws were unconstitutional and asserted that video games are a form of expression protected by the First Amendment. Jenner & Block Partners Katherine A. Fallow and Amy L. Tenney and Associate Elizabeth Valentina led the Firm’s representation of the video game industry in these matters.

**Victory for AMSEA**

Jenner & Block Partners Julie M. Carpenter and Amy L. Tenney and Associate Anne E. Ralph secured a victory for American Overseas Marine Corporation (AMSEA), the ship management subsidiary of General Dynamics, when a federal court granted AMSEA’s motion for summary judgment in a lawsuit involving a government contract awarded to AMSEA. The lawsuit concerned a multi-million dollar contract to manage nine U.S. Navy cargo ships.

**Zell/Tribune Transaction**

The Tribune Company announced on December 20, 2007 that it had completed its going-private transaction by merging with an acquisition subsidiary of the Tribune Employee Stock Ownership Plan (Tribune ESOP). Jenner & Block client Sam Zell, who helped finance the transaction, assumed the roles of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. Jenner & Block was the lead law firm representing Mr. Zell in the $8.2 billion going-private transaction. Partner Elizabeth A. Davidson and Associates Cori F. Brown, Mercedes M. Davis and Melissa C. Fogerty contributed to the Firm’s efforts in representing Mr. Zell in the deal.

**IAP Victory**

Of Counsel Kathy C. Weinberg and Associates Jammey L. Kligis and Jessica Tillipman were part of the Firm’s team that won a major victory for client IAP Worldwide Services. The Firm challenged the Army’s decision not to award IAP a $50 billion Logistics Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP) contract for logistical support of U.S. forces. The Government Accountability Office issued a ruling sustaining the challenge to the contract award and held that the Army violated procurement law or regulations to the detriment of the protesting companies. In its decision, the GAO advised that the Army reopen the evaluation process to determine which companies are rightly entitled to the contract.

**Pac-West Exits Chapter 11**

Jenner & Block represented Pac-West Telecomm, Inc. in the company’s successful reorganization and emergence from Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Under the plan, Pac-West exited Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on November 30 with Pac-West Acquisition Company LLC, an affiliate of private equity firm Columbia Ventures Corp., as its new owner. The company reorganized around its West Coast telecommunications network and business. The Firm’s team included Partner Elizabeth A. Davidson, Of Counsel Lisa M. Eddington, and Associates Melissa M. Hinds, Christine L. Childers, Nada Djordjevic, Wendy L. Fritz, Kathleen A. Hanley, Mercedes M. Davis, and Alexandra E. Dowling.

**UMG Recordings, Inc. Victory**

Associate Carletta F. Higginson was part of the Jenner & Block team that won a motion to dismiss for client UMG Recordings, Inc. in a lawsuit brought by an individual who appeared in a DVD released by a division of UMG Recordings, Inc. The individual had claimed a violation of his statutory right to privacy because he had allegedly never given consent to the inclusion of his likeness in the DVD.

**New Orleans Housing Suit**

Jenner & Block is serving as lead counsel in a class action lawsuit against HUD and the Housing Authority of New Orleans on behalf of Hurricane Katrina-displaced public housing residents. The lawsuit aims to assist those public housing evacuees whose return to their homes has been blocked since the disaster by federal and local housing agencies. Members of the Jenner & Block team include Partners Traci M. Braun and Elizabeth Abbene Coleman and Associates Lisa M. Eddington, Anne C. Fitzpatrick, Shannon J. Jones and Megan R. Leger.

**Seventh Circuit Pro Bono Victory**

Associate Wendy L. Fritz recently persuaded the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit to reverse the trial court’s dismissal of a pro bono client’s habeas corpus petition. The appellate court found that the factual record was insufficient in determining whether the client’s prison law libraries contained adequate materials that would have helped the client to file a timely petition. The case was remanded for further proceedings on the timeliness of the habeas petition and the adequacy of the correctional facilities’ law library materials.

**Landmark Victory for Disabled**

The U.S. District Court for Northern Indiana approved consent decrees in June mandating that public transportation services be improved for the disabled in Lake County, Indiana as a result of a class action lawsuit the Firm filed on behalf of persons with disabilities. The court-sanctioned agreements require that the defendants take immediate steps to improve services for people with disabilities, including procedures to ensure that public transportation services are fully ADA-compliant. The Jenner & Block team included Associates Kristen M. Boike, Tracy E. Dardick, Nada Djordjevic, Christina Tomaras Hansen, Laura E. Pelanek, Katherine M. Rahill, Shana A. Shifrin, Emma J. Sullivan and Melissa S. Wills.

