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Awards and honors



Hare

Bank Investment Consultant magazine has named Pinnacle Financial Partners associate **James Hare** as one of its top 50 bank advisers for 2012. He is ranked No. 11 on the list. The magazine evaluated honorees on assets under management, production, asset growth, percentage of fee business, growth in production and production-per-assets. Hare is a senior vice president and financial consultant for Pinnacle Asset Management and a financial adviser for Raymond James.

Wood Personnel Services has been named to Inavero's 2013 Best of Staffing Client list of award winners. This identifies Wood Personnel as one of the best staffing agencies for companies to call when they are looking to hire temporary or permanent employees. Less than 1 percent of all staffing agencies in North America receive the award.

Four Nashville lawyers were honored with the state's top pro bono award for their work representing Juana Villegas, an immigrant who was shackled to a bed while giving birth in jail. The lawyers receiving the Harris Gilbert Pro Bono Volunteer of the Year Award were **Phillip Cramer**, **John Farringer** and **Bill Harbison** with Sherrard & Roe, and **Elliott Ozment** with the Immigration Law Offices of Elliott Ozment. The award is given annually to one or more private sector attorneys who have demonstrated dedication to the development and delivery of legal services to the poor, and has performed significant pro bono work.

Jean Crowe was named public service attorney of the year for her career-long commitment to providing legal representation to the less-fortunate in Davidson County. For nearly three decades, Crowe has worked in the Nashville

office of Legal Aid of Middle Tennessee & the Cumberland and has served as lead attorney of the agency's family law section for 15 years. The award is given annually to an attorney who has committed to a career in public service, and over the course of that career, has gone above and beyond the call of duty in representing indigent clients.

The TBA recognized eight Nashville law firms for adopting formal pro bono policies calling on employees to do more for Tennesseans who cannot afford legal representation. They are: **Bart Durham Injury Law, Caterpillar Financial Services, Dickinson Wright, Frost Brown Todd, Law Office of Blair Durham, Loeb & Loeb, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough** and **Weatherly, McNally & Dixon**.

Strategic-Partner **Mike Hankins** of WIN Home Inspection Green Hills was honored with a prestigious award at WIN's annual conference celebrating the company's 20th anniversary. Hankins received the 2012 top inspections multiple vehicle operator award. Beating out 171 WIN locations in the U.S., the award highlights that WIN Home Inspection Green Hills performed 890 total inspections in 2012 in his demographic area.

Banking



Weatherford

Ben Weatherford has joined the FirstBank team as Rutherford County president, responsible for overseeing the bank's growing operations in Rutherford and Cannon County. Weatherford was city president and oversaw operations and growth of the Murfreesboro market at Southern Community Bank.

Sonny Topiwala has joined Franklin Synergy Bank as customer service

representative in the bank's Westhaven branch. Topiwala was an Internet sales manager at Nelson Mazda.



Topiwala



Hundley

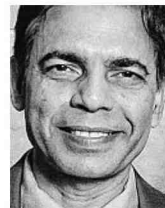
James Hundley has joined Pinnacle Financial Partners as a senior vice president and financial consultant for Pinnacle Asset Management, the firm's unit that provides fee-based investment management through Raymond James Financial Services. Hundley brings nine years of experience and comes from Raymond James and Associates in Nashville, where he served as an associate vice president.

Education



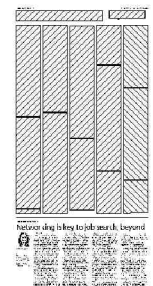
Beasley

Trey Beasley, a senior financial manager in treasury at Vanderbilt University, has been named university treasurer. Beasley joined the Vanderbilt finance team in 2007.



Reddy

The Food System Leadership Institute, a program of the Association of Public Land-grant Universities, has recognized **Dr. Chandra Reddy** for his contribution to higher education and the nation's food system. Reddy is dean of the College of Agricultural, Human and Natural Science and a fellow of the institute. He was among 19 others honored for their accomplishments in



completing the FSLI executive leadership program, a two-year training initiative for experienced leaders in academia, government and industry.

The Tennessee State University Foundation Board of Trustees has added **Dwayne Tucker**, a 1980 TSU graduate, as chairman. Tucker is a senior adviser at Compass Executives, a management consulting services firm focused on entrepreneurial leaders of private and public companies.



