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The Docket

The who, when, where, and why of what's happening in Memphis' legal community.

HIRED



Minton P. Mayer has joined **Wiseman Ashworth Law Group** as Of Counsel. Mayer, previously affiliated with **Adelman Law Firm** in Memphis, will work with attorneys in Wiseman Ashworth's Memphis and Nashville offices on civil litigation matters in the areas of medical malpractice, long-term health care, personal injury defense, and professional negligence defense. Mayer is a graduate of the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis and holds a B.A. degree in Rhetoric and Communications *cum laude* from Kent State University. He is a member of the Defense Research Institute and serves on its Long-Term Care Committee. He is the current vice president and president-elect of the Memphis Jewish Home and Rehab, Cordova, and served as its general counsel from 2008 to 2010. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Memphis Jewish Community Center from 2009 to 2011 and has served on the center's Youth Sports Advisory Committee since 2007.



James F. Arthur III, Aubrey Brown, and Leigh-Taylor White have joined **Shea Moskowitz & McGhee**, a Memphis-based law firm that focuses on family law. Arthur, Brown and White previously comprised the domestic litigation practice group at **Glankler Brown**. Arthur has practiced law in Shelby County for more than 35 years in the areas of criminal prosecution, white-collar criminal defense, land use regulation litigation, and general civil litigation in all the trial and appellate courts of the state of Tennessee. For the last three decades, he has concentrated his practice in family law. Arthur graduated from the Emory School of Law in 1975. He will be Of Counsel to the firm. Brown has practiced law for 18 years, focusing primarily on domestic relations, divorce, family law, and child custody at Glankler Brown. He also has a background in creditor bankruptcy



law, creditor's rights, probate litigation, will and estates, guardianships, conservatorships, and general civil litigation in all the trial and appellate courts of the state of Tennessee. He graduated from Memphis State Law School in 1993. White, a 2005 graduate of the Ole Miss School of Law, has practiced for seven years, focusing primarily on family and domestic law. She also has significant experience in business and commercial litigation, federal civil rights litigation, securities compliance law, estate planning and probate, and federal and state appellate advocacy. She is currently president of the Family Law section of the Memphis Bar Association.

Farris Bobango has hired two attorneys to join the firm's Memphis office. **Stephen Anderson** joins as a partner, and his practice areas focus on corporate and commercial transactions, revenue bond transactions, probate, estate planning, and real estate transactions. He has a B.A. from Rhodes College and a law degree from Vanderbilt University. Anderson is a member of the Memphis and Tennessee Bar Associations. He is also a member of the Board of County Commissioners in Fayette County, Tennessee. **H. Chase Pittman** joins the firm as an associate. He is a native Memphian and practices in the firm's litigation section. He is licensed in Tennessee and Mississippi and has experience in the trial and appellate courts in both states. He represents banking institutions and companies in commercial disputes, foreclosures, and bankruptcy. Pittman has a B.A. from Ole Miss and is a graduate of the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis.



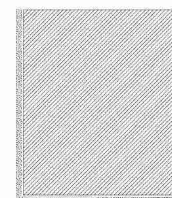
J. Gregory Grisham has joined **Jackson Lewis'** Memphis office as Partner. The native of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, joins the firm from **Leitner, Williams, Dooley & Napolitan** and brings with him over 20 years of experience in the labor and employment field. He is the fourth attorney to join Jackson Lewis' Memphis office since December 2011, bringing the office's total to nine after opening with just three attorneys in 2008. Grisham regularly defends employers in discrimination, harassment, retaliation wrongful discharge, and whistleblower

claims. He is a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America and a graduate of Leadership Collierville. He was recently appointed by Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey to the Tennessee Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission for a six-year term ending June 30, 2017. He is currently serving as President of the Memphis/Mid-South Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and is a member of the Tennessee Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights. Grisham is a Master of the Bench in the Leo Bearman Sr. American Inns of Court. He received his B.S. from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, his M.B.A. from Ole Miss, and his J.D. with honors from the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis.

