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## Note To Readers:

For associates who came up through the ranks and finally earned a coveted spot in your firms' upper echelons this year, consider this yearbook something you can stash away and then, years from now, take out and reflect upon with pride. Chances are partnership at Connecticut's large and mid-sized firms is only going to get more and more exclusive.

For partners who uprooted their practices and moved (hopefully) to greener pastures in the past 12 months, this supplement—and the ones that we produce in future years—will likely document your growing numbers as the legal profession becomes increasingly fluid, even in the Land of Steady Habits.

For everyone else, view this as a scorecard of colleagues whose new advancements you can acknowledge the next time you run into them in the local courthouse or the conference room.

In putting this supplement together, we limited it to just those associates who gained the title of "partner" since Feb. 1, 2006. We didn't include lawyers named "counsel," "senior associate," or some other title distinguishing a promotion short of making partner. Call us old-fashioned, but "partner" is still a status worthy of particular distinction, even as each year fewer and fewer law firms let lawyers go directly into their equity ranks without passing through some sort of nonequity testing ground.

Whether lateral or homegrown, equity or non-equity, attaining partnership is, indeed, a career-altering accomplishment, one that is deserving of more than just heightened rainmaking responsibilities. Consider this, The Law Tribune's way of saying, "Congratulations!"

Sincerely



Scott Brede  
Editor-In-Chief



**Elizabeth K. Acee**

**Firm:** Tyler Cooper & Alcorn, LLP  
**Born:** May 19, 1973  
**Place of Birth:** Buffalo, NY  
**Year Joining Firm:** Oct. 4, 1999  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Litigation; Antitrust and Unfair Trade Practices; Commercial Litigation; Labor and Employment; Employment Litigation; Health Care Fraud and Abuse  
**Law School:** Case Western Reserve University School of Law  
**College:** State University of New York at Buffalo  
**Notable:** Lizz is the current Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of the American Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division. She will Chair the Division in 2008. Lizz is also the immediate past-Chair of the Connecticut Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section. Lizz is one of only two lawyers from Connecticut to have ever held all three prestigious posts.



**Joseph J. Andriola**

**Firm:** Halloran & Sage LLP  
**Born:** June 11, 1964  
**Place of Birth:** New York, NY  
**Year Joining Firm:** 2005  
**Partnership Date:** Feb. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Tort and general litigation and insurance coverage  
**Law School:** Pepperdine University School of Law  
**College:** Boston College  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Partner at Marshall, Conway & Wright, Manhattan  
**Notable:** Mr. Andriola has led the defense of multi-party actions involving the Labor Law and construction defect accidents; motor vehicle accidents; general premises (property and casualty) liability; products liability (representing manufacturers of home recreational equipment); and toxic torts involving lead paint poisoning and mold exposure (defending claims of brain damage/cognitive dysfunction and respiratory ailments).



**Kristen Stewart Barbarotta**

**Firm:** Johnson, Dowe, Brown & Barbarotta, LLC  
**Born:** Jan., 1978  
**Place of Birth:** Danbury, CT  
**Year Joining Firm:** 2003  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Trusts and Estates; Real Estate  
**Law School:** University of Connecticut School of Law (JD 2003)  
**College:** Wesleyan University (BA 2000)



**N. Kane Bennett**

**Firm:** Halloran & Sage LLP  
**Born:** Dec. 1, 1972  
**Place of Birth:** Maui, HI  
**Year Joining Firm:** 1999  
**Partnership Date:** Feb. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Civil litigation  
**Law School:** Suffolk University Law School  
**College:** University of Connecticut  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Assistant District Attorney, Hampden County, Springfield, MA  
**Notable:** Bennett has advised clients and firm attorneys on Electronic Data Discovery (EDD) spoliation and preservation issues that increasingly become critical aspects of litigation. Mr. Bennett is a contributing writer for the Connecticut Law Tribune covering a column on the topic of legal technology and firm management. To maintain awareness in the critical area of legal technology, Mr. Bennett is also a member of the Technology Committees of the Connecticut Bar Association and Defense Research Institute.



**James R. Byrne**

**Firm:** Tyler Cooper & Alcorn, LLP  
**Born:** Feb. 28, 1969  
**Place of Birth:** New York, NY  
**Year Joining Firm:** June 15, 1998  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Commercial Litigation, creditors' rights, workouts, commercial foreclosures and collections, bankruptcy, check fraud and negotiable instrument litigation, mechanic's lien litigation, and tax appeals.  
**Law School:** University of Connecticut School of Law  
**College:** Boston University  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Edwards & Angell, LLP  
**Notable:** Mr. Byrne is a member of the Connecticut and Hartford County Bar Association and is active in the Commercial Law and Bankruptcy sections of both associations.



**Elena L. Cahill**

**Firm:** Tyler Cooper & Alcorn, LLP  
**Born:** June 10, 1965  
**Place of Birth:** Bridgeport, CT  
**Year Joining Firm:** Nov. 6, 2006  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Business Services  
**Law School:** Quinnipiac University School of Law  
**College:** University of Bridgeport  
**Notable:** Ms. Cahill is a recipient of the American Jurisprudence Award. She was an original founder of the Women's Bankruptcy Bar, and was appointed to the Chief Bankruptcy Judge's Task Force. Ms. Cahill is a member of the American and Connecticut Bar Associations.



