

NEW PARTNERS YEARBOOK 2009



Note To Readers:

The news hasn't been good recently for many law firms that have laid off attorneys. But even in a down economy, law firms are building for the future. Many law firm leaders say the state of the economy has no bearing on their decision to promote attorneys suitable for the partnership ranks. While several law firms named new partners before Wall Street took a nosedive, many others only recently elected attorneys to partner. The *Law Tribune* solicited firms to share information about these promotions that occurred between March 1, 2008, and March 1, 2009, and we received bios of 60 attorneys. That number matches favorably with the results from our previous two New Partner Yearbook but certainly isn't exhaustive.

We hope that you, as a new partner, will consider sharing your expertise by writing an occasional article for the *Law Tribune's* special practice sections. Contact Douglas Malan at douglas.malan@incisivemedia.com if you're interested.

Also, feel free to submit announcements regarding promotions, new hires and lawyers' activities over the course of the year. If you want to make a bigger splash with a professional announcement, call our advertising department at 860-527-7900. To all of the new partners in this yearbook and to those we missed, congratulations on your promotion.

Paul Sussman, Editor-In-Chief



WYSTAN M. ACKERMAN

Firm: Robinson & Cole LLP
Partnership Date: Jan. 1, 2009
Practice Area: Insurance and reinsurance
Law School: Columbia Law School
College: Bowdoin College



DAVID P. ATKINS

Firm: Pullman & Comley, LLC
Partnership Date: Sept. 22, 2008
Practice Area: Professional liability, litigation
Law School: Yale Law School, J.D., 1981
College: Columbia University, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1978
Previous Legal Positions: Prior to joining Pullman & Comley, David practiced with two other Connecticut law firms. He served as a law clerk to Hon. Almeric L. Christian, U.S. District Court for the District of the Virgin Islands, from 1981 to 1983.

Notable: In 2008, David was appointed by Chase T. Rogers, Chief Justice of the State of Connecticut Supreme Court, to serve as a member of the Committee on Uniformity of Court Procedures.



LAURA WEINTRAUB BECK

Firm: Cummings & Lockwood LLC
Born: Oct. 16, 1970
Place of Birth: New York, N.Y.
Partnership Date: July 21, 2008
Practice Area: Laura practices in the area of estate planning, including business succession planning, planning for real estate holdings, estate administration, trust administration and probate litigation.
Law School: Columbia Law School, J.D., 2000
College: Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, M.P.P., 1995

Notable: Laura is a member of the Board of Directors of the Child Guidance Center of Southern Connecticut and the Executive Committee Member of the Estates and Probate Section of the Connecticut Bar Association.



MARISA A. BELLAIR

Firm: Lynch, Traub, Keefe and Errante, P.C.
Born: Dec. 7, 1973
Place of Birth: New Hartford, N.Y.
Partnership Date: May 1, 2008
Practice Area: Complex civil litigation, medical malpractice, catastrophic injury and appellate practice
Law School: Quinnipiac University School of Law

College: Syracuse University
Notable: In law school, Marisa received several awards including the esteemed Dean's award and various academic achievement and oral advocacy awards. Since embarking upon the practice of law, Marisa's strong academic background and legal scholarship have been instrumental in many of the firm's courtroom and appellate successes. Marisa was an integral part of the firm's victory in the precedent setting appellate case of *Ahern v. Kappalimakkel*, 97 Conn. App. 189 (2006).



GARRY C. BERMAN

Firm: Robinson & Cole LLP
Partnership Date: Dec. 1, 2008
Practice Area: Real estate
Law School: New York University School of Law
College: Tufts University



MICHAEL J. CAMILLERI

Firm: Brown Rudnick LLP
Born: Dec. 28, 1972
Place of Birth: Hartford
Partnership Date: Feb. 1, 2009
Practice Area: Mr. Camilleri represents Fortune 500 corporations, developers, retailers, not-for-profit organizations, universities, hospitals, restaurants, and other clients in all aspects of commercial real estate development.

Law School: University of Connecticut, J.D., with honors, 2000
College: Trinity College, B.A., 1995
Notable: Recent matters include representing Fortune Global 500 financial services company in connection with new regional headquarters, including zoning and land use, acquisition, development and construction of project; Represents Fortune 50 retailer in connection with zoning, wetlands and other development and construction permitting matters throughout Connecticut.