**Escaping Persecution Abroad**

Jenner & Block helped many individuals obtain asylum in the United States during the last year. Many of the Firm’s pro bono clients had been persecuted in their homelands for their political views and ethnic identities. Partners Kenyanna M. Scott, Shelley Smith and Charlotte L. Wager were among those working on asylum cases as were Associates Denise Kirkowski, Kathleen A. Hanley and Kathryn E. Loncarich.
The National Law Journal Recognizes Mascherin as One of 50 Most Influential Women Lawyers in America

Jenner & Block Partner Terri L. Mascherin was honored by The National Law Journal as one of the 50 “most influential women lawyers in America” at a special ceremony held September 10, 2007 in New York City.

Readers of The National Law Journal were asked to nominate female attorneys who “have had a national impact in their fields and beyond during the last five years” and who have “demonstrated the power to change the legal landscape, shape public affairs, launch industries and do big things.”

The National Law Journal honored Ms. Mascherin for both her business litigation practice and her extensive pro bono work. The National Law Journal commented, “By day a contract and corporate transactions litigator and partner on her firm’s management committee, Mascherin has dedicated much of her career to pro bono cases, particularly representing indigent clients on death row.” The Journal noted that she has “first-chaired jury and bench trials, argued appeals in state and federal court and arbitrated both domestic and international disputes.” The publication highlighted Ms. Mascherin’s role in a 2006 case for Honeywell International Inc., which resulted in a $100 million win in arbitration and declaratory relief for the company over the breach of a petrochemical supply agreement.

The newspaper also cited Ms. Mascherin’s work in defending former Illinois Governor George Ryan’s clemency orders commuting death sentences of everyone on death row in Illinois.

Ms. Mascherin is a member of the Firm’s Litigation Department and Business Litigation, Domestic and International Arbitration, Telecommunications, and Trade Secrets and Unfair Competition Practices. She received her A.B. degree, magna cum laude, from Duke University. She received her J.D. from the Northwestern University Law School, cum laude. Ms. Mascherin is a member of the bars of the United States Supreme Court, the State of Illinois, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and several other federal district courts and courts of appeals.

Former SEC Attorney Elaine Wolff Joins DC Office

Elaine Wolff, former Legal Branch Chief at the Securities and Exchange Commission’s Division of Corporate Finance, has joined Jenner & Block as a partner in its Washington, DC office. Ms. Wolff brings to the Firm more than 25 years of securities law experience in both the private and the public sectors.

“Elaine’s extraordinary knowledge of the securities laws, especially as they apply to real estate companies, will add significantly to our already strong firmwide securities practice,” said Gregory S. Gallopoulos, Jenner & Block’s Managing Partner.

As Legal Branch Chief for the SEC’s Office of Real Estate and Business Services since 2004, Ms. Wolff identified and resolved crucial issues concerning the application of the disclosure requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

“I am delighted to join Jenner & Block. Its established securities law practice, including several other former SEC officials, makes this a great place for me to work. I hope to use my knowledge and experience in securities law to assist in the growth of the practice,” said Ms. Wolff.

Ms. Wolff joined the SEC in 1997 as an attorney advisor. Before that, she did securities work, including the preparation of registration statements, in private practice.

Ms. Wolff earned her J.D. at the Hastings College of Law of the University of California. She received her B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley.
Prominent Women Litigators Join New York Office

Three prominent litigators joined Jenner & Block’s New York office during the past year. Each attorney added unique experience and capabilities to the growing office.

Katya Jestin

After following her fascination with the “human dimension” of criminal law, Ms. Jestin eventually became a high-ranking federal prosecutor, renowned for her successful prosecutions of influential organized crime leaders, including Gambino boss Peter Gotti and six co-defendants for labor racketeering and corruption of the waterfront unions in New York City.

“Organized crime has had a huge effect on our country because it corrupts otherwise legitimate industries,” said Ms. Jestin, who came to Jenner & Block from her position as Deputy Chief of the Organized Crime & Racketeering Section of the United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of New York.

“I felt like I was truly serving the public interest,” said Ms. Jestin.

Ms. Jestin chose Jenner & Block, she says, partly because of its national reputation for having one of the most experienced white collar crime practices. In fact, the Firm has thirteen former federal prosecutors within its ranks, including two former U.S. Attorneys.

