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## NEW PARTNERS

Rawle & Henderson LLP is pleased to announce that **Sebastian A. Goldstein** and **Craig D. Baron** have joined the firm as partners.

**Sebastian Goldstein** is a partner in our **Marlton, New Jersey** office. Sebastian concentrates his law practice in the areas of environmental, toxic and mass torts, class actions, product liability, premises liability, professional liability and construction defects. He has represented clients in New Jersey, Maryland and the District of Columbia in multicounty, state and federal litigation. Sebastian earned his J.D. from American University's Washington College of Law in 1999. He earned his B.A. in Psychology and Literature from American University in 1995. He served as Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Steven P. Perskie of the Superior Court of New Jersey and worked as a Criminal Prosecutor with the Arlington Virginia Commonwealth Attorney's Office. Sebastian is admitted to practice in New Jersey, Maryland, and the District of Columbia, and also the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland and the D.C. Court of Appeals. Mr. Goldstein has served as both Local and National Coordinating Counsel for several defendants in toxic tort litigation, managing expert medical and scientific witnesses, working closely with clients with respect to discovery matters, witness development and product identification investigation. Sebastian has been called upon to train lawyers in various jurisdictions on effective trial techniques and deposition strategies in the mass tort setting. He has also presented to various groups, including continuing legal education classes and industry training seminars on deposition and trial tactics and strategy. Prior to Joining Rawle & Henderson LLP, Sebastian was Of Counsel at a regional defense litigation law firm managing the firm's toxic tort litigation department.



**Sebastian A. Goldstein**

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**Craig Baron** is a partner in our **New York City** office. Craig focuses his law practice on aviation litigation and environmental, mass and toxic tort litigation. He has served as National and Local Counsel to several Fortune 500 companies regarding asbestos and other toxic tort liability. He has handled all aspects of the defense of these claims from discovery through trial. Mr. Baron has counseled and defended insurers regarding pollution, health hazard and asbestos-related matters. He has negotiated coverage-in-place-agreements, policy commutations and structured settlements and has defended clients in coverage litigation. Craig earned his J.D. from Fordham University School of Law in 2001 and his B.A. from Brandeis University in 1998. He was selected as a New York Rising Star by Super Lawyers and *Law & Politics Magazine* in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016. He is admitted to practice in the State of New York, and also the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York and the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York. He is a member of the American Bar Association and New York County Lawyers Association. Prior to joining Rawle & Henderson LLP, Craig was a partner with an international insurance litigation firm based in Manhattan.



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# NEW YORK CASE LAW SEMINAR

**Robert A. Fitch** and **Anthony D. Luis** presented a seminar to insurance claims professionals at XL Catlin in February 2018. Their presentation was titled “*Updates in New York Case Law and Trends.*”



**Robert A. Fitch**

**Robert A. Fitch** is the resident partner in our **New York City** office. He concentrates his practice on the defense of architects and engineers, construction, medical and oral surgery malpractice claims, and commercial motor vehicle litigation. He received his undergraduate degree from Syracuse University and his J.D. from Syracuse University College of Law. He is admitted to practice in New York since 1974, as well as in Federal Courts in Southern, Eastern and Northern Districts of New York and the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. Bob has tried over 100 cases to verdict and is a member of the Defense Research Institute, Federal Bar Council, PIAA and Trucking Industry Defense Association. Bob was named a New York Metro Super Lawyer in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 by the publishers of *Law & Politics*. He has a peer review rating by Martindale-Hubbell of AV (the highest).

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**Anthony D. Luis** is a partner in our **New York City** office. He concentrates his practice on the defense of clients involving architects & engineers malpractice, casualty & premises liability, commercial motor vehicle litigation, medical malpractice, oral surgery & dental malpractice, construction defect cases, workers’ compensation and commercial litigation. He served as an Assistant District Attorney in Queens as a prosecutor in the Homicide Investigation Unit, Domestic Violence Unit, and the Felony Trial Bureau where he tried numerous cases to verdict including jury trials. He is rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell. Anthony received his J.D. at Western New England University School of Law in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1999. He earned a B.A. in Political Science and English in 1996 from State University of New York at Geneseo. He is admitted to practice in New York and New Jersey, as well as U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York and the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.



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# WORKERS’ COMPENSATION SEMINAR

**Zachary M. Rubinich**, a partner in our **Philadelphia** office, presented a seminar to insurance professionals and claims adjusters in New Jersey in March 2017. The “*Evolving Workers’ Compensation Issues*” seminar focused on a variety of Pennsylvania workers’ compensation topics, recent developments and new case law, including: analysis of the Pennsylvania Medical Marijuana Act (Act 16 of 2016) and implementation; compound creams and pharmacy ownership issues; opioid use, abuse and Utilization Reviews; defending workplace harassment and violence claims; and Compromise & Release Agreement language updates.

Zach focuses his practice on the defense of insurance carriers, self-insured entities and third-party administrators against workers’ compensation claims in Pennsylvania. Based on his extensive experience, the Pennsylvania Bar Association Workers’ Compensation Law Section has certified him as Specialist in the practice of workers’ compensation law. Zach has handled all aspects of litigation before workers’ compensation judges, the Workers’ Compensation Appeal Board, the Commonwealth Court and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. He routinely counsels employers, insurance carriers and third party administrators on claims management, workplace safety, return-to-work programs, employment practices and risk management. Zach has been appointed the Chair-Elect of the American Bar Association’s Tort Trial and Insurance Practice (TIPS) Workers’ Compensation and Employers’ Liability Law Committee for 2018-2019. In addition, Zach has been appointed as Vice-Chair of the 2017-2018 American Bar Association Standing Committee for Diversity and Inclusion. Zach has been rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell for the sixth consecutive year in 2018. He was selected as a Pennsylvania Rising Star by Super Lawyers from 2010 to 2014.



