

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

## HONORED

**Peter J. Neeson**, a partner in the Philadelphia office of **Rawle & Henderson**, was honored at the **American Bar Association's** midyear meeting Feb. 4 in New Orleans.

The ABA tort trial and insurance practice section awarded Neeson with the James K. Carroll Award for outstanding leadership qualities and service to the section.

## ELECTED AND APPOINTED

**James S. Gkonos**, vice chair of the insurance practice at **Saul Ewing**, was selected to join the **Federation of Regulatory Counsel**.

FORC is a nationwide association of attorneys specializing in the arena of insurance regulatory law.

## ADDITIONS

**Katayun I. Jaffari** joined **Ballard Spahr** as a business and finance partner in Philadelphia.

Jaffari assists companies, primarily in the biotechnology, energy and technology sectors, with securities transactions.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The deadline for the verification and update process for the **Philadelphia Bar**

**Association's** 2012 Legal Directory has been extended.

Attorneys and firm administrators in the Greater Philadelphia area are being sent e-mails with a personalized URL to confirm or update listings for the directory.

The deadline for listings for the print directory has been extended to Friday. To create a new listing, visit [www.phillylegal-directory.com](http://www.phillylegal-directory.com).

If you or your firm were listed in last year's directory and you have not received your URL yet, contact Cristin Stephens at [cstephens@alm.com](mailto:cstephens@alm.com).

## ON THE WEB

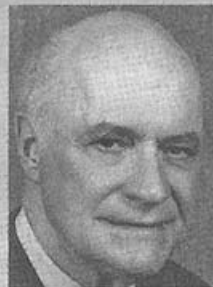
Did you miss any of last week's most significant news? Look online for **The Legal's** most-read stories from the print publication and blog:

- Bucks Jury Awards \$3.6 Mil. to Developer That Lost Loan.
- \$12.9 Mil. Awarded to Woman Rendered Comatose After Neck Surgery.
- Class Action Against HSBC Settles for \$23.5 Mil.
- 3rd Circuit Rejects ERISA Benefits for Siemens Plaintiffs.
- Judge Rejects Attempt to Dismiss Charges in Priest Sex-Abuse Case.

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Is the U.S. Supreme Court 'Corporate'?  
Tonight on 'The American Law Journal'

From the Tea Party to Occupy Wall Street, anger has been directed at corporations, President Obama and Congress. But more and more, the public is pointing its finger at the



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third branch of government — the U.S. Supreme Court — for *Citizens United* and other decisions. Is that fair?

Tonight at 7 on the Philadelphia CNN-News affiliate WFMZ-TV, "The American Law Journal" presents "Has the Supreme Court Become the 'Corporate Court'?"

Joining host Christopher Naughton are Edward Cahn, former chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; Gene Cohen, former judge of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas; Danielle Franco-Malone, legislative counsel with the Alliance for Justice in Washington, D.C.; and Chapin Cimino, professor at Drexel University's

Earle Mack School of Law.

The program addresses citizen protests and recent Supreme Court decisions that some view as "corporate-friendly" on campaign finance, consumer rights and

systemic sex discrimination. The cases include *Citizens United v. FEC*, *AT&T v. Concepcion* and *Wal-Mart v. Dukes*.

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Next week: "Marriage by Any Other Name: Gay, Straight, Young or Old, Unmarried Couples and the Law." •