

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

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CENTRAL

Robert Greenlaw is now an associate of Stone Loughlin & Swanson, 3508 Far West Blvd., Ste. 200, Austin 78731.

Maura B. Sharp, previously with J.C. Penney Co., is now associate general counsel, employment and compliance, to Informatica, 13785 Research Blvd., Ste. 300, Austin 78750.

Maria Jimena Rivera, a Child Support Division assistant attorney general in Austin, and **Norbert Mahnke**, a Child Support Division assistant attorney general in Bryan, were recognized as Assistant Attorneys General of the Year by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton.

Robert D. Thomas, founding principal of the Thomas Consulting Group in Austin, has been appointed as chairman of the Texas Facilities Commission.

Lei Sun is now an attorney at Lee & Hayes, 11501 Alterra Pkwy., Ste. 450, Austin 78758.

Maggie Murphy has been promoted to office managing shareholder at Jackson Lewis, 816 Congress Ave., Ste. 1530, Austin 78701.

Paul Sarahan, previously with Thompson & Knight, joins **John Riley**, fellow former director of litigation for TCEQ, as shareholders in the Austin office of Jackson Gilmour & Dobbs, which is based in Houston, 3900 Essex Lane, Suite 700, Houston 77027.

Susan Steeg, justice of the peace for Precinct 3 in Travis County, was named 2015 Public Elected Official of the Year by the Texas Chapter of

the National Association of Social Workers.

Hal Katz, a partner in Husch Blackwell in Austin, has been appointed to the council of the American Bar Association Health Law Section and elected treasurer of the State Bar of Texas Health Law Section.

Mishkin Santa is now a partner in Five Stone Tax Advisers, 11211 Taylor Draper Ln., Ste. 300, Austin 78759.

EAST

Clay Zelbst is now an associate of Sloan, Bagley, Hatcher & Perry Law Firm, 101 E. Whaley St., Longview 75601.

GULF

Stephanie Josephson was promoted to vice president and general counsel at Dresser-Rand, a Siemens Business, 10205 Westheimer Rd., Houston 77042.

Denise Scofield, a partner in Morgan, Lewis & Bockius in Houston, has been appointed to the Texas Access to Justice Foundation Board of Directors.

David L. Clark is now owner and principal attorney of the Law Offices of David L. Clark, 12 Greenway Plz., Ste. 1100, Houston 77046.

Emily R. Lee is now an associate of Baker Donelson, 1301 McKinney St., Ste. 3700, Houston 77010.

Donald Hightower is now an associate of Crain, Caton & James, 1401 McKinney St., Ste. 1700, Houston 77010.

Jared D. Grodin is now an associate of Andrews Kurth, 600 Travis St., Ste. 4200, Houston 77002.

Erin E. Lunceford, previously with Sprott Newsom Lunceford Quattlebaum Messenger, is now judge of the 61st Civil District Court, 201 Caroline St., 9th Fl., Houston 77002.

Tariq Gladney, a staff attorney at Lone Star Legal Aid in Houston, has been selected as a 2015 Blackshear Fellow by the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges.

Michael G. Payne is now a shareholder in Branscomb, 5615 Kirby Dr., Ste. 780, Houston 77005.

Tom Wilson, a partner in Vinson & Elkins in Houston, has been elected chairman of the International Human Rights Committee of the International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas.

Brant Stogner, an associate of Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Sorrels, Agosto & Friend in Houston, is now a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Jon Paul Hoelscher, associate of Coats Rose in Houston, has been elected as the Houston chairperson for the Young Construction Lawyers Committee of the Construction Law Section of the State Bar of Texas.

Nelda Luce Blair, CEO of the Blair Law Firm in The Woodlands, has been appointed to the Stephen F. Austin University Board of Regents by Gov. Greg Abbott.

NORTH

Brian R. Carter, previously with TriStar Global Energy Solutions Inc., is now senior counsel to Tetra Pak Inc., 3300 Airport Rd., Denton 76207.

David Cabrales, previously with Locke Lord, is now a partner in Gardere Wynne Sewell, 1601 Elm St., Ste. 3000, Dallas 75201, and he will also work with attorneys in the Austin office, 600 Congress Ave., Ste. 3000, Austin 78701.

Michael DePonte, a shareholder in Jackson Lewis, is now litigation manager of the Dallas office, 500 N. Akard St., Ste. 2500, Dallas 75201.

Maral Kilejian is now counsel to Haynes and Boone, 2505 N. Plano Rd., Ste. 4000, Richardson 75082.

Stephen D. Taylor, previously with Cantey Hanger, is now of counsel to Winstead, 300 Throckmorton St., Ste. 1700, Fort Worth 76102.

Gabriela Sotelo, a Child Support Division assistant attorney general in

Dallas, and **John Cashman**, a Child Support Division assistant attorney general in Denton, were recognized as Assistant Attorneys General of the Year by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton.

PANHANDLE

Dale Lee, a Child Support Division assistant attorney general in Amarillo, was recognized as an Assistant Attorney General of the Year by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton.

SOUTH

Jeffrey W. Bryson and **Jason M. Rammel** are now associates of Schoenbaum, Curphy & Scanlan, 112 E. Pecan St., Ste. 3000, San Antonio 78205.

John A. Heller is now of counsel to Fisher & Phillips, 300 Convent St., Ste. 1420, San Antonio 78205.

Javier Lopez de Obeso, previously with Baker & McKenzie, is now an associate of ScottHulse, 700 N. Saint Mary's St., Ste. 1400, San Antonio 78205.

WEST

Georgette Garcia-Kaufmann, a Child Support Division assistant attorney general in El Paso, was recognized as an Assistant Attorney General of the Year by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton.

Bill B. Caraway is now a partner in Kelly Hart & Hallman, 508 W. Wall St., Ste. 444, Midland 79701.

OUT OF STATE

Alisa Cleek, previously with Elarbee, Thompson, Sapp & Wilson, is now a partner in Taylor English Duma, 1600 Parkwood Cir., Ste. 400, Atlanta, Georgia 30339. **TBJ**

STATE BAR of TEXAS

MINORITY DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

December 15 is the deadline to submit nominations for minority directors for the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors. Minority directors will serve three-year terms beginning June 2016. Persons interested in being nominated should submit a nomination letter from a third party (*self-nominations will not be accepted*); a resume including information on bar participation, civic and political activities, years of licensure, ethnicity, gender, place of residence, and practice; and letters of recommendation (typically three to five).

Submit the information to:
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 Austin, TX 78701-1627

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