**Kenneth E. Caisse**

**Firm:** Loudon Legal Group LLC  
**Born:** Aug. 25, 1966  
**Place of Birth:** Connecticut  
**Year Joining Firm:** July 19, 2004  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Family Law  
**Law School:** Western New England Law School  
**College:** Fairfield University  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Horwitz & Caisse, Norwich, CT  
**Notable:** Listed among top 40 family lawyers in Connecticut (2006); former chairperson, Family Law Committee, New London County Bar Association; Special Master in Connecticut family courts and Statewide Custody Court; speaker at statewide seminars on family law.



**James M. Carolan**

**Firm:** Withers Bergman LLP  
**Born:** Feb. 22, 1959  
**Place of Birth:** Glen Cove, NY  
**Year Joining Firm:** Nov. 6, 2006  
**Partnership Date:** Nov. 6, 2006  
**Practice Area:** Real Estate, Higher Education, Charitable Organizations  
**Law School:** J.D., 1989, University of Connecticut School of Law  
**College:** A.B., 1982, Cornell University M.A., 1984, Stanford University Graduate School  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Associate General Counsel, Yale University, 1993-2006  
**Notable:** Registered Foreign Lawyer in the United Kingdom Memberships. Honorary Trustee of the St. Thomas More Corporation. National Association of College and University Attorneys. Fellow, Timothy Dwight College, Yale University. Co-Founder of Higher Education Real Estate Lawyers.



**William F. Clark**

**Firm:** Berchem, Moses & Devlin, P.C.  
**Born:** Nov. 1, 1969  
**Place of Birth:** New Haven, CT  
**Year Joining Firm:** Nov. 1, 2003  
**Partnership Date:** Feb. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Labor and Employment Law, Education Law, Municipal Law  
**Law School:** Quinnipiac College School of Law  
**College:** University of Notre Dame  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Associate Attorney at Lynch, Traub, Keefe and Errante 1995-1997; Assistant Corporation Counsel, City of New Haven, CT 1997-1999; Director of Labor Relations City of New Haven 1999-2003  
**Notable:** President, Yale Youth Hockey Board of Directors, 2005- ; Executive Board Member Connecticut Public Employer Labor Relations Association 2003- ; Secretary 2005 - ; Frequent speaker and trainer for local and regional organizations related to labor and employment issues.



**Brian C. Clifford**

**Firm:** Drubner, Hartley & O'Connor  
**Born:** Jan. 13, 1967  
**Place of Birth:** New York, NY  
**Year Joining Firm:** June 2002  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Administrative Law, Complex Commercial Litigation, Land Use & Real Estate  
**Law School:** University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D. with Honors, 1998  
**College:** United States Naval Academy, B.S. in Physics, cum laude  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Associate, Halloran & Sage, Hartford, 1999-2002



**Andy Ivan Niranjan Corea**

**Firm:** St.Onge Steward Johnston & Reen LLC  
**Born:** April 20, 1970  
**Place of Birth:** Colombo, Sri Lanka  
**Year Joining Firm:** Oct. 1, 2003  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Intellectual property, focusing on trademark counseling, prosecution, enforcement, and licensing, as well as trademark and copyright litigation.  
**Law School:** George Mason University School of Law (JD,1995)  
**College:** College of William & Mary (BA, 1992)  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Attorney Advisor, U.S. Patent & Trademark Office (Arlington, VA), 1999-2003; Associate, Mostoller & Stulberg (Oak Ridge, TN), 1995-1998  
**Notable:** Prosecuted five successful oppositions-cancellations of trademarks before U.S. Trademark Office Trademark Trial & Appeal Board in 2006.



**Alan P. Curto**

**Firm:** Halloran & Sage LLP  
**Born:** April 12, 1956  
**Place of Birth:** Waterbury, CT  
**Year Joining Firm:** Sept. 7, 1998  
**Partnership Date:** Feb. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Administrative & Regulatory  
**Law School:** University of Connecticut School of Law  
**College:** University of Connecticut, MBA Rensselaer at Hartford  
**Notable:** Alan Curto practices in the areas of administrative law and commercial law. He has represented clients before various administrative agencies, and has participated in hearings before the Department of Public Utility Control on matters relating to electricity deregulation. He has also represented both lenders and borrowers in commercial loan transactions, including SBA-guaranteed loans. Prior to entering law school, Alan was a practicing pharmacist, having received his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy, and an M.B.A. in 1992.



**William M. Davoren**

**Firm:** Wofsey, Rosen, Kweskin & Kuriansky, LLP  
**Born:** Sept. 21, 1967  
**Place of Birth:** Hartford, CT  
**Year Joining Firm:** Oct. 1, 2000  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Personal Injury Claims related to motor vehicle negligence, premises liability, product liability, medical malpractice and work-related accidents.  
**Law School:** Albany Law School of Union University  
**College:** Fairfield University  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Law Office of Ida Pullo, Senior Trial Attorney  
**Notable:** Mr. Davoren is a co-chair of the Civil Litigation Committee for the Fairfield County Bar Association. He is also a member of the Trustees' Advisory Council for Fairfield University.



