

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Blank Rome presented its third annual "Significant Legal Developments Affecting the Chemical, Oil and Gas Industries" CLE program on Dec. 13 in Philadelphia. Pictured, from left, are Blank Rome partners Mary Ann Mullaney and Robert P. Scott; Scott Perry, acting deputy secretary for oil and gas management for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection; and Blank Rome partners Joseph F. Speelman, Margaret Anne Hill and Kevin J. Bruno.

SPEAKERS

Jerald David August, partner at **Fox Rothschild** and co-chair of the firm's taxation and wealth planning department, is set to serve as planning chair of the two-day ALI-ABA course on partnerships, LLCs and LLPs on Jan. 12-13 at the US Grant

Hotel in San Diego and by a live video webcast.

The course plans to feature a panel of tax lawyers providing an in-depth look into federal income taxation of partners and partnerships. August is also to serve as faculty for the discussion on "Sorting Out the Mixing Bowl Provisions," which

covers working with and avoiding mixing bowl rules in Subchapter K.

Richard Kirschner, of **Kirschner & Gartrell**, spoke on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act at the XXXII International Congress on Law and Mental Health by the **International Academy of Law and Mental Health** at **Humboldt University** in Berlin.

ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Fred B. Buck, partner at **Rawle & Henderson** in Philadelphia, was elected as a fellow of the **American College of Trial Lawyers**.

The induction ceremony took place at the 2011 annual meeting in La Quinta, Calif.

The American College of Trial Lawyers members are of the trial bar from the United States and Canada. Fellowship is extended by invitation only. Lawyers must have a minimum of 15 years' trial experience before they can be considered for Fellowship.

Jeffrey N. Rosenthal, associate in the litigation department of **Blank Rome**, was elected to the executive committee of the **Young Lawyers Division** of the **Philadelphia Bar Association**.

Rosenthal is one of seven members to be elected to the committee and will serve for a three-year term.

The Young Lawyers Division executive committee manages and directs business and activities of the YLD's 3,000 members, including oversight of more than 30 committees.

Rosenthal concentrates his practice on matters including complex corporate and commercial litigation, contract disputes and insurance litigation.

ADDITIONS

G. Scott Vezina joined **Feldman Shepherd Wohlgeleenter Tanner Weinstock & Dodig**.

Vezina focuses his practice on medical malpractice, products liability and aviation accidents. Vezina previously worked at **Ratzan Law Group** in Miami.

Vezina is a member of the American, Florida, Louisiana State and Texas bar associations. He is admitted to practice before many U.S. district courts, U.S. appeals courts and the U.S. Tax Court.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Legal's first Pennsylvania Litigation Department of the Year contest will have two distinct portions — a contest to award the top department in general litigation, as well as a contest to determine the top specialty practice departments.

If your firm would like to submit, contact **Ben Seal** for more information at bseal@alm.com or 215-557-2368. •