A graduate of Georgetown University Law Center, Ms. Jestin noted that her experience fact-finding and rooting out problems as a prosecutor will make her more effective at finding favorable resolutions for her corporate clients at Jenner & Block.

Ms. Jestin hopes to help Jenner & Block associates succeed in building their practices. She encourages attorneys who are raising families and involved in outside activities to set their sights on their goals and to not give up in pursuing them.

Susan J. Kohlmann

Representing high-profile clients in sophisticated copyright, trademark and trade secret disputes puts Susan J. Kohlmann at the forefront of cutting-edge intellectual property litigation. For instance, Ms. Kohlmann has represented renowned artist Andy Warhol’s estate in a contract dispute, and is representing the Steinbeck estate in a case pending in the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Ms. Kohlmann said that with new technological developments, issues affecting intellectual property law continue to emerge each day. Presently she is working with a team of Jenner & Block attorneys on Viacom Inc.’s high profile infringement suit against YouTube and Google.

As Co-Chair of the New York City Bar’s Committee to Enhance Diversity and a Member of the Board of Legal Momentum, Ms. Kohlmann strives to advance the position of women both within the legal profession and in society as a whole.

A dedicated mother of three boys, Ms. Kohlmann said she is proud to teach her sons the importance of being a productive contributor to society.

Most recently, Ms. Kohlmann served as pro bono counsel to the Portraits of Hope “Gardens in Transit” program, a groundbreaking civic arts and education project in which 23,000 children in schools and hospitals created large flower paintings that were applied to thousands of taxi cabs, transforming the visual landscape of New York City.

“It is our professional obligation to make use of our education to continue to improve our society,” commented Ms. Kohlmann. She is a graduate of Columbia University School of Law.

Kenyanna M. Scott

Partner Kenyanna M. Scott brings to Jenner & Block the uncommonly diverse skill set she acquired through her work as a civil trial attorney, a judicial law clerk and a federal criminal prosecutor. According to Ms. Scott, her range of work experiences aids her at strategically approaching client problems and avoiding common pitfalls in business litigation and white collar criminal defense and counseling.

Ms. Scott, who served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for more than four years before joining the Firm, said that this experience taught her how to best conduct an internal investigation and use the resulting information to facilitate positive outcomes for her clients. In addition, she noted that her federal clerkship and her prior position as an associate at another law firm prepared her to tactically handle commercial clients’ difficult business issues.

A graduate of Northwestern University School of Law, Ms. Scott came to Jenner & Block “because of its well-known litigation practice” and because of the Firm’s strong commitment to public service. Since joining the Firm, she has already been involved with a pro bono family law matter, a landlord/tenant action, and an asylum case in which she helped secure a withholding of removal for a Pakistani refugee. Ms. Scott recently served as Vice-President of the Black Women Lawyers’ Association of Greater Chicago.

Ms. Scott was named to the Law Bulletin Publishing Company’s 2007 list of 40 Attorneys Under Forty to Watch, an annual publication that honors lawyers who display “intelligence, passion and a track record of success, a desire to help the community and willingness to work hard.”
Corporate clients need to be informed about the risks and opportunities of climate change. To address these issues, Jenner & Block’s Climate and Clean Technology Law Practice (“C&CT”) recently published an important monograph, “Climate Change: Current and Emerging Legal Issues.” Co-chaired by Environmental Law Department Partner Gabrielle Sigel, C&CT is the Firm’s newest practice group and counsels corporate clients on the complex legal issues and opportunities arising from concerns about climate change and other energy-related matters.

“Corporations have found that in the absence of a comprehensive federal regulatory effort, they are being pressured to deal with climate change issues by states, investors and consumers,” said Ms. Sigel. For example, Illinois created an advisory council charged with developing initiatives to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions. According to Ms. Sigel, Illinois businesses should expect the state to consider initiatives such as emissions inventory and reporting requirements, energy efficiency mandates, and tax credits for alternative energy systems.

The Climate and Clean Technology Law Practice consists of attorneys from a broad range of the Firm’s practice areas other than Environmental Law – from Litigation to Corporate Finance and from Tax to Intellectual Property. Because of this multi-disciplinary approach, C&CT is “strategically positioned to represent both the interests of the world’s largest companies as well as the needs of today’s early state entrepreneurs,” said Ms. Sigel.

In addition to counseling corporate clients on potential regulatory issues, the new practice group is poised to provide advice on real estate and tax issues. For example, Of Counsel Ruth A. Schoenmeyer and Associate Kristen M. Boike, who are also members of the Firm’s Real Estate Practice, have received training to revise construction and purchase agreements and leases to incorporate the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System™, the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings.

