

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young senior counsel Bennett G. Picker was the keynote speaker at a global mediation conference hosted by the newly formed Florence International Mediation Centre and the International Mediation Institute in Florence, Italy. The event commemorated the formation of the FIMC, an international mediation service for individuals and businesses. On behalf of the American Arbitration Association, Picker also signed a memorandum of understanding with Florence Chamber of Commerce President Leonardo Bassilichi to provide for collaboration in the promotion of mediation internationally. The FIMC establishes Florence as a hub of international dispute resolution.

HONORED

Harry J. Gruener, of counsel for Gentile, Horoho & Avalli, is set to receive the Eric Turner Memorial Award from the

Pennsylvania Bar Association's family law section.

The award is scheduled to be presented during the section's summer meeting from Thursday to Saturday in West Virginia.

Gruener has concentrated his practice in family law since 1981.

Gruener is a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and is a past president of the Pennsylvania chapter of the organization.

ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Michael J. Shavel, a partner in the Yardley office of Hill Wallack, was elected president of the Washington Crossing Council, Boy Scouts of America.

He has previously served as executive vice president and vice president of programs.

Shavel is a member of the firm's banking and financial services and creditors' rights/bankruptcy practice groups.

He has over 25 years of experience practicing in the lending, banking and creditors' rights field.

Saul Ewing partner Joshua W.B. Richards was appointed to serve as an advisory board member for the Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts.

Richards is vice chair of the firm's higher education practice.

He focuses his practice on general commercial and appellate litigation with a particular emphasis on matters involving higher education.

He also represents colleges and universities in litigation, compliance and government investigations in matters involving

Title IX and other federal statutes, student conduct matters, faculty relations, employment claims, and civil tort claims.

SPEAKERS

Rawle & Henderson attorney Zachary M. Rubinich co-presented a live webinar for Lorman Education Services titled "Claims Management Techniques in Workers' Compensation Cases" on June 24.

The seminar addressed how to investigate an accident and use that information to communicate with the carrier or servicing agent and counsel, as well as the necessary tools to effectively address the numerous and complex issues that arise after an on-the-job injury.

Rubinich is a partner in the Philadelphia office of Rawle & Henderson.

He focuses his practice on the defense of insurance carriers, self-insured entities and third-party administrators against workers' compensation claims in Pennsylvania.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Each year, The Legal publishes a listing of Pennsylvania's minority- and women-owned firms in PaLaw magazine. If you work at a minority- or women-owned firm, contact Ben Seal at bseal@alm.com or 215-557-2368 to receive a one-page survey and be included in the list. •