

CLIENT UPDATE

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The firm is happy to tell the world that business is very good and we are expanding our practice in many ways.

Our firm has been enhanced by the addition of two experienced lawyers, Brigid Farley and Greg Grysko, both of whom will work in our expanding litigation department. Brigid Farley has more than 25 years experience in litigation and recently occupied a senior position with Hartford Insurance Company directing their litigation office in North Jersey. We are exceptionally pleased to have been able to bring Brigid and her many years of experience to our office.

Greg Grysko, who will also join our litigation department, has worked both in litigation and real property areas representing condominium and homeowner's associations and will be a valuable resource for me and Scott King.

The firm is taking steps to add more space and has recently renewed its lease at the Eisenhower Parkway, Livingston offices.

Larry Berkeley continued his successful run of victories in trials by successfully defending a company in a jury trial against charges of negligence in a fall down case.

Jud Stein continues to be recognized as one of the "Best Lawyers in America", "Best Lawyers in New Jersey", "Best Lawyers in New York" and an overall "Super" Lawyer.

In keeping with his recognized expertise, Jud was asked by the New Jersey Bar Association's Institute on Continuing Legal Education to conduct a seminar on estate administration for members of the New Jersey Bar.

As a member of ACTEC (American College of Trusts and Estates Counsel), which consists of the most expert trust and estate lawyers in the country, Jud was asked to present a seminar to his fellow ACTEC members.

Michael Martino, a Supreme Court Certified Trial Attorney, continues his practice of conducting

seminars for other New Jersey lawyers. He recently conducted a seminar on "Expert Testimony and Evidence" for a standing room only crowd of trial lawyers. In September, Mike will address young lawyers on "Winning Your First Civil Trial".

Jim Pantages and Janet Bayer successfully defended a lawsuit by an employee who alleged that she was wrongfully dismissed from her job when she was fired for refusing to return to work after the birth of her child. The Court found that the employer provided the employee with all of her benefits under both the state and federal Family Leave Acts and that the employee's refusal to return to work was just cause for termination.

Our firm has been on the cutting edge of employment law for a number of years. Bob Gigl and Jim Pantages head our employment law section and have successfully represented both employers and employees in a variety of employment law situations.

Scott King and I recently completed a major financial reorganization of a corporate client in connection with the \$5

Million Dollar purchase of a large manufacturing facility in the wholesale bakery business. The transaction involved two major banks and a loan from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority.

Janet Bayer was recently in the national news due to her representation of a husband in a divorce matter where the foreign born wife-mother returned to Turkey with the couple's 2 year old son in violation of the Court's Order. Janet enlisted the help of the State Department, the husband's Congressman, the FBI and local law enforcement officials in the hunt for the little boy. Janet plans to file an action in Turkey under the Hague Treaty on Children to compel the return of the client's son to the United States.

Ed Seaver, our Boston born Red Sox fan, continues his sterling work defending Merck Pharmaceutical Company in all of the injury claims filed against the company.

On behalf of everyone at the firm, we wish you continued success in business and an enjoyable summer season. Thank you for your business.