Also active in the new practice is Associate Keri Holleb Hotaling, who organized a Chicago Bar Association Environmental Law Committee event in which Partner Steven S. Siros and Howard Learner, President and Executive Director of the Environmental Law & Policy Center, offered their perspectives on the business impact of global warming.

The practice also recently announced an innovative partnership with LexisNexis, a leading global provider of information and services solutions, and Marten Law Group, one of the largest environmental law groups in the Western U.S., to provide content for a new online Environmental Law & Climate Change Center. The web resource center provides attorneys with online information and real-time expert commentary on the myriad legal issues raised by global climate change.

For more information about Jenner & Block’s Climate and Clean Technology Law Practice, please visit www.jenner.com/cleantech.

After more than twenty years as a tax and corporate attorney, Partner Barbara M. Flom still looks forward each day to deciphering clients’ complex legal puzzles.

“People often think that tax attorneys spend their time focused on money and numbers,” said Ms. Flom, who earned both her M.B.A. and her J.D., with honors, from The University of Chicago. “However, a tax practice has more to do with uncovering the nature and direction of the flow of currency and the characterization of financial transactions.”

According to Ms. Flom, “I am always facing new and exciting challenges, particularly due to the frequency of tax law developments.”

Previously a lecturer on tax law at The University of Chicago Law School, Ms. Flom enjoys helping others to develop their legal skills. Ms. Flom said she hopes to use her acquired teaching skills to mentor budding tax attorneys at the Firm and aid them in building successful practices.

Ms. Flom is also intent on using her talents to serve the non-profit community and is currently the Secretary of the America-Israel Chamber of Commerce Chicago, the Chair of the Finance Committee for the Board of Governors of the Chicago Jazz Ensemble, a member of the Board of Community Health Charities of Illinois and head of its Marketing Committee and past President of The University of Chicago Women’s Business Group.

“Attorneys should follow their passions and look for non-profits in which they can make a valuable contribution,” advised Ms. Flom.
Meet Our Women Partners Elected in 2007

Iris E. Bennett
A partner in the Firm’s Litigation Department and its Entertainment and New Media, and White Collar Criminal Defense and Counseling Practices, Iris E. Bennett has worked on a wide variety of complex litigation matters. Among other things, she has represented clients in internal and government investigations and has advised and participated in litigation on behalf of copyright owners protecting their intellectual property.


Ms. Bennett earned her A.B. from Harvard College, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, and her J.D., magna cum laude, Order of the Coif, from New York University Law School, where she was a member of the NYU Law Review.

Michelle M. McAtee
Michelle M. McAtee is a partner in the Firm’s Real Estate and Real Estate Securities Practices who concentrates her practice in commercial real estate law. She has represented sellers, purchasers and developers of commercial, industrial and residential property in Illinois and in several other states, as well as lenders and borrowers in loan transactions. In addition, she has extensive experience representing landlords and tenants in commercial leasing transactions.

Prior to joining Jenner & Block, Ms. McAtee was an associate at Wildman, Harrold, Allen & Dixon, LLP in Chicago, Illinois, and at Goodwin Procter LLP in Boston, Massachusetts. Ms. McAtee earned her law degree from the University of Iowa College of Law, and her B.S. from Marquette University, cum laude.

Monica R. Pinciak
Monica R. Pinciak, a partner in the Firm’s Litigation Department and White Collar Criminal Defense and Counseling Practice, has helped counsel numerous individuals and corporations in appropriately handling government investigations.

Ms. Pinciak has represented both corporations and individuals in connection with federal criminal investigations involving bribery, public corruption, bid rigging, and fraud, and has counseled clients in connection with corporate internal investigations. Ms. Pinciak has also represented clients in a broad range of complex civil disputes in state and federal court.

Ms. Pinciak joined Jenner & Block after serving as a staff law clerk to the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Ms. Pinciak earned her B.S., with honors, from DePaul University and her J.D., with high honors, from Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology, where she graduated Order of the Coif and served as Executive Articles Editor of the Chicago-Kent Law Review.

Sally K. Sears Coder

Ms. Sears Coder has represented clients in a wide range of industries in a variety of trial, pre-trial, and post-trial proceedings in state and federal courts, as well as in alternative dispute resolution forums. Her commercial cases include a multi-million dollar contract dispute that was favorably resolved after trial commenced before a jury in federal court, intellectual property disputes involving batteries for hybrid electric vehicles before an International Chamber of Commerce arbitration panel, and bankruptcy litigation.