**Alfred A. DiVincentis**

**Firm:** Halloran & Sage LLP  
**Born:** June 28, 1963  
**Place of Birth:** Quincy, MA  
**Year Joining Firm:** Sept. 2005  
**Partnership Date:** Feb. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Construction, Maritime, insurance coverage  
**Law School:** University of Connecticut School of Law  
**College:** Central Connecticut State University  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Associate at Cummings & Lockwood, LLC, Garcia & Milas, PC and Saxe, Doernberger & Vita, PC.  
**Notable:** Extensive experience in construction and complex commercial disputes and transactions, as well as complex insurance coverage disputes. He has a unique perspective on construction law as a result of his strong background in this area. His hands-on experience includes 15 years of work in the construction industry in Connecticut prior to his legal career.



**James P. Doyle**

**Firm:** Axinn, Veltrop & Harkrider LLP  
**Born:** Feb. 2, 1965  
**Place of Birth:** Akron, OH  
**Year Joining Firm:** March 27, 2006  
**Partnership Date:** March 27, 2006  
**Practice Area:** Intellectual property litigation (principally patent litigation) and commercial litigation.  
**Law School:** Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, Indiana  
**College:** University of Notre Dame  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Associate: Cohen, Pontani, Lieberman & Pavane, New York, New York, 2004-2006; Associate: Fish & Neave, New York, New York, 1996-2004; Associate: Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker, New York, New York, 1994-1996.  
**Notable:** Litigation of patent, trademark and copyright infringement actions, products liability actions, and patent interferences and reexaminations in various federal courts and in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.



**Daniel F. Drexler**

**Firm:** Cantor Colburn LLP  
**Born:** Oct. 4, 1972  
**Place of Birth:** St. Louis, MO  
**Year Joining Firm:** Oct. 4, 1999  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Intellectual Property  
**Law School:** Pace University School of Law  
**College:** Rutgers University College of Engineering



**Charles F. Gfeller**

**Firm:** Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge LLP  
**Born:** April 14, 1970  
**Place of Birth:** Hartford, CT  
**Year Joining Firm:** April 29, 2002  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Complex Civil and Commercial Litigation, Products Liability, and Risk Management  
**Law School:** Widener University, School of Law  
**College:** Franklin & Marshall College, B.A.  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Associate, LeBeouf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, LLP (2000-2002); Associate, Danaher, Tedford, Lagnese & Neal, P.C. (1996-2000); Research Clerk, Connecticut Superior Court, 1996.



**Robert O. Hickey**

**Firm:** Ryan, Ryan, Johnson & Deluca, LLP  
**Born:** Aug. 17, 1964  
**Place of Birth:** Norwalk, CT  
**Year Joining Firm:** 1998  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Civil Litigation with a focus on insurance defense  
**Law School:** J.D., cum laude, Quinnipiac University School of Law, 1997  
**College:** B.A. in Economics, University of Connecticut, 1986.  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Mr. Hickey worked briefly as a temporary assistant clerk for the Honorable Sarsfield Ford before joining Ryan, Ryan, Johnson & Deluca in 1998.  
**Notable:** Mr. Hickey has had an excellent record of trial results in both state and federal courts over the last few years. He is a member of the National Railroad Trial Counsel, the Connecticut Defense Lawyers Association, the Stamford/Norwalk Regional Bar Association and the Connecticut Bar Association.

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**Allan P. Hillman**

**Firm:** Shipman & Goodwin LLP  
**Born:** Sept. 30, 1946  
**Place of Birth:** Baltimore, MD  
**Year Joining Firm:** Feb. 1, 2006  
**Partnership Date:** Feb. 1, 2006  
**Practice Area:** Franchise, antitrust and intellectual property  
**Law School:** Columbia University School of Law, J.D., 1972  
**College:** Columbia University, B.A., 1968  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Prior to joining the firm, Allan was with Neuberger, Quinn, Gielen, Rubin & Gibber, P.A., in Baltimore, MD.  
**Notable:** Total Quality in Franchising Award (2004)



**David R. Jimenez**

**Firm:** Jackson Lewis LLP  
**Born:** Nov. 30, 1966  
**Place of Birth:** Los Angeles, CA  
**Year Joining Firm:** Dec. 30, 2006  
**Partnership Date:** Dec. 30, 2006  
**Practice Area:** Employment Law Title VII and FLSA Class Action Litigation, Corporate Governance, Compliance and Risk Management, Sarbanes Oxley/Whistleblower litigation  
**Law School:** Hofstra University School of Law  
**College:** University of Texas  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Vice President and Associate General Counsel, The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.  
**Notable:** Board Member, Hartford County Bar Foundation; Barrister, Inns of Court; American Leadership Forum



**Gabriel J. Jiran**

**Firm:** Shipman & Goodwin LLP  
**Born:** July 31, 1971  
**Place of Birth:** Niskayuna, NY  
**Year Joining Firm:** June 11, 2001  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Labor law and employment litigation on behalf of corporations and public employers.  
**Law School:** University of Cincinnati College of Law, J.D., 1996, with honors  
**College:** Miami University, B.S., 1993  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Previously, Gabriel was an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Ohio where he litigated labor and employment cases on behalf of the State. He also served as the Chief Legal Counsel for the Ohio Office of Collective Bargaining where he negotiated labor agreements and participated in mediations and arbitrations on behalf of the State of Ohio. Gabriel was a judicial extern for Judge Herman J. Weber of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio.