Cook

Christopher Cook has been appointed bursar for Vanderbilt University in the office of student accounts. He was assistant bursar at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Engineering



Tyree

Russell Tyree of Nashville-based architectural and engineering firm Hart Freeland Roberts has passed all requirements to become a licensed and registered professional engineer in Tennessee. Tyree

joined the structural engineering department of HFR Design in 2007.



Cortinas

Smith Seckman Reid, a Nashville-based engineering design and facilities consulting firm, has hired **Roxanne Cortinas** as a SSRcx Project Manager in its Chicago office. Cortinas has

previously worked in concert with SSRcx through a local joint venture for the past two years.

Gresham, Smith and Partners, a leading multidisciplinary design and consulting firm for the built environment, has a staff addition, licensure, and accredita-



Luke



Eakes

tion: **Ben Luke** has joined GS&P as an environmental engineer intern in the Water Services division. **Kevin Eakes**, a civil engineer intern in the land planning division, recently achieved his Professional Engineer certification in the state of Tennessee. The P.E. licensure is the engineering profession's highest standard of competence, achievement and quality.



Smith

Curtis Smith, a civil engineer in the land planning division, recently passed the Autodesk Civil 3D 2013 certification exam to become an AutoCAD Civil 3D 2013 Certified Professional. There are only 126 Civil 3D 2013 Certified Professionals in the U.S., and Smith is the only person in the state of Tennessee to earn the certification. Smith has been with GS&P for two years.

Health care

Saint Thomas Health's **Dispensary of Hope** has received a \$46,541 grant from The Baptist Healing Trust to develop new avenues for receiving donated medications, including improving operations and technology to more efficiently receive medications. The Dispensary of Hope is a Nashville-based nonprofit organization engaged in medication "upcycling," or reclaiming surplus medications, then shipping them to clinics and charitable pharmacies. The program provides short-term assistance for those who are uninsured or those who are underserved and have limited income.



Howard

Saint Thomas Health's regional network

Saint Thomas Health has promoted **Amy Howard** as director of regional network services. Howard has served as chest pain network and stroke network coordinator for

services for the past four years and was instrumental in the development of the Saint Thomas Health Chest Pain registry. In her new role, she will support the expansion of the Saint Thomas Chest Pain Network, Saint Thomas Stroke Network and Saint Thomas Heart Failure Outreach Network.



Miller

Lattimore Black Morgan & Cain, an accounting and business consulting firm, has added health care consultant **Kelly Miller** to its Nashville office. Miller has joined the firm as a senior manager within the health care consulting division.



Campbell

CareSpot has named **Frank J. Campbell** as its chief medical officer. Before joining CareSpot, Campbell was chief medical officer at TriStar Centennial Medical Center.

Cogent HMG, a national leader in hospitalist and intensivist services for hospitals and post-acute care facilities, has added health-care executive **John M. Little Jr.** as chief payor development officer. Little served as vice president of health-care services and chief medical officer for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Carolina.

Law



Helton



Pease

Attorneys **Lisa Helton** and **Greg Pease** have been named members of Sherrard & Roe. Helton's practice areas include estate and trust litigation, general and commercial litigation, landlord/tenant law, appellate practice, federal tax litigation and representation of homeowners associations. Pease practices in the areas of general business and health-care law.



Shea



O'Bryan

Butler Snow O'Mara Stevens & Cannada attorneys **Kara Shea** and **William R. O'Bryan Jr.** were recently named to leadership positions with the firm. Shea is now the labor and employment practice group leader, and O'Bryan was named practice group leader of the financial services litigation subgroup. Shea focuses her practice on employment training and counseling, intellectual property law, employment litigation, class and collective action and labor and employment compliance counseling. O'Bryan is a member of the firm's commercial litigation group and the banking, real estate and financial services group.



Sherrard

Thomas J. Sherrard, a founding member of Sherrard & Roe, took office as president of the Nashville Bar Association at the organization's annual meeting. Sherrard will serve a one-year term.

Adams and Reese attorney **Edward Playfair** has been elected to partner. Playfair joined Adams and Reese in 2009 in the firm's Nashville office and as a member of the intellectual property and technology team.



Spicer

Attorney **Adam J. Spicer** of Butler Snow O'Mara Stevens & Cannada has been appointed co-chairman of the pharmaceutical and medical device subcommittee of the American Bar Association's Section of Litigation Mass Torts Committee for 2013-2014.