HONORED



Jill M. Steinberg has received the 2012 **Susan E. Rich Award**, given by **Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz** in recognition of her excellence in the promotion of and commitment to women in the legal profession. A shareholder in the firm's Memphis office, Steinberg served as the first leader of Baker Donelson's Women's Initiative Steering Committee and was instrumental in founding the Baker Donelson Women's Initiative. Launched in 2005, the Women's Initiative was formed to substantially improve the recruitment and retention of women attorneys, increase the representation of women in leadership positions at Baker Donelson, heed the call of clients to provide a more diversified attorney team, and improve career development for the firm's female attorneys. Steinberg concentrates her practice in litigation, with significant experience in medical malpractice, nursing home liability, products liability, premises liability, automobile liability and toxic tort. She has been recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America* as a leading attorney in Medical Malpractice Law, Personal Injury Litigation, and Product Liability Litigation. She has also been recognized by *Mid-South Super Lawyers*, in which she has been ranked among the top 50 attorneys in Memphis since 2006, the top 100 attorneys in Tennessee since 2007, and the top 50 female attorneys in Arkan-



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sas, Mississippi, and Tennessee in 2011. Baker Donelson established the Susan E. Rich award in honor of **Susan Elliot Rich**, a shareholder in the Firm's Chattanooga office who was the firm's first woman shareholder, the first woman to be appointed an office managing shareholder, and the first woman appointed to the firm's board of directors. The award is given annually to a recipient who exemplifies ongoing commitment and effort to strengthen the role of women attorneys at the firm.



On Being a Black Lawyer (OBABL) named **Lee Harris**, professor of law at the **University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law**, one of the

100 most influential black lawyers in the U.S. An associate professor, Harris has been a member of the U of M faculty since 2005, teaching contracts, corporations, and mergers and acquisitions. He also writes about the various ways investors influence a firm. His work has been presented at the Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum and featured in prominent media such as *The Economist*. Harris has held visiting appointments at the George Washington School of Law in Washington, D.C., and the Grenoble Ecole de Management in France. He has also held teaching fellowships in the Economics Department at Yale University and at Yale Law School. Before joining the Memphis faculty, Harris worked at the **Baker Donelson** firm in Memphis. Harris earned his B.A. degree at Atlanta's Morehouse College and his law degree from Yale Law School. He was one of the first Memphis-area members of United Campus Workers of America, a union for employees of University of Memphis and other public universities. He currently holds a seat on the City Council of Memphis. Harris is also a director of Goodwill Homes Community Services Agency, a nonprofit organization that administers several community programs for seniors and children.



Oscar C. Carr III of the firm **Glankler Brown** has been named a Top Lawyer in American Lawyer/Corporate Counsel's *Annual Guide to Transportation Law*. Carr

practices in the area of litigation, with an emphasis on business, construction, environmental, and other civil litigation. He has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for more than 20 years in the fields of Bet-the Company Litigation, Personal Injury, and Environmental Law, and he has been included in *Mid-South Super Lawyers* in the field of Business Litigation. He is a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America, a Fellow of the Tennessee Bar Foundation, has been named to *MBQ* magazine's Players List in Business Litigation.

SELECTED

Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada has been selected as a **Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) North American Team of the Year finalist**. Butler Snow was selected along with only two other North American law firms and one North American accounting firm for this honor. The winner is to be announced at the STEP Private Client Awards on September 19, 2012, at the Hilton Park Lane Hotel in London. The STEP Private Client Awards highlight excellence among private client solicitors/attorneys, accountants, barristers, bankers, trust managers, and financial advisors. Butler Snow's international tax practice delivers estate planning advice for individual clients who reside outside of the United States but who have U.S. immigration status, family members in the U.S., or investment assets in this country. Additionally, Butler Snow's international tax practice assists non-U.S. and U.S.-based businesses in tax-efficient structuring of their cross-border business operations. The tax group includes J. Paul Varner, Tammy L. Barham, Ronald I. Loeb, W. Eugene Magee, W. Jeff McGoff, Samantha R. Moore, John B. (Jack) Nichols, Kurt G. Rademacher, J. Stevenson Ray, Gilbert C. Van Loon, Chris Was, and Virginia B. Wilson. ✉

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