RAYMOND J. CASELLA

Firm: Shipman & Goodwin LLP
Born: June 28, 1966
Place of Birth: Springfield, Mass.
Partnership Date: Jan. 1, 2009
Practice Area: Tax
Law School: New York University School of Law, LL.M., 2000; Western New England College School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1999
College: Bentley College, B.S., 1988

Notable: New Leaders of the Law Award for Community Contributions, *Connecticut Law Tribune*, 2005



DENNIS C. CAVANAUGH

Firm: Robinson & Cole LLP
Partnership Date: Dec. 1, 2008
Practice Area: Construction
Law School: University of Miami School of Law
College: University of Connecticut



HOLLY L. CINI

Firm: Jackson Lewis LLP
Born: Oct. 27, 1970
Place of Birth: New London
Partnership Date: Jan. 2, 2009
Practice Area: Employment litigation and management counseling
Law School: Suffolk University Law School
College: Providence College
Previous Legal Positions: Prior to joining Jackson Lewis, Holly served in the role of General Counsel to State Comptroller Nancy Wyman. Before that, she was an Assistant Corporation Counsel in the City of Waterbury.



JARED COHANE

Firm: Pepe & Hazard LLP
Partnership Date: Jan. 1, 2009
Practice Area: Construction, surety
Law School: University of Connecticut Law School, J.D., with honors
College: Oberlin College, B.A., Philosophy & Anthropology
Previous Legal Positions: Jared started as a summer associate with Pepe & Hazard; he left the firm, but returned in January 2004. Jared represents owners, general contractors, subcontractors, architects and engineers in a wide variety of construction related disputes in state and federal courts, arbitration and mediation.



JOHN F. COHAN

Firm: Pepe & Hazard LLP
Partnership Date: Feb. 1, 2009
Practice Area: Business & finance, corporate finance
Law School: New England School of Law, J.D.
College: Syracuse University, B.S.
Previous Legal Positions: John has been in private practice, focusing on venture capital financing, private placement of equity & debt securities, mergers and acquisitions, bank financings and various aspects of licensing and IP law.



JOSHUA W. COHEN

Firm: Day Pitney LLP
Place of Birth: New Haven
Partnership Date: Jan. 1, 2009
Practice Area: Bankruptcy and creditors' rights
Law School: Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1994; Moot Court Honor Society, 1992-1994 (editor, 1993-1994)
College: University of Pennsylvania, B.A., 1990
Previous Legal Positions: Associate – Susman, Duffy & Segaloff; Associate/ Partner – Cummings & Lockwood; Partner – Pepe & Hazard

Notable: Certified Specialist in Business Bankruptcy – American Board of Certification; Board of Directors – Friends of Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital; Board of Directors – New Haven Road Race; Eagle Scout



RENÉE M. DAILEY

Firm: Bracewell & Giuliani LLP
Born: Oct. 9, 1973
Place of Birth: New Haven
Partnership Date: Jan. 1, 2009
Practice Area: Financial restructuring group
Law School: University of Connecticut School of Law
College: University of Connecticut

Notable: Elected member of the American College of Investment Counsel; Co-teaches a class on International Comparative Corporate Insolvency Law at the University of Connecticut School of Law.



PROLOY K. DAS

Firm: Rome McGuigan, P.C.
Born: June 9, 1975
Place of Birth: Manchester
Partnership Date: Sept. 1, 2008
Practice Area: Appeals in civil, criminal, and family matters
Law School: Indiana University Maurer School of Law, 2000
College: Boston College, 1997
Previous Legal Positions: Assistant State's Attorney, Office of the Chief State's Attorney (Appellate Bureau)
Notable: Over career, has helped brief more than 40 appeals before the Connecticut Appellate and Supreme Courts, prevailing in 26 of 29 cases as arguing counsel; Taught appellate advocacy as adjunct faculty at UConn Law School; Notable successes include *Vermont Mutual Insurance Co. v. Walukiewicz*, 290 Conn. – (2009) (insurance coverage); *State v. Jackson*, 283 Conn. 111 (2007) (jury instructions)

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**ANTHONY C. DEFILIPPIS, JR.**

Firm: Pepe & Hazard LLP
Partnership Date: Jan. 1, 2009
Practice Area: Administrative & regulatory, business & finance
Law School: St John's University School of Law, J.D., deans honors
College: Fairfield University, B.A., *cum laude*
Previous Legal Positions: Before joining Pepe & Hazard, Tony maintained an extensive litigation practice through DeFilippis Associates. Prior to launching his own firm, he served as a director at Northeast Utilities and as counsel and chief of staff to the Senate Majority Office of the State of Connecticut.

