

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Speaking before members of the Institute of Management Accountants Inc., Gawthrop Greenwood partner Stephen J. Olsen served on a three-person panel that addressed business concerns related to the legalization of medical marijuana in Pennsylvania. The seminar titled “Pa. Medical Marijuana and Business: Trial, Tribulations and Taxes” was held June 22 at the Crowne Plaza in King of Prussia and was moderated by Joe Lusavage, vice president of employee benefit services at Tycor Benefit Administrators Inc. Olsen provided an overview of the Pennsylvania Medical Marijuana Act signed into law in 2016, and how it has since affected business practices. Pictured, from left, are Jason Fisher, managing partner of Empirical Consulting Solutions; Olsen; and Karen Butz, Empirical Consulting Solutions HR director.

EVENTS

Capehart Scatchard is set to present “Tools of the Investigative Trade: Best Practices and Legal Considerations” at noon July 18 in the firm’s Mount Laurel, New Jersey, office.

Sandra M. Hill of **National Account Manager for Capital Investigating** is the scheduled presenter.

This course will introduce the participants to the prevalent categories of investigations that can be used on litigated files.

An explanation of each investigation will be supplied along with application of each investigation.

Best practices for conducting each investigation will be explored and presented.

Lastly, a discussion of some of the legal considerations for each investigation will be presented.

Case studies will be discussed to reinforce the subject matter.

HONORED

The **Pennsylvania Bar Association** presented awards that recognize outstanding leadership in the legal profession and extraordinary service and long-standing membership in the association.

Those honorees include:

- **Byron L. Anstine**, 50-Year Member Award.
- **Catherine R. Barone**, 50-Year Member Award.
- **S. Sanford Kantz**, 50-Year Member Award.
- **Richard I. Moore**, 50-Year Member Award.
- **Jerry B. Silver**, 50-Year Member Award.
- **Charles E. Wittlin**.

Barbara Stevens, vice president and corporate counsel for **Prudential Financial Inc.** and **National Association of**

Minority and Women Owned Law Firms partner, received the Chambers Women in Law Award for inspiring role model in promoting gender diversity and inclusion in the legal profession.

Stevens is an advocate for female attorneys and women-owned firms.

ADDITIONS

J. Brendan O’Brien joined **Rawle & Henderson** as a partner in the firm’s Philadelphia office.

He concentrates his law practice on the defense of employers and insurers in workers’ compensation matters.

He has over 21 years of experience in litigation before workers’ compensation judges, the Workers’ Compensation Appeal Board and the Pennsylvania appellate courts.

He has defended clients in multiple cases of first impression before the state and Pennsylvania Supreme Court, including the landmark Larry Harvey Pennsylvania Supreme Court decision on pension benefit offsets.

Prior to joining the firm, O’Brien was the managing partner for the Philadelphia office of a law firm primarily focused on insurance defense. •

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