Ms. Sears Coder received her B.A. degree from Michigan State University. She received her J.D. from The University of Michigan Law School, cum laude, where she graduated Order of the Coif and served as Managing Editor of the University of Michigan Journal on Law Reform.

Joanne Hannaway Sweeney
A partner in the Firm’s Litigation Department, White Collar Criminal Defense and Counseling Practice, and Products Liability and Mass Tort Defense Practice, Joanne H. Sweeney has extensive experience in complex civil litigation and criminal defense.

Ms. Sweeney’s practice in complex civil litigation has focused on the defense of major corporations in high exposure product liability cases. In the criminal context, Ms. Sweeney has advised and defended in litigation and at trial executives and corporations facing federal criminal investigations and charges. She also has conducted internal investigations on behalf of several corporations.

Ms. Sweeney served as a law clerk to the Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court, the Honorable Mary Ann G. McMorrow. She received her J.D., magna cum laude, from Loyola University Chicago School of Law, where she was an executive editor of the Law Journal and one of 10 students selected for the Philip H. Corboy Fellowship in Trial Advocacy. She received her B.S., cum laude, from Miami University (Ohio).

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Meet Our Women Partners Elected in 2008

Amanda S. Amert
A partner in the Firm’s Litigation Department and Arbitration: Domestic and International and ERISA Litigation Practices, Amanda S. Amert has a wide variety of business litigation, appellate and arbitration experience.

Ms. Amert joined Jenner & Block after serving as a law clerk to the Honorable Roger L. Wollman, Chief Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. While attending law school, Ms. Amert was a law clerk for the Honorable John C. Martin of the North Carolina Court of Appeals.

Ms. Amert graduated cum laude from Williams College in 1997 and obtained her J.D., cum laude, from the Duke University School of Law in 2000, where she was Special Projects Editor of the Duke Journal of Gender Law and Policy, a member of the Jessup and National moot court teams, and a Rabbi Seymour Siegel Fellow.

Debra M. Doyle
Debra M Doyle is a partner in the Firm’s Private Client Practice. She focuses her practice on tax and business planning for clients, including entrepreneurs, senior corporate executives and their families.

Ms. Doyle has significant experience drafting complex estate plans as well as considerable experience in planning for business succession, including forming and restructuring entities. Prior to joining Jenner & Block, Ms. Doyle was an associate in the Estate Planning and Administration Department of the Chicago law firm Altheimer & Gray.

Ms. Doyle received her B.S. in Mathematics and B.A. in Political Science in 1997 from Southern Methodist University, where she was a cum laude graduate, a University Scholar and a Meadows Art Scholar. Ms. Doyle received her J.D. from the University of Notre Dame in 2000, where she was a cum laude graduate, a Notre Dame Dean Scholar and a member of the Journal of College and University Law.

Jill R. Sheiman
Jill R. Sheiman is a partner in the Firm’s Mergers & Acquisitions, Corporate, Securities and Defense & Aerospace Practices.

Ms. Sheiman represents public and private companies in connection with mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures and other complex business transactions. She also regularly counsels clients on corporate and securities matters, including corporate governance issues and securities law compliance and disclosure issues.

Ms. Sheiman founded Jill’s One Smart Cookie, Inc., an international cookie company. She was honored by the U.S. Small Business Administration as Young Entrepreneur of the Year for the State of Connecticut. She also received the Arkansas Traveler Award for distinguished business accomplishment from the Governor of Arkansas. Additionally, Ms. Sheiman received a commendation from President George H. Bush and the Office of National Service.

Ms. Sheiman received her LL.M. in Taxation from New York University in 2001. In 2000, she received her J.D. from Northwestern University. She graduated with distinction from the University of Michigan in 1997 where she received a B.A. in Organizational Studies.

Amy L. Tenney
Amy L. Tenney is a partner in the Firm’s Litigation Department and White Collar Criminal Defense and Counseling and Products Liability and Mass Tort Defense Practices.

In addition to representing major corporations in commercial litigation, Ms. Tenney is actively engaged in the Firm’s pro bono practice, having devoted over 2,000 pro bono hours over the last several years. She was awarded the Firm’s Albert E. Jenner, Jr. Pro Bono Award in October 2005.

Ms. Tenney graduated from the University of Maryland in 1996 and in 2000 received her J.D., magna cum laude, from New York Law School, where she was Supervising Editor of the New York Law School Law Review from 1998-1999. Following law school, she clerked for the Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia (Alexandria Division), and the Honorable Frank M. Coffin, U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit, in Portland, Maine.