**Stuart C. Johnson**

**Firm:** Carmody & Torrance LLP  
**Born:** July 12, 1963  
**Place of Birth:** Cleveland, OH  
**Year Joining Firm:** June 15, 2003  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Commercial Litigation; Construction; Professional Liability Defense  
**Law School:** Northeastern University School of Law  
**College:** Colby College  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Associate, Wiggin & Dana LLP, New Haven, CT; Associate, Dzialo, Pickett, Allen, P.C., Old Saybrook, CT; Law Clerk, Judges of the Connecticut Superior Court.  
**Notable:** Mr. Johnson is an active member of the American Bar Association, the Connecticut Bar Association, and the New Haven County Bar Association, where he co-chairs the Legal-Medical Committee. He is also a member of the New Haven Inn of Court.

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**Randy P. Kabakoff**

**Firm:** Rogin, Nassau, Caplan, Lassman & Hirtle, LLC  
**Born:** Oct. 23, 1973  
**Place of Birth:** New Haven, CT  
**Year Joining Firm:** Nov. 29, 2000  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Real Estate, Corporate Law  
**Law School:** University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D., 1999  
**College:** University of Connecticut, B.S., magna cum laude, 1995  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Associate, Cohen & Wolf, P.C. (Sept. 1999 - Nov. 2000)



**Heena Kapadia**

**Firm:** Madsen, Prestley & Parenteau LLC  
**Born:** June 23, 1963  
**Place of Birth:** Gandevi, India  
**Year Joining Firm:** Jan. 2004  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Employment Law  
**Law School:** University of Connecticut  
**College:** Sacred Heart University  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Associate, Carmody & Torrance  
**Notable:** Successfully litigated wide variety of employment disputes in state and federal courts and administrative agencies.



**Susan Kim**

**Firm:** Bingham McCutchen LLP  
**Born:** Oct. 24, 1972  
**Place of Birth:** Los Angeles, CA  
**Year Joining Firm:** 1999  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Financial Institutions Litigation  
**Law School:** Syracuse University College of Law, 1998  
**College:** Tufts University, 1994  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Associate, Pepe & Hazard, Hartford; intern, U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of New York; summer associate, Sugarman & Associates, Philadelphia  
**Notable:** Susan is currently the president of the Connecticut Asian Pacific American Bar Association (CAPABA), the Connecticut affiliate of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) of which she is also a member and CAPABA's Board of Directors.



**Amy R. Kirschbaum**

**Firm:** Shipman & Goodwin LLP  
**Born:** Aug. 2, 1971  
**Place of Birth:** Norwich, CT  
**Year Joining Firm:** Sept. 14, 1998  
**Partnership Date:** Aug. 1, 2006  
**Practice Area:** Employee benefits, including tax-qualified retirement plans, non-qualified deferred compensation plans, cafeteria plans, and ERISA compliance.  
**Law School:** University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D., 1997, with honors  
**College:** Georgetown University, B.A., 1993, magna cum laude  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Prior to joining the firm, she served as law clerk to the Honorable Edward Y. O'Connell of the Connecticut Appellate Court.

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**Julie D. Kohler**

**Firm:** Cohen and Wolf, P.C.  
**Born:** June 16, 1967  
**Place of Birth:** Arlington, MA  
**Year Joining Firm:** 2005  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Telecommunications, land use and zoning, real estate, utility and municipal law  
**Law School:** Quinnipiac University School of Law J.D. 1995  
**College:** Sacred Heart University B.S.1989  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Hurwitz Sagarin & Slossberg, LLC Principal 1/00 - 4/05  
 Managing Principal 12/01 - 4/03 Associate 9/96 - 1/00  
**Notable:** Ms. Kohler represents national telecommunications providers and tower companies in the negotiation, acquisition and implementation of wireless telecommunications facilities. She is a member of the Fairfield Network of Executive Women and has authored articles in Women Magazine.