Littler Mendelson, an employment and labor law firm representing man-

agement, has opened an office in downtown Nashville on the 14th floor of the AT&T building at 333 Commerce St. In 2011, Littler's Nashville practice became the 51st of Littler's 56 offices, which has tripled in size from two to six attorneys.

Nonprofit

Book'em, a local children's literacy organization, has announced its officers and board members for 2013. Officers include: **Leigh Lindsey** (McNeely Pigott & Fox Public Relations) as president, **Caroline Burris** (HCA) as vice president/president-elect, **Shane Morris** (Waller) as secretary, **Brandon Harrison** (Kraft Healthcare Consulting) as treasurer, **Reba Holmes** (Comdata Network Inc.) as board liaison and **Cindee Gold** (community volunteer) as past president. Elected board members include: **Jemina Boyd** of Crowe Horwath, **Mark Claypool** of Educational Services of America, **Katie Davis** of Young Leaders Council, **Brenda Gadd** of Frost Brown Todd, **Bruce Gallo** of National Corporate Research, **William Howorth** of HCA, **Shane Ivey** of Noble Sidekick, **Jenny Lee** of SunTrust Bank, **Johari Matthews** of Margaret Madrox YMCA, community volunteer **Mary McCarthy**, Junior League of Nashville liaison **Missy Michaels**, **Kenya Newby** of Charlotte Park Elementary School, **Leslie Newman** of HCA, community volunteer **Megan Pinson**, **Tori Ross** of Nashville Public Library, **Chris Serck** of Lattimore, Black, Morgan & Cain, **Sharese Shannon** of Vanderbilt University, **Mary Comfort Stevens** of Vanderbilt University and **Lynn Vincent** of McNeely Pigott & Fox Public Relations.

Services

Kaleidoscope Media has hired **Michelle Lorge** as publicist at the public relations and marketing company. Before she joined Kaleidoscope, Lorge operated her own company, Forever Publicity.



James O. Hastings Jr., founder of Hastings Architecture Associates, has been elected to a second consecutive term as chairman of the Municipal Plan-

Hastings

ning Commission for the City of Belle Meade. Hastings was a member of the commission for two years before serving as chairman. The commission is responsible for guiding land use in Belle Meade.

The Tennessee Business Travel Association elected its officers and board for 2012-2013: **Ernest Guerra Jr.** (Vanderbilt) as chairman, **Claire Langford** (Carlson Wagonlit Travel) as president, **Robin Tenpenny** (Lifeway Christian Resources) as vice president, **Kristin Henke** (Wright Travel) as secretary, **Eric Amendola** (Avis Budget) as treasurer, **Tricia Alsup** (Dollar General) as corporate director, **Sarah Jacqueline Vrabcak** (The Sheraton Music City) as allied director and **Scott Phillips** (Holiday Inn Vanderbilt) as allied director.

Diversified Trust, a Southeast-based comprehensive wealth management firm, has promoted six professionals. **Drew Berg** has been promoted to principal. Berg joined the firm in 2006. Diversified Trust also promoted **Mary Raymond** to vice president, **April Rome** to vice president, **Tammy Underwood** to senior associate, **Stephen Vogel** to senior associate and **Meg Fortenberry** to associate.

BNA Wine Group has added industry veteran **Cher Engelstad** as sales director for the western United States. Engelstad has more than 25 years of experience in winery sales and marketing, most recently as vice president of sales for Clos LaChance Winery and western U.S. sales director for multibrand importer Testa Wines of the World.

Technology

Tom Stephenson has been named president and chief operating officer of Amplion Clinical Communications. Stephenson, a veteran health care technology executive, began his career more than two decades ago at Healthcare Management Systems, where he was CEO before joining Amplion.

Comcast Corporation, a global media and technology company, will work with EverFi Inc., a leading education technology company, and Teach for America to bring an innovative digital citizenship curriculum to schools in Nashville. This collaboration supports Teach For America's broader efforts to recruit, train and develop top recent college graduates and professionals to teach in high-need public schools and become lifelong leaders in the pursuit of educational equity.

Gamma Blast, a video production and editing company in Nashville, welcomes **Matt Carroll** as a new editor and motion graphics artist. Carroll has edited on accounts such as John Deere and Alcoa.