**DOUGLAS A. DUBITSKY**

Firm: Pullman & Comley, LLC
Partnership Date: March 1, 2009
Practice Area: Litigation, equine & agribusiness law
Law School: University of Utah College of Law, J.D., 1999
College: State University of New York at Purchase, B.F.A., 1984
Previous Legal Positions: Prior to joining Pullman & Comley, Doug practiced at two other Connecticut law firms.
Notable: Doug is vice chair of the Sports & Entertainment Law Section of the Connecticut Bar Association, a member of the New York State Bar Association and the Oliver Ellsworth Inns of Court. He also is a member of the American Agricultural Law Association; Lawyers for Children America Regional Counsel; the American Farm Bureau; the Connecticut Farm Bureau; the Connecticut Horse Council and the Connecticut Meat & Poultry Producers Association.

**GREGORY R. FAULKNER**

Firm: Robinson & Cole LLP
Partnership Date: Dec. 1, 2008
Practice Area: Construction
Law School: Catholic University of America
College: Providence College

**CAROL A. FELICETTA**

Firm: Reid and Riege, P.C.
Place of Birth: Brockton, Mass.
Partnership Date: June 1, 2008
Practice Area: Bankruptcy, commercial law, litigation
Law School: Pace University, J.D., 1990
College: Bowdoin College, B.A., 1981
Previous Legal Positions: Bankruptcy Attorney, Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker; Trial Attorney, U.S. Trustee's Office, New Haven

Notable: Active in the CARE Program (Credit Abuse Resistance Education) which involves regular visits to local high schools to speak about personal finance and the consequences of consumer credit card abuse.

**SETH FIDEL**

Firm: Cantor Colburn LLP
Place of Birth: Brooklyn, N.Y.
Partnership Date: March 2008
Practice Area: Intellectual Property
Law School: Quinnipiac University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*
College: Rutgers Medical School/UMDNJ, Ph.D. in Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology
Previous Legal Positions: Executive Director of Legal Affairs, Chief Intellectual Property Counsel, Neurogen Corporation, Branford, Conn.; Senior Manager of Intellectual Property, Alexion Pharmaceuticals, New Haven, Conn.

Notable: Drafted and prosecuted the applications for the patents now protecting Alexion Pharmaceuticals' monoclonal antibody drug Soliris. Oversaw preparation and prosecution of more than 200 U.S. patents at Neurogen Corporation.

**MITCHELL L. FISHBERG**

Firm: Robinson & Cole LLP
Partnership Date: Dec. 1, 2008
Practice Area: Labor & employment
Law School: The George Washington University Law School
College: Lafayette College

**DAVID P. FRIEDMAN**

Firm: Murtha Cullina LLP
Born: April 23, 1957
Place of Birth: Montgomery, Ala.
Partnership Date: Feb. 27, 2009
Practice Area: Commercial litigation; legal malpractice defense
Law School: New York University
College: Stanford University
Previous Legal Positions: Shareholder at Zeldes, Needle & Cooper, 1994-2009; Law Clerk to the Honorable Judith S. Kaye (former Chief Judge of the New York Court), 1986-1988; Legal Aid Society (New York City), Criminal Appeals Bureau, Associate Appellate Court, 1986

Notable: Former Member of the CBA House of Delegates; Treasurer of the State-wide Legal Services of Connecticut

**ANTHONY P. GANGEMI**

Firm: Wiggin and Dana LLP
Partnership Date: Jan. 1, 2009
Practice Area: Business, intellectual property, patent, climate change and sustainability
Law School: Franklin Pierce Law Center, J.D. and L.L.M. in Intellectual Property
College: Colorado School of Mines, B.S. and M.S. in Engineering
Previous Legal Positions: Before joining Wiggin and Dana, Tony was an associate attorney with the Burlington, Vermont, office of a regional general practice firm, the Denver, Colo. office of a national general practice firm, and patent counsel with The Procter & Gamble Corporation in Cincinnati, Ohio. In all previous positions, he specialized in patent law and other intellectual property law matters.