**Robert M. Lia**

**Firm:** Holladay, Lia & Mukamal LLP  
**Born:** April 1968  
**Place of Birth:** Denville, NJ  
**Year Joining Firm:** Jan. 2006  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Executive Compensation & Employee Benefits; Trust & Estates; Real Estate  
**Law School:** New York Law School, J.D., magna cum laude  
**College:** Skidmore College, B.S.  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Latham & Watkins LLP (New York) - Senior Associate, Tax Department; Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson LLP (New York) - Associate, Benefits & Compensation Group; Ernst & Young LLP (New York) - Manager, Tax Department.  
**Notable:** Notes and Comments Editor on the New York Law School Law Review; Certified Public Accountant (New York)



**Carolyn R. Linsey**

**Firm:** Jeffers & Ireland Professional Corporation  
**Born:** May 6, 1953  
**Place of Birth:** Rochester, NY  
**Year Joining Firm:** Sept. 1, 2005  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Employment, education, health law and litigation  
**Law School:** New York University, LL.M. 1981; University of Georgia J.D. 1977  
**College:** University of Georgia B.A. 1973  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Owens, Schine and Nicola (principal, 1988- Aug., 2005)  
**Notable:** Ms. Linsey is Chair of the Standing Committee for Admission to the Bar, Fairfield County (2002- ) and formerly served on the Connecticut panel of neutral arbitrators(1992-02) and as Bridgeport Police Department arbitrator and Attorney Trial Referee, Judicial District of Fairfield(1991-95). She is a member of the Bridgeport and Connecticut Bar Associations.



**Carol L. Loomis**

**Firm:** Tyler Cooper & Alcorn, LLP  
**Born:** December 30, 1954  
**Place of Birth:** Drexel Hill, PA  
**Year Joining Firm:** Sept. 8 1998  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Business Services, Closely Held Businesses, Real Estate  
**Law School:** University of Connecticut School of Law  
**College:** Mount Holyoke College  
**Notable:** Ms. Loomis served as law clerk to the Honorable Richard N. Palmer, Associate Justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court. Ms. Loomis is a member of the Connecticut Bar Association, and serves on the Board of Trustees of the First Church of Christ, Congregational, Glastonbury, CT.



**Shannon O'Neill Loudon**

**Firm:** Loudon Legal Group LLC  
**Born:** March 31, 1963  
**Place of Birth:** Florida  
**Year Joining Firm:** April 1, 2000  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Family law, mediation, collaborative law  
**Law School:** University of Pennsylvania Law School  
**College:** Swarthmore College  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Associate, Loudon, Forzani & Katz; associate, Robinson & Cole  
**Notable:** "New Leader of the Law" (2002); member of the Executive Committee, Family Law Section, Connecticut Bar Association; officer of the Connecticut Council for Divorce Mediation; certified mediator; certified collaborative lawyer; GAAP Project, Hartford Family Court



**Ilan Markus**

**Firm:** Tyler Cooper & Alcorn, LLP  
**Born:** May 5, 1971  
**Place of Birth:** Brooklyn, NY  
**Year Joining Firm:** April 4, 2004  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 01, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Commercial Litigation; Bankruptcy; Creditors' Rights  
**Law School:** Emory University School of Law  
**College:** University of Pennsylvania  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Markowitz, Davis, Ringel & Trusty, P.A.; Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP  
**Notable:** Mr. Markus was law clerk to the Honorable Lenore C. Nesbitt, United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. Mr. Markus is admitted to practice in Connecticut, New York and Florida.



**Rani Newman Mathura**

**Firm:** Cummings & Lockwood LLC  
**Born:** Aug. 5, 1971  
**Place of Birth:** Pontiac, MI  
**Year Joining Firm:** Jan. 1, 1999  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Her trusts and estates practice includes estate planning, estate and trust administration and probate litigation.  
**Law School:** Nova University, J.D. 1995; University of Miami, LL.M., 1996  
**College:** University of Michigan, 1991  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Prior to joining the firm, Rani was the probate staff attorney for the 15th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida.  
**Notable:** In 2006, Rani received the ABA Star of the Year Award for her work with victims of Hurricane Katrina. In 2003, Rani received the Greenwich Probate Court's Pro Bono Award. Honored for coordinating the ABA/FEMA hotline for victims of the September 11th disaster.



**Daniel P. Murphy**

**Firm:** Siegel, O'Connor, O'Donnell & Beck, P.C.  
**Born:** June 4, 1968  
**Place of Birth:** New York, NY  
**Year Joining Firm:** June 23, 1999  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Public and private sector management labor, employment, education and business immigration law.  
**Law School:** Seton Hall University School of Law  
**College:** Lafayette College  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Throughout his career, Dan has practiced with several notable labor and employment management firms in New Jersey and Connecticut prior to joining the firm.  
**Notable:** Municipal Prosecutor, Borough of Roselle Park, New Jersey, 1995 (Appointed); President, Connecticut Council of School Attorneys, 2005.



**Megan R. Naughton**

**Firm:** Robinson & Cole LLP  
**Born:** Aug. 6, 1972  
**Place of Birth:** Parkridge, IL  
**Year Joining Firm:** Sept. 8, 1998  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Immigration  
**Law School:** University of Connecticut School of Law  
**College:** Syracuse University  
**Notable:** The majority of Ms. Naughton's immigration work involves advising employers on nonimmigrant and immigrant visas for their employees and preparing visa petitions for submission to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, specializing in petitions for Outstanding Researchers and Extraordinary Ability Aliens, as well as Labor Certification through PERM. She also counsels employers on the Immigration Reform and Control Act and related issues, including employment verification and I-9 issues.