**Zachary M. Rubinich**

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# CHILD ADVOCACY PRACTICE GROUP

**Brett A. Wolfson** was recently selected by the **Philadelphia Support Center for Child Advocates** to chair **Rawle & Henderson LLP's Child Advocacy Practice Group**. Rawle & Henderson LLP organized the practice group in 2013 to improve coordination of individual attorneys' pro bono efforts for the Center. Brett has been dedicated to representing clients pro bono for the Support Center since 2010 and has been actively involved in efforts to raise funds for the Support Center.



**Brett A. Wolfson**

Rawle & Henderson has assisted the Support Center since the program's inception in 1977 as an advocate for victims of child abuse and neglect in the city. The Support Center provides legal assistance and social service advocacy for abused and neglected children in Philadelphia County. Child Advocates is one of the most successful volunteer agencies serving children in the country.

**Brett A. Wolfson** is a partner in our **Philadelphia** office. He focuses his practice on catastrophic injury and/or death cases involving products, construction/industrial/workplace, commercial motor vehicle, medical professional and premises liability. He serves as a Judge Pro Tem for the Dispute Resolution Center of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. He is a major fund raiser for the National MS Society, for which he also serves on the New Jersey Government Relations Committee Advisory Committee. Brett earned his J.D. from Rutgers University School of Law and his B.A. in Philosophy from West Chester University. He has also served under two Philadelphia Common Pleas Court Judges, as a law clerk to the Honorable Joseph D. O'Keefe while he was Supervising Judge of the Complex Litigation Center and the Honorable Sandra Mazer Moss as a Team Leader for a major jury program. Brett is rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell.

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# ABA LAW STUDENT COMPETITION

**Fred B. Buck**, a partner in our **Philadelphia** office, sat as a judge for an **American Bar Association Regional Trial Competition** held at the Philadelphia Center for Criminal Justice in February 2018. The regional competition included Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland and the District of Columbia. Law schools in the region sent teams who tried case exercises with witnesses. Judges presided over the trial, scored the participants and offered verbal critiques after the trial was concluded. Every year the organizers request **Fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers** to sit as judges. This year, Fred and about thirty other Fellows served as judges during the four-day competition.



**Fred B. Buck**

Fred Buck has been an active litigator and trial lawyer for over 30 years. He is Chair of the firm's Casualty and Professional Liability Practice Groups. He is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates. Fred has represented clients in high exposure cases in many diverse areas of the law including general negligence, civil rights, product liability, professional liability, commercial motor vehicle, and construction site accidents. He has tried many jury and nonjury cases in the Courts of Common Pleas of Philadelphia, Berks, Bucks, Delaware, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Pike and York Counties as well as in the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Middle Districts of Pennsylvania. He has argued appeals in the Pennsylvania appellate courts and in the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He has taught as an adjunct professor of law at the Villanova University School of Law. He has been selected as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer from 2004 through 2018.

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# ABA TOXIC TORTS & ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CLE MEETING

**Julie Nord Friedman** spoke at the **ABA Toxic Torts & Environmental Law 27th Annual Spring CLE Meeting** in Phoenix, Arizona in April 2018. 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. Julie and other panelists discussed ethical issues practitioners confront in protecting privileges, discovery, depositions, settlement and law firm management.



**Julie Nord Friedman**

Julie is a partner in our **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. Her clients range from Fortune 500 companies to regional contractors and suppliers. She is a National Coordinating Counsel for one client and she also acts as trial counsel in the defense of claims in mass tort and toxic tort litigation and regularly handles matters for multiple clients in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Julie is active in the Defense Research Institute and is a member of the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance. Julie has been rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell. She earned her J.D. in 1995 from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and her B.A. in 1992 from the American University in Washington, D.C. She is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and West Virginia, as well as the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania and the U.S. District Court of the Southern District of West Virginia.

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## NEW ASSOCIATE

**Hillary C. Cox** has joined our **Pittsburgh** office as an associate. She focuses her law practice on toxic tort litigation.

Hillary earned her J.D. from Duquesne University School of Law in 2016. While attending law school, she served as senior staff editor for the *Duquesne Law Review* and editor-in-chief for *Joule: Duquesne Energy & Environmental Law Journal*. She served as a judicial intern to the Honorable Joy Flowers Conti, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, from May to August 2014. She was a member of the Appellate Moot Court Board and competed in the ABA's Client Counseling Competition in 2015 and 2016. Hillary was a member of the Louis L. Manderino Honor Society and received a McGinley Public Service Law Fellowship. She earned the ALI-CLE Scholarship & Leadership Award, a CALI Excellence for the Future Award and the Duquesne Law Alumni Excellence in Writing Award.



**Hillary C. Cox**

Hillary received her B.A. in Classical Civilizations and English, *summa cum laude*, from Duquesne University in 2013. She served as president of the Pre-Law Society and was valedictorian of Duquesne's McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts. She received the Duquesne University Department of English O'Donnell Awards for Excellence in English and Excellence in Service.

Hillary is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and also the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania and the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia.

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