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Plaintiff, a prison inmate subject to Act 84 deductions from his prison account to satisfy financial obligations based on criminal convictions, asserted a viable due process clause claim that he was entitled to and deprived of some form of pre-deprivation notice before any funds were taken from his account. The appellate court reversed and remanded. *Bundy v. Wetzel*

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Plaintiffs' medical expert report, which only addressed the care provided by the defendant physician, lacked sufficient expert opinion to establish a prima facie claim for vicarious liability or corporate negligence on the part of the defendant hospital. The court granted the defendant hospital's motion for summary judgment. *Gintoff v. Thomas*

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

SPEAKERS



Friedman

Julie Nord Friedman spoke at the **American Bar Association Toxic Torts & Environmental Law 27th spring CLE meeting** in Phoenix.

She participated in a panel session titled "Ethics Pitfalls and How to Avoid Them."

This session highlighted some of the latest court rulings and ethics opinions that address the rules of professional conduct and ethics governing lawyers.

Friedman is a partner in **Rawle & Henderson's** Pittsburgh office.

She concentrates her practice on the defense of manufacturers, suppliers and contractors in mass and toxic tort litigation, with an emphasis on asbestos litigation.

ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Kristen B. Hamilton of the **Law Office of Eric J. Weisbrod** is set to start a three-year term on the **Pennsylvania Bar Association** board of governors.

Hamilton will serve as the PBA zone governor representing Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry and York county lawyers.

In addition to criminal matters, Hamilton handles cases in all areas of family law including domestic relations, paternity, custody, divorce, adoption, termination of parental rights and juvenile dependency and delinquency.

Since 2010, Hamilton has served as the Franklin County guardian ad litem and Franklin County juvenile public defender.

Laurel Brandstetter, chair of the criminal defense and internal investigations practice group for **Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis**,

was elected to the board of directors of the **Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers**.

Brandstetter founded PACDL's Allegheny chapter and also serves as its chairperson.

A trial lawyer and former prosecutor, Brandstetter has represented criminal defendants, grand jury witnesses and witnesses and targets of federal investigations, including subjects of False Claims Act investigations, targets of IRS and U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission investigations, and defendants in public corruption investigations.

ADDITIONS



Turenne

McCausland Keen + Buckman added **Patrice Turenne** as an associate attorney in the firm's litigation and employment practice group.

She joins McCausland Keen after practicing at a

large East Coast law firm for the past three years.

The core of Turenne's experience is in litigation, with particular background in employment disputes.

She has represented employers in discrimination, harassment and retaliation claims, including those involving Title VII, Americans with Disabilities Act, Age Discrimination in Employment Act and Family and Medical Leave Act.

In addition, her practice includes guiding business owners, in-house counsel and HR directors on employment policies, and providing education and training to aid compliance with prevailing employment laws.

She has also handled complex commercial, premises liability, professional liability and property damage matters.

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