**Kelley Galica Peck**

**Firm:** Halloran & Sage LLP  
**Born:** April 3, 1970  
**Place of Birth:** Stafford, CT  
**Year Joining Firm:** Feb. 13, 2006  
**Partnership Date:** Feb. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Complex Estate Planning, Estate Administration, Fiduciary Litigation and Business Succession Planning  
**Law School:** Western New England College School of Law  
**College:** Florida Southern College  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Associate, Cummings & Lockwood LLC and Kelley Drye & Warren LLC  
**Notable:** Greater Hartford Estate and Business Planning Council, Greater Hartford Probate Forum, Advisory Board Member of the Greater Salvation Army, the Professional Advisory Committee of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving and Middlesex County Leave a Legacy Foundation.



**Matthew R. Peterson**

**Firm:** Carmody & Torrance, LLP  
**Born:** June 9, 1971  
**Place of Birth:** Nashville, TN  
**Year Joining Firm:** Sept. 1, 1998  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Estate and Tax Planning; probate proceedings and related litigation  
**Law School:** University of Connecticut Law School  
**College:** Trinity College  
**Notable:** Mr. Peterson serves on the Board of Directors of PLAN of Connecticut, a non-profit organization providing trust services to members of the disabled community and their families. He is also on the Finance Committee of the Neighborhood Music School in New Haven, and is Vice President of the UConn Law School Alumni Association Board of Directors. He is a member of the New Haven and Waterbury County Bar Associations, and the Connecticut and American Bar Associations.



**Gerald C. Pia, Jr.**

**Firm:** Roche Pia LLC  
**Born:** Jan. 5, 1974  
**Place of Birth:** Stamford, CT  
**Year Joining Firm:** Sept. 30, 2006  
**Partnership Date:** Sept. 30, 2006  
**Practice Area:** CyberLaw, Intellectual Property, Litigation  
**Law School:** New York University School of Law  
**College:** Sacred Heart University  
**Notable:** Graduated magna cum laude from both Sacred Heart University and New York University School of Law; Member of the Order of the Coif; Co-Founder of District of Connecticut Law Clerks Society ([www.FedClerks.com](http://www.FedClerks.com)); Co-Founder of Roche Pia LLC



**Anne M. Piedade**

**Firm:** Fogarty Cohen Selby & Nemiroff LLC  
**Born:** Jan. 21, 1967  
**Place of Birth:** Des Moines, IA  
**Year Joining Firm:** July 3, 1995  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Trusts and Estates  
**Law School:** University of Connecticut School of Law  
**College:** University of Connecticut



**Eric R. Posmantier**

**Firm:** Fogarty Cohen Selby & Nemiroff LLC  
**Born:** June 9, 1971  
**Place of Birth:** Chicago, IL  
**Year Joining Firm:** June 22, 1998  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Family litigation (specializing in high net-worth asset division and complex custody matters) and civil litigation.  
**Law School:** Rutgers School of Law - Camden  
**College:** State University of New York at Albany  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Law Clerk - Superior Court, Department of Legal Research  
**Notable:** Civil Special Master; Regional Family Trial Docket Special Master; former co-chair, Fairfield County Bar Association - Family Law Section



**Heather J. Rhoades**

**Firm:** Cummings & Lockwood LLC  
**Born:** April 19, 1974  
**Place of Birth:** Norman, OK  
**Year Joining Firm:** 1999  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Estate planning, estate settlement, trust administration and probate litigation.  
**Law School:** University of Connecticut, J.D., 1999  
**College:** University of Connecticut, B.A., 1996  
**Notable:** Heather serves as a mentor for UConn law students in their first year. She is a member of the American, Connecticut and Hartford County Bar Associations. She is also a member of the Estates and Probate Section of the Connecticut Bar Association and a member of the state and federal estate tax sub-committee of this Section. In addition, Heather is a member of the Estate and Business Planning Council of Hartford and the Greater Hartford Probate Forum.



**Edward M. Richters**

**Firm:** Jackson Lewis LLP  
**Born:** Feb. 28, 1952  
**Place of Birth:** Dover, NJ  
**Year Joining Firm:** April 30, 2000  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Employment Law, Litigation and Management Counseling  
**Law School:** Catholic University of America  
**College:** University of Connecticut  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Partner, Metzger & Richters LLP; Senior Counsel and Vice President-Human Resources, Northeast Utilities  
**Notable:** Jury and bench trials in federal and state court; labor arbitrations; arguments before the Second and Sixth Circuit Courts of Appeal



**Andrew C. Ryan**

**Firm:** Cantor Colburn LLP  
**Born:** Oct. 4, 1968  
**Place of Birth:** Springfield, MA  
**Year Joining Firm:** Jan., 1999  
**Partnership Date:** Jan., 2007  
**Practice Area:** Intellectual Property; Litigation  
**Law School:** Western New England  
**College:** Massachusetts College of Pharmacy



**Gregory A. Saum**

**Firm:** Cummings & Lockwood LLC  
**Born:** Nov. 28, 1954  
**Place of Birth:** Amsterdam, NY  
**Year Joining Firm:** 2007  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 15, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Trusts and Estates; Tax Planning; Probate; Real Estate  
**Law School:** Boston University, J.D., 1979  
**College:** Dartmouth College, A.B., magna cum laude, 1976  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Prior to joining Cummings & Lockwood, Greg was a partner at Ivey Barnum & O'Mara in Greenwich.  
**Notable:** Greg is a member of the Estate and Probate Section of the Connecticut Bar Association and is past President of the Estate Planning Council of Lower Fairfield County. He is a member of the Ambassadors' Roundtable of the World Affairs Forum.