Notable: Served as adjunct professor at Franklin Pierce Law Center in Concord, N.H.



COURTNEY A. GEORGE

Firm: Cohen and Wolf, P.C.
Born: June 9, 1967
Place of Birth: Hartford
Partnership Date: Jan. 1, 2009
Practice Area: Employment & labor, commercial and probate litigation
Law School: Boston College Law School, J.D., 2001
College: McGill University, B.A. with distinction, 1990

Notable: Ms. George has successfully defended clients against discrimination claims in agency and court proceedings; and she has significant experience representing municipal employers in contract negotiations.



SCOTT M. GERARD

Firm: Murtha Cullina LLP
Born: November 1955
Place of Birth: Bridgeport
Partnership Date: February 2009
Practice Area: Corporate, commercial real estate development and finance; business acquisition and sale
Law School: American University Washington College of Law
College: Boston University
Previous Legal Positions: Partner-Pellegrino Law Firm PC; Partner-Randel and Gerard, LLC

Notable: Former Member, Board of Directors – Arena Football League; Former Member, Fairfield Board of Tax Review



DAVID R. GREENE

Firm: Robinson & Cole LLP
Partnership Date: Sept. 17, 2008
Practice Area: Environmental & utilities
Law School: Pace University School of Law
College: Colorado School of Mines



RICHARD L. GREEN

Firm: Robinson & Cole LLP
Partnership Date: Dec. 1, 2008
Practice Area: Intellectual Property
Law School: University of Connecticut School of Law
College: Central Connecticut State University

IN MEMORIAM
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KENNETH D. HEATH

Firm: Wiggin and Dana LLP
Partnership Date: Jan. 1, 2009
Practice Area: Litigation, appellate
Law School: Yale Law School, J.D., 1999
College: University of Virginia, B.A., with high distinction in Foreign Affairs and Philosophy, 1992; Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, Masters in Public Affairs, 1994; Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Public and International Affairs.

Notable: Managing Editor of The Yale Law Journal.



MATTHEW J. HOBERMAN

Firm: Rome McGuigan, P.C.
Place of Birth: Hartford
Partnership Date: Jan. 1, 2009
Practice Area: Real property, commercial, business, finance law
Law School: University of Miami
College: Lafayette College

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**THOMAS R. KASPER**

Firm: Reid and Riege, P.C.
Born: April 21, 1964
Place of Birth: Hartford
Partnership Date: June 1, 2008
Practice Area: Commercial real estate
Law School: Western New England College School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1995
College: University of Connecticut, B.A., *cum laude*, 1986

Notable: Completed 20 years of service in the Connecticut Air National Guard

**MICHAEL J. KOLOSKY**

Firm: Robinson & Cole LLP
Partnership Date: Jan. 1, 2009
Practice Area: Business litigation
Law School: University of North Carolina School of Law
College: Boston College

**RONALD J. KONIUTA**

Firm: Reid and Riege, P.C.
Born: Dec. 17, 1955
Place of Birth: Meriden
Partnership Date: Jan. 1, 2009
Practice Area: Employee benefits & executive compensation
Law School: Western New England College School of Law, J.D., 1994
College: University of Connecticut, B.A., 1979; University of Connecticut, M.B.A., with honors, 1987
Previous Legal Positions: Private practice employee benefits attorney in Waterbury and New Haven
Notable: Member of the 401(k) Subcommittee of the American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries, which regularly drafts solicited and unsolicited comment letters to the Department of Treasury, Office of Chief Counsel, Office of Tax Policy and Director, Employee Plans with regard to legislative/statutory issues.

**RICHARD H. KOSAKOWSKI**

Firm: Cantor Colburn LLP
Partnership Date: April 2008
Practice Area: Intellectual Property
Law School: Western New England College School of Law, J.D., 1990
College: Western New England College, B.S. in Electrical Engineering, *cum laude*; Springfield Technical Community College, Associate in Science in Computer Maintenance Technology; Springfield Technical Community College, Associate in Science in Electronic Benchwork Technology
Previous Legal Positions: Principal, O'Shea, Getz & Kosakowski, P.C., Springfield, Mass.; In-house counsel, various business units, United Technologies Corporation; Private Practice, Holland & Bonzagni, P.C., Longmeadow, Mass.