Women Everywhere’s 8th Annual Community Service Day

Jenner & Block attorneys and Summer Associates participated in the Women Everywhere organization’s 8th Annual Community Service Day on June 8, joining hundreds of volunteers at approximately 30 Chicagoland agencies to help women in need. Associates April A. Otterberg and Jammey L. Kligis served on the Women Everywhere Planning Committee which also organized educational court tours for Chicago-area high school students.

Pictured: Associate April A. Otterberg and Partner Sarah Hardgrove-Koleno.
Anders Receives Albert E. Jenner, Jr. Pro Bono Award

Associate Ginger D. Anders was recently honored with Jenner & Block’s Albert E. Jenner, Jr. Pro Bono Award, which annually recognizes those attorneys at the Firm who have been nominated by their peers as having demonstrated an exemplary commitment to pro bono or public service work. Ms. Anders was one of three attorneys selected by the Firm’s Pro Bono Committee. The award entitles the recipients to direct a contribution by the Firm to the charity of their choice. Awards were presented to the three attorneys at a Firm event on October 27, 2007.

Ms. Anders, a member of the Firm’s Litigation Department and Appellate and Supreme Court Practice in Washington, DC, was honored for her work in pro bono matters challenging the constitutionality of the lethal injection procedures practiced in California and Missouri state prison systems. At the ceremony, it was noted that she has devoted over 2,000 hours to conducting discovery and trying these cases, and was successful in the U.S. District Courts of both states. Ms. Anders argued the Missouri appeal before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit, and worked on a recent petition to the U.S. Supreme Court to review the 8th Circuit decision. She was also prominently featured in a New York Times Magazine article discussing issues surrounding lethal injection and the death penalty.

Ms. Anders was also a key member of the Firm’s team that recently represented the petitioners in a related U.S. Supreme Court case that addressed the constitutionality of lethal injection procedures. During the January 7, 2008 oral argument, Ms. Anders assisted Partner Donald B. Verrilli, Jr. at counsel table.

Vandenberg Continues Battle Against Human Trafficking

Associate Martina E. Vandenberg continued her pro bono work on many fronts to combat trafficking in human beings for forced labor and forced prostitution.

In March, Ms. Vandenberg testified before a packed Senate subcommittee hearing that traffickers in human beings “continue to operate with impunity” both in the United States and abroad because of gaps in recent legislation and in the enforcement of laws against trafficking. For example, in the United States, many prosecutions are impossible because of diplomatic immunity.

She said in her testimony that although there is significant evidence that defense contractors are aware that laborers from Nepal and other nations are being trafficked to Iraq to work on U.S. military bases, “not a single criminal prosecution is underway.”

Ms. Vandenberg has also been active in a number of pro bono matters involving human trafficking issues. She is co-counsel with CASA of Maryland, a public interest group, in filing a federal lawsuit against a foreign official working in an embassy in Washington, DC for allegedly trafficking a household servant to the United States for the purpose of forcing the person to work without compensation.

In a victory for the Firm’s client, on January 16, 2008 a federal court ordered that the worker receive back wages, punitive damages, and compensatory damages for emotional distress.
Several women attorneys at Jenner & Block were recognized in the 2007 and 2008 editions of the Illinois and Washington, DC Super Lawyers magazines, which identify “outstanding lawyers” as voted by their peers in those regions.

Partner Catherine L. Steege was recognized by Illinois Super Lawyers in Bankruptcy Law. Partners Debbie L. Berman, Patricia A. Bronte, Susan C. Levy, Linda L. Listrom, Terri L. Mascherin and Barbara S. Steiner were recognized by Illinois Super Lawyers in the Business Litigation category. Partners E. Lynn Grayson and Gabrielle Sigel were recognized by the publication in the Environmental Law category.

Partners Patricia A. Bronte, Linda L. Listrom, Terri L. Mascherin, and Catherine L. Steege were singled out by the magazine as among the Top 50 Women Lawyers in the state.

Partner Lorelie S. Masters was recognized in the inaugural list of Washington, DC Super Lawyers in the Insurance Law category.

In addition, Partner Susan J. Prysak and Associate Shana A. Shifrin were recognized in the magazine’s 2008 list of Illinois’ “Rising Stars,” noting the top up-and-coming attorneys in the state. Ms. Prysak was recognized in the Business Litigation category while Ms. Shifrin was named in the General Litigation category.