**Katherine A. Scanlon**

**Firm:** Pullman & Comley, LLC  
**Born:** June 23, 1970  
**Place of Birth:** Waterbury, CT  
**Year Joining Firm:** Sept. 2, 2004  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Commercial litigation  
**Law School:** University of Connecticut School of Law  
**College:** University of Connecticut  
**Notable:** She advises clients on the law as it governs annuity payment obligations to structured settlement payees and structured settlement transfers.



**James F. Shea**

**Firm:** Jackson Lewis LLP  
**Born:** April 23, 1970  
**Place of Birth:** Springfield, MA  
**Year Joining Firm:** March 24, 1998  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Employment Law, Litigation and Management Counseling  
**Law School:** University of Notre Dame  
**College:** College of the Holy Cross  
**Notable:** Successfully tried cases in state and federal court and handled appeals to Connecticut Supreme Court and Second Circuit Court of Appeals



**Brian T. Silvestro**

**Firm:** Brody, Wilkinson and Ober, P.C.  
**Born:** Jan. 14, 1949  
**Place of Birth:** Chicago, IL  
**Year Joining Firm:** Aug. 7, 2006  
**Partnership Date:** Aug. 7, 2006  
**Practice Area:** Residential and commercial real estate, land use and zoning.  
**Law School:** J.D. Suffolk University Law School 1974  
**College:** B.A. Wesleyan University 1970  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Mr. Silvestro practiced for nearly 30 years at the Southport-based law firm of Kleban & Samor, P.C., where he headed the Residential Real Estate Group.  
**Notable:** Mr. Silvestro is a member of the Town of Fairfield Economic Development Commission and a former member and chairman of the Town of Fairfield Board of Parks and Recreation. He has been involved at the Board level with the Wakeman Boys' and Girls' Club in Southport for over 30 years.



**Brett M. Szczesny**

**Firm:** Halloran & Sage LLP  
**Born:** March 24, 1972  
**Place of Birth:** Manchester, CT  
**Year Joining Firm:** Aug. 31, 1998  
**Partnership Date:** Feb. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Civil and commercial litigation, professional liability, insurance litigation, employment litigation, construction litigation and workers' compensation  
**Law School:** Columbus School of Law at The Catholic University of America  
**College:** Franklin & Marshall College  
**Notable:** Mr. Szczesny provides clients with guidance during complex and sensitive business situations involving labor and employment issues. Additionally, Mr. Szczesny provides training on preventing harassment and discrimination in the workplace. He has authored many articles focusing on employment concerns designed exclusively for Connecticut employers. He is a member of the Connecticut Bar Association and the Defense Research Institute.



**Robert L. Teicher**

**Firm:** Shipman & Goodwin LLP  
**Born:** Feb. 18, 1951  
**Place of Birth:** New York, NY  
**Year Joining Firm:** April 17, 2006  
**Partnership Date:** April 17, 2006  
**Practice Area:** Estate and tax planning, trust and estate administration, business tax counseling, and tax controversies.  
**Law School:** Quinnipiac University School of Law, LL.M., 1990 Vanderbilt University School of Law, J.D., 1976  
**College:** Yale College, B.A., 1972  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Former principal at Brody, Wilkinson, Ober, P.C. in Southport, CT



**Kerry J. Tomasevich**

**Firm:** Tyler Cooper & Alcorn  
**Born:** March 26, 1961  
**Place of Birth:** South Holland, IL  
**Year Joining Firm:** Jan. 31, 2005  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Business Law; Securities; Mergers & Acquisitions  
**Law School:** University of Michigan Law School  
**College:** United States Military Academy at West Point  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Palmer & Dodge, LLP; Hale and Dorr, LLP; U.S. Army Aeroscout Helicopter Pilot and Air Cavalry Troop Commander  
**Notable:** Mr. Tomasevich served on active duty in the United States Army as an aeroscout helicopter pilot and air cavalry troop commander. Mr. Tomasevich is admitted to practice in Connecticut, Massachusetts and the District of Columbia.



### Christopher L. Ulrich

**Firm:** Cummings & Lockwood LLC  
**Born:** June 27, 1953  
**Place of Birth:** Chicago, IL  
**Year Joining Firm:** Sept. 1, 2006  
**Partnership Date:** Sept. 1, 2006  
**Practice Area:** Chris's practice is concentrated in the areas of complex commercial litigation, including contract formation and interpretation, complex real estate disputes, and restrictive covenant and trade secret issues. He also has substantial experience in the litigation of probate and estate matters.  
**Law School:** Boston College, J.D., 1978  
**College:** Georgetown University, A.B., 1975  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Tyler, Cooper and Alcorn 1989-2006; Special Attorney, Organized Crime Strike Force, Eastern District of New York, U.S. Department of Justice, 1986-1989; Senior Trial Attorney, District Attorney's Office, Kings County, New York, 1978-1986.