Notable: Chief IP Counsel, Pratt & Whitney Chief IP Counsel, Hamilton Sundstrand

**ANDREW L. KRAMER**

Firm: Robinson & Cole LLP
Partnership Date: Nov. 18, 2008
Practice Area: Real estate
Law School: Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law of Yeshiva University
College: Cornell University

**FATIMA LAHNIN**

Firm: Carmody & Torrance LLP
Born: July 1, 1974
Place of Birth: Casablanca, Morocco
Partnership Date: Jan. 1, 2009
Practice Area: Intellectual property litigation including patent infringement, as well as Internet domain name disputes, copyright, trademark, trade dress, and trade secret matters. In addition, Fatima is a primary contact for the firm's entertainment law practice which services all facets of the entertainment industry.
Law School: Northeastern University School of Law, J.D., 2001
College: Central Connecticut State University, B.S., 1996
Notable: Selected BENCHMARK's "Future Star" by BENCHMARK Litigation, Guide to America's Leading Business Litigation Firms and Attorneys. Named a Super Lawyer "New England Rising Star" by Law & Politics Magazine in the area of Intellectual Property Litigation, 2008.

**DANIEL P. LENT**

Firm: Cantor Colburn LLP
Place of Birth: Bridgeport
Partnership Date: January 2009
Practice Area: Intellectual Property
Law School: Widener University School of Law, J.D., Harrington Honor Chapter of Phi Delta Phi
College: Fairfield University, B.S., Physics
Previous Legal Positions: Associate, Cantor Colburn LLP; Patent Department, Hitachi, Tokyo, Japan; Reed Smith LLP, New York City; Ware Fressola Van Der Sluys & Adolphson LLP, Monroe, Conn.; Assistant Clerk, Honorable Vincent A. Bifferato, Resident Judge of the Delaware Superior Court
Notable: Japanese Client Group Leader, Cantor Colburn; Patent law instructor, Hitachi, Tokyo Japan; Frequent presenter at patent law seminars in Japan since 2003.

**VINCENT A. LIBERTI JR.**

Firm: Pepe & Hazard LLP
Partnership Date: Oct. 22, 2008
Practice Area: Business succession, elder law, estate administration, wealth preservation
Law School: Western New England School of Law, J.D., and LL.M. in Estate Planning and Elder Law
College: Union College, B.S.
Previous Legal Positions: Prior to joining Pepe & Hazard, Vincent was the principal of Liberti Law Firm LLC, where he concentrated his practice on matters dealing with wealth acquisition, preservation and transfer, wills, trusts and estate planning, elder law issues, probate administration, business & succession planning and commercial real estate transactions - including IRC Section 1031 tax deferred exchanges.

**CAROL L. LOOMIS**

Firm: Reid and Riege, P.C.
Place of Birth: Drexel Hill, Pa.
Partnership Date: Aug. 25, 2008
Practice Area: General corporate law, mergers & acquisitions, commercial real estate
Law School: University of Connecticut Law School, J.D., with high honors, 1997
College: Mount Holyoke College, B.A., *magna cum laude*
Previous Legal Positions: Partner, Tyler Cooper & Alcorn, LLP; Law Clerk to the Honorable Richard N. Palmer, Associate Justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court

Notable: Phi Beta Kappa; Member, 1995-1996 and Executive Editor, 1996-1997, Connecticut Law Review; Co-chair of a state-wide Task Force on Hunger-Related Issues since 2006

**DAVID M. MACK**

Firm: Shipman & Goodwin LLP
Born: Feb. 18, 1970
Place of Birth: Ridgewood, N.J.
Partnership Date: July 1, 2008
Practice Area: Health law
Law School: University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D., with honors, 2000
College: University of Connecticut, M.P.H., health law and ethics, 2000; Northeastern University, B.S., *magna cum laude*, 1993
Previous Legal Positions: Robinson & Cole LLP and Cummings & Lockwood LLC

Notable: Connecticut Bar Association: Chair of the Health Law Section; Listed as a 2009 Connecticut Super Lawyer Rising Star: Health Care; Forty Under 40, *Hartford Business Journal*, 2008; New Leader of the Law, *Connecticut Law Tribune*, 2005; Two-time winner of the Joseph M. Healey Connecticut Health Lawyers Association writing competition

