



## CLIENT UPDATE: March 2009



Edited by Kenneth J. McGuire, Esq.

Stein McGuire has had an exciting several months since our last newsletter. Contrary to the general economic condition, the firm has experienced substantial success in our practice with real growth and development, and we will be adding more office space in April 2009.

Janet Bayer has been spectacularly successful in working with co-counsel in Turkey to win an important custody battle before the Turkish Supreme Court. The Court held in favor of our client, an American father, in ordering the Turkish mother to return their five year old son to his American father. The decision is in keeping with the International Hague Treaty on family issues. Our prior newsletters told the tale that Janet won a custody battle here in the US between our client and the Turkish mother. This family was living in New Jersey when the parents decided to get divorced and the issue of child custody had to be litigated. When the mother realized that she had lost the custody case here in New Jersey,

she absconded with the child back to her native Turkey, where she gave birth to the couple's second son. Janet retained and consulted with Turkish counsel and we were successful both at the trial court in Turkey and now in the Turkish Supreme Court. There may be more to this story as actual physical custody has not yet been obtained, but hopefully, the mother will be compelled to obey the Turkish authorities and transfer custody of the boy to his father or at least return to the US with the children.

Jim Pantages is on a very impressive string of trial victories. Since September, Jim has won 10 jury trials in a row. It is highly unusual to even try that many cases, never mind being successful in all of them. We are very proud of Jim's trial record and look forward to continuing the streak. He is only 46 behind Joe DiMaggio's magical number of getting a hit in 56 successive games!

Michael Martino is giving another seminar to

experienced trial lawyers who want to sharpen their skills in knowing how to take an expert's deposition. The company sponsoring this seminar is also conducting a webinar to make this seminar available to attorneys across the country. Michael's well-deserved statewide reputation as an experienced trial lawyer is now gaining national recognition.

Jud Stein's reputation also gained further recognition when he was designated as one of the Outstanding Attorneys in the Wills, Trusts and Estate practice areas by New York magazine.

And I was asked to write an article about how to acquire and keep clients for the New Jersey Law Journal, the weekly newspaper for New Jersey attorneys. That article, "If You Build It, The Relationship Will Come" appeared in the January 12, 2009 edition and is available on our firm's website.

The firm has been the very happy recipient of

good news, as we now have two of our highly esteemed secretaries "with child." We recently had our 5th baby shower in the office at which everyone in our 36 person firm attended. A good time was had by all.

Under the heading of new arrivals, we also welcome Lavinia Mears as a dynamic addition to the firm as of January 1. Lavinia concentrates her practice in Employment and Commercial litigation. She had a growing practice in Union County and we are delighted to have Lavinia join us.

We are also very happy to welcome, as of February 17, Eric Bailey, a graduate of Brandeis University and University of Michigan School of Law to our firm. Eric is a young, highly regarded lawyer who undoubtedly will be a very valuable addition to our firm.

As always, we invite you to learn more about the firm and stay in touch by contacting us at the number below or at our website at [steinlegal.com](http://steinlegal.com).