

## CLIENT UPDATE

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The first quarter of 2008, while not a great economic three months for most of our economy, has been a very good time for our firm. We continue to grow in personnel, in office space and in better ways to represent our clients.

The firm is very happy to announce that Janet Bayer, our point person for all family law matters, has been made a partner in the firm effective February 1, 2008. Janet has been with the firm for several years and is the first woman partner in our firm. We welcome her to her new leadership role and are very proud of her legal abilities and how she has applied her litigation skills to the benefit of her expanding and sophisticated matrimonial practice. She was recently successful in securing custody for the father of a young boy when the mother, a Turkish national, removed the boy to Turkey. Janet engaged the U.S. Justice Department, the State Department and a few Congressmen to help the father in continuing his custody battle in Turkey. Janet secured Turkish attorneys for the father

who has just won the initial ruling in Turkey for custody of his son but the final chapter has still to be written. Unfortunately, there is no completely happy ending in these battles over custody of children.

Jud Stein, one of the firm's recognized "Super Lawyers," recently attended the National Conference for the American College of Trust and Estate Counselors in Boca Raton, Florida (we confirmed he attended the conference and did not only improve his golf game). As you may know, Jud is extremely well-versed in the areas of wills, trusts and estates here in New Jersey, and in May, Jud will be delivering a presentation sponsored by the Institute for Continuing Legal Education (ICLE) entitled "Let's Make a Will" for the benefit of a large group of New Jersey attorneys who attend these seminars to improve their legal education. Jud's background as an Adjunct Professor at Seton Hall Law School makes him ideally situated to present these seminars.

Bob Gigl, our co-Dean

of complex business law litigation, was asked by the New Jersey Bar Association to write an article for the New Jersey Lawyer magazine on how to prove a cause of action for tortious interference with a business's contracts or perspective economic advantage. Bob's article, "What Are the Rules of the Game?" appeared in the February 2008 edition of the magazine with statewide distribution.

Michael Martino, our other co-Dean of complex business law litigation, continues with his practice in defending businesses against all manners of claims and has a number of speaking engagements scheduled throughout the spring, including a program for other attorneys this month in Saddle Brook, NJ, on "Evidence and Expert Testimony Best Practices."

Adam Dubeck, experienced in the area of guardianship law in New Jersey (now used primarily for our elderly parents and relatives) will be conducting his own ICLE seminar in May for attorneys on how to quickly, inexpensively and successfully proceed with

the process of becoming the guardian of a person and their property due to a breakdown in their ability to manage their affairs.

Also, Adam, Scott King and I participated in a seminar on business law issues of indemnity, insurance and subrogation rights (not really exciting issues, but critical when it comes to drafting documents to protect our clients rights).

Additionally, Scott continues to expand his work in complex commercial transactions as a member of the Inn Of Transactional Counsel, a group of very sophisticated business lawyers in New Jersey who meet regularly to share their knowledge and experience with each other.

We hope that these examples of our work and accomplishments help you to realize that we have a multi-talented group of people here ready to protect your interests and accomplish your legal goals. 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).