**JAMES J. MERRICK**

Firm: Cantor Colburn LLP
Place of Birth: Hartford
Partnership Date: February 2009
Practice Area: Intellectual Property, with a concentration in patent preparation and prosecution
Law School: Western New England College School of Law, J.D.
College: Charter Oak College, B.S. with honors; Trinity College with a concentration in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; University of Connecticut with a concentration in Chemistry
Previous Legal Positions: Associate, Cantor Colburn LLP; Associate, McCarter & English; Associate, Rome McGuigan Sabanosh, P.C.; Law Clerk, Justices of the Connecticut Appellate Court
Notable: Prepared, prosecuted and appealed numerous patent applications to issue into patents for both domestic and foreign clients. Admitted to Connecticut state and District bars.

**JOSHUA S. MIRER**

Firm: Robinson & Cole LLP
Partnership Date: Jan. 1, 2009
Practice Area: Labor & employment
Law School: Western New England College School of Law
College: Springfield College, M.Ed.; Lehman College of the City University of New York, B.A.

**UMAR F. MOGHUL**

Firm: Murtha Cullina LLP
Born: Aug. 11, 1974
Place of Birth: Brooklyn, N.Y.
Partnership Date: Jan. 1, 2009
Practice Area: Finance; private equity; Islamic finance and investment
Law School: Temple Law School
College: University of Pennsylvania, B.A. and M.A.
Previous Legal Positions: King & Spalding LLP; White & Case LLP

**INGRID L. MOLL**

Firm: Motley Rice LLC
Born: April 17, 1973
Place of Birth: Norwalk
Partnership Date: October 2008
Practice Area: Complex litigation involving commercial, environmental, and securities litigation; consumer class actions
Law School: University of Connecticut School of Law
College: Wheaton College (IL)
Previous Legal Positions: Judicial law clerk to the Honorable David M. Borden, Connecticut Supreme Court
Notable: Serves on the Boards of the Connecticut Bar Foundation and the UConn Law School Alumni Association. Member of the Oliver Ellsworth Chapter of the Inns of Court. Received the 2005 *Hartford Business Journal's* Forty Under 40 Award and the 2005 *Connecticut Law Tribune's* New Leaders of Law Impact Award. While in law school, served as the editor-in-chief of the *Connecticut Law Review*.

**NANCY FITZPATRICK MYERS**

Firm: Lynch, Traub, Keefe & Errante, P.C.
Born: Oct. 13, 1975
Place of Birth: Bristol
Partnership Date: Oct. 1, 2008
Practice Area: Complex civil litigation, criminal defense, appellate practice, municipal defense, business litigation
Law School: University of Miami School of Law
College: Fairleigh Dickinson University
Previous Legal Positions: Associate, Nuzzo & Roberts, LLC in Cheshire, Conn.; Associate, Cole, Scott & Kissane, LLC in Miami, Fla.; Law Clerk, Barranco, Kircher, Vogelsang & Boldt, PA in Miami, Fla.
Notable: Graduated *magna cum laude* from college and law school; Member of the Order of Coif; NIT All-American Scholar Athlete (women's tennis); President of Young Lawyers Section of the New Haven County Bar Association, 2004-2005; Currently on the Executive Committee of the NHCBA.

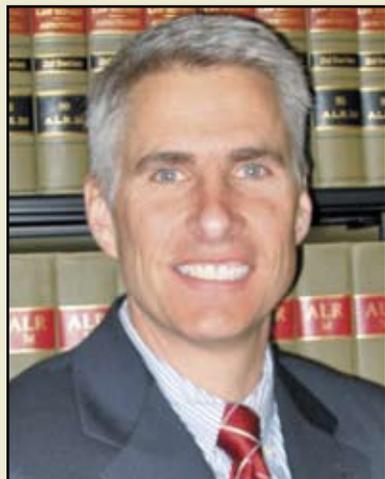
**MARTIN A. ONORATO**

Firm: Robinson & Cole LLP
Partnership Date: Dec. 1, 2008
Practice Area: Construction
Law School: Syracuse University College of Law
College: University of Notre Dame



JONATHAN B. ORLEANS

Firm: Pullman & Comley, LLC
Partnership Date: May 5, 2008
Practice Area: Litigation, labor & employment law
Law School: New York University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1984
College: Hampshire College, B.A., 1977; Princeton University, M.P.A., 1984
Previous Legal Positions: Before joining Pullman & Comley, Jon clerked for the Honorable M. Joseph Blumenfeld, Senior U.S. District Judge in Hartford, and practiced for 23 years with another prominent Connecticut firm, where he served as Managing Shareholder for six years.
Notable: Jon is a member of the American and Connecticut Bar Associations' Litigation and Labor and Employment Sections, the CBA's Federal Practice Section, and formerly chaired the Labor and Employment Law Section of the Greater Bridgeport Bar Association.