Super Lawyers recognizes attorneys through a comprehensive, peer-review-based evaluation process, which includes surveying thousands of attorneys and asking them to nominate the best attorneys they had personally observed in action.

Partner Debbie L. Berman, Chair of the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago Trades, Industries & Professions Division (JUF-TIP), hosted speaker Al Gore at the Lawyers Division Dinner last June.

The JUF-TIP held a total of four dinners which raised more than $2,530,000 for the 2007 JUF Campaign and an additional $159,000 for the Israel Emergency Campaign. Other dinner speakers included ABC Newsman Bob Woodruff and columnist Charles Krauthammer.

Ms. Berman also created the JUF Executive and Professional Women’s Network, which is a networking group designed to bring women together from a variety of diverse fields including lawyers, financial service and real estate professionals, entrepreneurs and corporate executives. It held its inaugural program with a luncheon on November 8.

Ms. Berman, who Co-Chairs the Firm’s Trade Secrets and Unfair Competition Practice, was recently elected a Vice Chair of the Jewish United Fund Board of Directors. She also actively participates in the Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation, Leadership Greater Chicago and EZRA Multi-Service Center.

Partner Linda L. Listrom was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Urban Debate Leagues (NAUDL). NAUDL is a non-profit organization that seeks to augment public education through organizing debate teams and thereby empowering youth to become engaged leaders, critical thinkers, and active citizens. Earlier this year, Ms. Listrom served as a judge at the organization’s Chicago City Championship Tournament which featured 200 Chicago-area high school students competing in teams to debate a number of political and social topics. Ms. Listrom presented the Richard M. Daley Award for Youth Leadership to Christine Horst, a student at Lane Technical High School.

Women’s Forum members in Jenner & Block’s Washington, DC office hosted the first-ever reception for women alumnae of the DC office on May 30, 2007.

“The event was an opportunity for our current associates to meet partners and associates who have left the Firm for in-house positions, government, and the Hill,” said Associate Martina E. Vandenberg.

Ms. Vandenberg organized the event with Co-Chair of the Firm’s DC Women’s Forum, Partner Amy L. Tenney and former DC Chair of the Women’s Forum, Partner Lorelie S. Masters.
Career Development Leadership

High Impact Programs Educate, Provide Opportunities

In 2007, the Women’s Forum celebrated its fifth anniversary by launching several new initiatives aimed at promoting the career-long success of our women attorneys. In addition, several Jenner & Block attorneys participated in notable local and national Bar-related events.

Women in Leadership

This series of professional development programs led by R3 Group Managing Director, Jane Pogott, focused on:

• Understanding Communication Preferences. Co-Chairs: Sally K. Sears Coder and Michelle M. McAtee — June 12, 2007

Making Connections

The Making Connections program provides a more casual and intimate gathering for women attorneys to socialize and get to know one another better in a variety of different settings. Making Connections get-togethers were held throughout the year and included events such as a wine tasting, lunch with former partner Joan M. Hall to discuss her trip to South Africa with Oprah Winfrey, an “evening spa event” for first and second year attorneys, and a dinner hosted by Partner Barbara M. Flom. The program was co-chaired by Associates Sandi J. Toll and Shyni R. Varghese.

In the Bar

Partner Lise T. Spacapan is Program Chair of the Defense Research Institute’s Toxic Torts and Environmental Law Seminar that will be held in February 2008. Ms. Spacapan, who is Vice Chair of DRI’s Toxic Tort Committee and Chair of the Firm’s Products Liability and Mass Tort Defense Practice, was also Program Chair for the 2007 seminar.

Jenner & Block hosted the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession’s panel discussion entitled, “Women of Color in the Legal Profession: Success Strategies for Law Firms,” on June 19 at the Firm’s Chicago office. Partner Charlotte L. Wager served as a panelist at the event.

Jenner & Block’s Women’s Forum hosted the Chicago Chapter of the Commercial Real Estate Women Network’s “Navigating the Boardroom” event, which focused on the numerous opportunities open to women leaders to serve on boards of directors for corporate, civic, governmental, non-profit and philanthropic organizations. The event was coordinated for the Women’s Forum by Of Counsel Ruth A. Schoenmeyer, who was also recently appointed Co-Vice Chair of the Assignment & Subleasing Committee of the American Bar Association’s Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section.

Jenner & Block was the premier sponsor of the Black Women Lawyers’ Association’s (BWLA) National Summit of Black Women Lawyers held in March. Partner Kenyanna M. Scott was a Co-Chair of the Summit and was the BWLA Vice-President. She also spoke at a panel entitled, “Building Relationships that Build Business.” Partner Lisa T. Scruggs also spoke at the event on a panel entitled, “Planning and Playing to Win” that provided advice to junior attorneys on setting career goals and benchmarks.