### Christopher R. Uzman

**Firm:** Withers Bergman LLP  
**Born:** 1973  
**Place of Birth:** New Haven, CT  
**Year Joining Firm:** Dec. 31, 2003  
**Partnership Date:** July 1, 2006  
**Practice Area:** Structuring and implementing international and domestic acquisitions, reorganizations, restructurings, joint ventures and partnerships. U.S. income tax planning for inbound and outbound transactions.  
**Law School:** J.D., 1998, University of Minnesota Law School, cum laude, M.S.T., 2002, Grand Valley State University, Taxation  
**College:** B.S., 1995, University of Connecticut, cum laude  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Adjunct Professor, Grand Valley State University, Masters of Science in Taxation Program, 2003  
**Notable:** Bar admission in Connecticut, New York, Michigan, Minnesota, United States Tax Court; Registered Foreign Lawyer in the United Kingdom



### Peter J. Vodola

**Firm:** Pullman & Comley, LLC  
**Born:** Feb. 20, 1964  
**Place of Birth:** Stamford, CT  
**Year Joining Firm:** June 31, 2004  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Commercial litigation  
**Law School:** University of Connecticut School of Law  
**College:** Boston University  
**Notable:** He counsels clients on liability relating to structured settlement obligations and the transfer of structured settlement payments, and other annuity-related matters.



### Jonathan M. Wells

**Firm:** Gilbride, Tusa, Last & Spellane LLC  
**Born:** Jan. 19, 1975  
**Place of Birth:** Madison, CT  
**Year Joining Firm:** Aug. 15, 2001  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** General business and commercial representation including business organization and management; mergers, sales and acquisitions; employment matters; trademark protection and management; and commercial real estate financing and related transactions.  
**Law School:** Villanova University School of Law  
**College:** Northwestern University  
**Notable:** Active Member of the American, New York, Connecticut and Fairfield County Bar Associations



### Calvin K. Woo

**Firm:** Pepe & Hazard LLP  
**Born:** Nov. 21, 1973  
**Place of Birth:** Queens, NY  
**Year Joining Firm:** Jan. 2, 2003  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Commercial Litigation, White Collar Criminal Defense  
**Law School:** George Washington University  
**College:** University of Rochester  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Associate with Kaufman Borgeest & Ryan LLP, New York, NY; Assistant District Attorney for the Office of the District Attorney, Bronx, NY  
**Notable:** Mr. Woo represents institutions and individuals in a variety of areas at both the trial and appellate level, which include complex commercial and civil disputes, torts, and real property. He currently serves on the Executive Board of the Connecticut Asian Pacific American Bar Association, and is an active volunteer for the Eastern Fairfield County Chapter of the United Way and Operation Hope.



### Aimee J. Wood

**Firm:** Pullman & Comley, LLC  
**Born:** Sept. 14, 1972  
**Place of Birth:** Flushing, NY  
**Year Joining Firm:** Sept. 2, 1997  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Commercial litigation and probate litigation  
**Law School:** University of Connecticut School of Law  
**College:** Washington and Lee University  
**Notable:** She advises her probate clients on fiduciary litigation, contested probate matters and probate appeals, and has represented fiduciaries and beneficiaries in contested matters and litigation both at the probate court and state court levels.



### Shawn T. Wooden

**Firm:** Day Pitney LLP  
**Born:** May 18, 1969  
**Place of Birth:** Hartford, CT  
**Year Joining Firm:** Sept. 2, 1997  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** International Transactions; Investment Funds and Investment Advisors; Mergers, Acquisitions and Joint Ventures.  
**Law School:** New York University School of Law, J.D., 1997.  
**College:** Trinity College, Hartford, CT, B.A., 1991.  
**Notable:** Named one of the "Twenty-Five Investment Professionals to Watch," by Pensions and Investments Magazine; 2004 recipient of the New Leaders of the Law "Community Contributions" Award, as presented by the CT Law Tribune; Served as Special Advisor for Corporate Transactions in the AFL-CIO's Office of Investment in Washington, D.C.

### Louis J. Bonsangue

**Firm:** Jacobi & Case, P.C.  
**Born:** Oct. 18, 1968  
**Place of Birth:** Milford, CT  
**Year Joining Firm:** Aug. 27, 1997  
**Partnership Date:** Feb. 2006  
**Practice Area:** Environmental Litigation, Civil Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation  
**Law School:** Hofstra University School of Law, 1993  
**College:** Fordham University, 1990  
**Previous Legal Positions:** Associate, Polera & Stanton, P.C., Stamford, CT  
**Notable:** Successfully tried environmental cases in State and Federal Court; Argued before Appellate and Supreme Courts of Connecticut.

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### Bud Bedingfield

**Firm:** Cantor Colburn LLP  
**Born:** Dec. 16, 1972  
**Place of Birth:** Louisville, KY  
**Year Joining Firm:** Jan. 1, 1998  
**Partnership Date:** Jan. 1, 2007  
**Practice Area:** Intellectual Property  
**Law School:** Mercer Law School, 1996-1997; University of Connecticut, 1997-1999  
**College:** Duke University

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