JOSEPH J. PACKTOR

Firm: Jacobs, Grudberg, Belt, Dow & Katz P.C.
Born: Sept. 30, 1963
Place of Birth: Hamden
Partnership Date: Jan. 1, 2009
Practice Area: Personal injury; medical malpractice; business litigation
Law School: Duke University School of Law
College: University of Central Florida
Notable: American Jurisprudence Awards in Contracts and Trial Practice. Over 90 percent success rate in numerous jury trials throughout the state.



HOWARD L. PIERCE

Firm: Pepe & Hazard LLP
Partnership Date: Sept. 19, 2008
Practice Area: Health care fraud & abuse, litigation
Law School: Quinnipiac University School of Law, J.D.
College: State University of New York at Buffalo, School of Management, B.S.
Previous Legal Positions: Before entering private practice, Howard was a federal agent for 16 years and concluded his career as the United States Department of Health and Human Services Assistant Regional Inspector General for Investigations (ARIGI) in Philadelphia, Pa.
Notable: While at the Hartford Life Insurance Company, Howard led the successful investigation into the largest employee claim fraud in the history of the company. This investigation resulted in all participants being charged criminally and pleading guilty.



RICHARD J. POBER

Firm: Pullman & Comley, LLC
Partnership Date: Feb. 2, 2009
Practice Area: Litigation, corporate transactions
Law School: New England School of Law, J.D., 1977
College: George Washington University, B.A., 1974
Previous Legal Positions: Prior to joining Pullman & Comley, Richard was a practitioner in Westport for 30 years, where he had a diverse, complex civil practice. He was a partner in two law firms based in Westport.
Notable: Richard is a member of the Connecticut and New York Bar Associations, the Federal Bar, SDNY, EDNY, CONN and Tax Court. Since 1990, he has been a Special Master (Divorce) Stamford J.D. He served as an adjunct associate professor in the M.B.A. program at Sacred Heart University from 1985 to 1995.



KIM E. RINEHART

Firm: Wiggin and Dana LLP
Partnership Date: Jan. 1, 2009
Practice Area: Complex civil litigation, appellate, legal malpractice
Law School: Yale Law School, J.D., 1999
College: University of Michigan, A.B., with highest distinction, 1996
Previous Legal Positions: Kim joined the firm following a clerkship with the Honorable Stephen V. Wilson, United States District Judge for the Central District of California.
Notable: Before joining the firm, Kim co-founded All Our Kin, a non-profit dedicated to supporting child care providers and expanding access to high quality early childhood education.



CHRISTOPHER J. RIXON

Firm: Reid and Riege, P.C.
Born: March 6, 1963
Place of Birth: West Hartford
Partnership Date: Sept. 22, 2008
Practice Area: Taxation, business law, corporate law, mergers & acquisitions, commercial law, commercial real estate, commercial real estate finance, zoning, planning & land use
Law School: Western New England College School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1988; New York University, LL.M., taxation, 1989
College: University of Rhode Island, B.A., 1985
Previous Legal Positions: Coopers & Lybrand, New York, N.Y., Tax Department; Assistant Counsel, Connecticut Housing Finance Authority for Taxation, Real Estate and Administration; Tobin, Carberry, O'Malley, Riley & Selinger, P.C., Principal and Co-Chair of Business Practice Group
Notable: U.S. Law Week Award and American Jurisprudence Book Awards



RICHARD ROCHLIN

Firm: Shipman & Goodwin LLP
Born: July 7, 1975
Place of Birth: New Haven
Partnership Date: July 14, 2008
Practice Area: Corporate trust, commercial finance, Islamic finance and investment
Law School: University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D., with honors, 2000
College: American University, B.A., 1997
Previous Legal Positions: Dechert LLP and Bingham McCutchen LLP
Notable: Recipient of the CALI Book Award for Energy Law; Member of the Moot Court Board, University of Connecticut School of Law; Managing Editor, *Connecticut Law Review*