The National Association of Women Lawyers held a networking skills program at Jenner & Block’s Chicago office in October, which focused on helping participants foster stronger relationships, nurture existing ones, and to learn how to make networking a disciplined practice instead of a reactive process. The program was co-chaired by Partner Michelle M. McAtee.

Partner Kali N. Bracey served as a panelist at the Minority Corporate Counsel Association’s CLE Expo at a session entitled, “Implications of the KPMG Decision on the Future of Employee Indemnifications,” which analyzed whether indemnification is the right approach in various litigation and regulatory enforcement proceedings. Jenner & Block was the Premier Sponsor of the event for the sixth year in a row.

Steiner Shares Her “View From the Top” with Vault

Partner Barbara S. Steiner was featured among 100 “exceptional women” leaders at prominent law firms, companies and organizations in Vault, Inc.’s publication, View from the Top: Q&A with Legal Women Leaders, published last fall.

The book highlights Ms. Steiner’s experience in building a successful legal career and presents her advice on balancing professional demands with one’s personal commitments.

Ms. Steiner, who has practiced at Jenner & Block for more than 30 years, advised aspiring women attorneys to look at their careers with a long-term perspective so they can better navigate short-term obstacles. She stressed the importance of prioritizing, flexibility and staying organized. Ms. Steiner also emphasized the value of having a strong support system, whether it consists of colleagues, friends or family members.

Ms. Steiner noted that law firms can help by having processes in place that will get women attorneys through the early years of their careers, particularly when they are raising children. There will be times when some of the most talented and creative people are “torn in many directions,” she added, and the firm must support them if they want those people to stay on the job.

Ms. Steiner told Vault that the Jenner & Block Women’s Forum has been particularly effective in addressing issues of importance to the Firm’s women lawyers and in offering valuable career development tools. According to Ms. Steiner, the Firm’s formal mentoring program for first-year, mid-level and senior associates was appropriately designed “with an eye toward proactively mapping out their futures in a comprehensive fashion.”

Ms. Steiner is a Co-Chair of the Firm’s Business Litigation Practice and a member of the Firm’s Management Committee.

To view Ms. Steiner’s complete biography and to read the Vault profile, please visit www.jenner.com/bsteiner.
Equal Time

Bajowala Facilitates Michigan APALSA Event

Associate Reena R. Bajowala served as a judge at The University of Michigan’s Asian Pacific American Law Students Association’s (APALSA) third annual Origins Cultural Show in March, of which the Firm was a Platinum Sponsor.

Ms. Bajowala graduated from The University of Michigan Law School and was an active member of APALSA. She founded the Origins Cultural Show to celebrate Pan-Asian culture.

She also created the APALSA Public Interest Scholarship Program, which awards scholarships to first year law students who are taking summer positions with a public interest organization or the government. To date, APALSA has awarded scholarships totaling $20,000 to deserving students from ticket sales of the Origins Cultural Show and donations.

Ms. Bajowala also acted as a judge in determining the 2007 scholarship winners.

Firm Supports Middle East Mentoring Program

Partner E. Lynn Grayson mentored Nuha Al Bashir, a Jordanian attorney, as part of an innovative program in 2007 that brought together women from Middle Eastern countries with executives from top-tier Chicago corporations and firms. Ms. Al Bashir received her bachelor’s of law degree in Jordan, her native country.

Ms. Bashir’s internship was part of the Middle East Partnership Initiative’s (MEPI) Legal Business Fellowship Program, a program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. The MEPI Legal Business Fellowship Program provides unique opportunities for the women to learn management, business, and legal skills while working in the United States. In addition to Jenner & Block, Motorola, WW Grainger, Wildman Harrold, Kraft Foods, Baker & McKenzie and BlueCross BlueShield sponsored the women.

During her internship, Ms. Bashir traveled to Jordan to assist in a client matter and served as a Co-Chair of the Summer Associate Welcome Reception event. She also hosted a luncheon for the women interning in the Chicago program and Ms. Peggy Parsonoff, the Executive Director of the International Visitors Center of Chicago (IVCC). The IVCC served as Chicago’s official host to the U.S. Department of State visitors.

“This was a wonderful experience,” said Ms. Grayson. “Nuha had the opportunity to work on some very interesting cases and she did an incredible job.”

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