NORMAN H. ROOS

Firm: Robinson & Cole LLP
Partnership Date: Dec. 1, 2008
Practice Area: Finance
Law School: University of Michigan Law School
College: University of Pennsylvania



ANASTASIOS T. SAVVIDES

Firm: Toohar, Wocl & Leydon LLC
Born: Aug. 14, 1967
Place of Birth: Norwalk
Partnership Date: Aug. 1, 2008
Practice Area: Plaintiffs' injury litigation including motor vehicle, truck and motorcycle collisions, medical malpractice, wrongful death, brain and spinal cord injuries and premises liability.
Law School: Suffolk University Law School, J.D., 1992
College: Hartwick College, B.A., 1989
Previous Legal Positions: Casper & deToledo, LLC, Associate (1999-2002), Member/Partner (2002-2008); Allstate Insurance Company, Senior Trial Attorney (1995-1999); Reid, Cafero & Corsello, Associate (1993-1995)
Notable: Board Certified in Civil Trial Advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy; Connecticut and New England Super Lawyer; Connecticut Trial Lawyer's Association (CTLA) Board of Governors.



JAMES M. SAYA

Firm: Rogin Nassau LLC
Born: March 14, 1970
Place of Birth: Ellington
Partnership Date: Jan. 1, 2009
Practice Area: Corporate and business law, secured lending, transactional law
Law School: University of Connecticut School of Law, with honors
College: University of Connecticut, *summa cum laude*
Previous Legal Positions: Berman and Sable, Dewey & LeBoeuf, Brown Rudnick



IRVING S. SCHLOSS

Firm: Murtha Cullina LLP
Born: Feb. 3, 1945
Place of Birth: New York, N.Y.
Partnership Date: May 1, 2008
Practice Area: Trusts and estate planning & administration; tax
Law School: Yale Law School
College: Harvard University
Previous Legal Positions: Tyler, Cooper & Alcorn, LLP; Associate and Partner, 1971-2008
Notable: Regent of the American College of Trust & Estate Counsel; Author or co-author of numerous articles and "Understanding TIAA - CREF" (2000).



ERIC P. SMITH

Firm: Stratton Faxon
Born: Jan. 24, 1971
Place of Birth: Newport News, Va.
Partnership Date: March 2, 2009
Practice Area: Medical and professional malpractice, wrongful death, personal injury, birth trauma and aviation litigation
Law School: Quinnipiac University School of Law, *cum laude*, 1995
College: University of New Haven, *cum laude*, 1992
Previous Legal Positions: Formerly a partner at Lynch, Traub, Keefe & Errante, P.C.
Notable: An NBTA certified attorney, Eric has successfully tried dozens of complex cases resulting in multi-million dollar jury verdicts. He is a member of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) and Eric has handled several important trials in both state and federal court.



GEORGE C. SPRINGER, JR.

Firm: Robinson & Cole LLP
Partnership Date: Dec. 1, 2008
Practice Area: Business litigation
Law School: University of Connecticut School of Law
College: University of Connecticut



DARREN M. WALLACE

Firm: Day Pitney LLP
Place of Birth: Rockville
Partnership Date: Jan. 1, 2009
Practice Area: Trust services and fiduciary compliance trusts and estates
Law School: University of Connecticut School of Law
College: Colgate University

Notable: 2005, New Leaders of the Law "Advocacy Award" presented by the *Connecticut Law Tribune*; Member of the Executive Committee of the Estates and Probate Section of the Connecticut Bar Association; Co-chair of the Probate & Estates Committee of the Fairfield County Bar Association; Write and speak on estate planning topics, most recently at the NYU Summer Tax Institute.



DEREK T. WERNER

Firm: Murtha Cullina LLP
Born: Jan. 27, 1975
Place of Birth: Bristol
Partnership Date: Jan. 1, 2009
Practice Area: Construction law
Law School: Boston University School of Law
College: Bates College



RONALD W. ZDROJESKI

Firm: Robinson & Cole LLP
Partnership Date: Aug. 25, 2008
Practice Area: Business litigation
Law School: The George Washington University Law School
College: The George Washington University