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Elections

The national law firm of Quarles & Brady LLP announced that **Michelle A. De Blasi**, a partner in the firm's Phoenix office, has been elected to the new public policy committee of The Phoenix Green Chamber of Commerce. De Blasi practices in the area of environmental and natural resources law and heads the solar team of Quarles & Brady's clean energy, climate change & sustainability practice group. She advises clients on a variety of renewable energy and sustain-



Michelle A. De Blasi

of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Her practice focuses on litigation and criminal defense.

Polsinelli Shughart PC's Phoenix office welcomes attorney **John Barwell** to the firm as associate practicing business litigation. Barwell, a former Marine Corps journalist, served a combat tour in Somalia and brings strong leadership skills to the firm. He earned his law degree from the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law in 2010.



John Barwell

The national law firm of Quarles & Brady LLP announced that **Anthony P. Cali** has joined the firm's Phoenix office as an associate in the commercial bankruptcy, restructuring and creditors' rights group. Cali received his law degree from the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law in 2010, and his Bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, in economics and Spanish from the University of Arizona in 2005.



Anthony P. Cali

Sanders & Parks, P.C. is pleased to announce that **John Downing** has joined the firm as an associate. Downing will focus his practice on patent and other intellectual property litigation. Downing previously practiced in California's Silicon Valley where he represented some of the world's most innovative tech companies. Downing has litigated cases in various technology areas including signal processing, electronic sensors, analog circuitry, cellular telecommunication, biotechnology, and mechanical medical devices.



John Downing

Quarles & Brady is pleased to announce that prominent Arizona attorney **P. Robert Moya** is resuming the private practice of law in the firm's Phoenix office. Moya's



P. Robert Moya

practice focuses on representation of middle-market and entrepreneurial and growth companies in public and private offerings, mergers and acquisitions, and SEC reporting and compliance.

Chris Payne, an attorney and water resources engineer, has joined the Scottsdale office of the law firm of Holme, Roberts & Owen as an associate. Payne will focus his practice in the areas of water law disputes, environmental matters, and natural resources litigation.



Chris Payne

Recognitions

The international law firm Greenberg Traurig, LLP has elevated 51 attorneys to shareholder or of counsel positions. Reflecting the firm's diversified platform and wide-ranging legal experience, the new 2011 class represents 19 different locations and 14 areas of practice. In Phoenix, **Michael C. Mason** was named shareholder. Mason focuses his practice on commercial litigation and labor and employment issues. He has represented employers at trial and before various administrative agencies, including the EEOC, DOL, and OFCCP.



Michael C. Mason

Former United States Supreme Court Justice **Sandra Day O'Connor** will join past honorees: including Lattie Coor and Eddie Basha, for their contributions and commitment to Arizona students. Justice O'Connor's vision to teach students about civics and inspire their active participation is reflected in iCivics (www.icivics.com), an interactive web-based education project that features free lesson plans, discussion forums and games to help empower what she called the first generation of "digital



Sandra Day O'Connor

natives" to become knowledgeable civic leaders. Her efforts will be recognized when she is presented with the Afterschool Champion Award at the 2011 Afterschool Awards of Excellence Luncheon on Nov. 9 at the Arizona Biltmore. For information about sponsorships, contact the Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence at (602) 496-3307 or visit www.azafterschool.org. Individual tickets will be available for sale later this year.

Judge Mary M. Schroeder of Phoenix announced today her intention to step down as an active judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Judge Schroeder plans to assume senior status on January 1, 2012, at which time she will have 32 years of service to the court. Nominated by President Carter, Judge Schroeder, 70, was appointed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on September 26, 1979. She was the first and only woman to serve as chief judge of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, a position she held from 2000 to 2007. While she intends to maintain close to a full judicial caseload, Judge Schroeder said she hopes to devote more time to issues relating to human rights, including women's rights.



Judge Mary M. Schroeder

The Real Estate and Development Awards selected **Polsinelli Shughart PC** for its Best Tenant Improvement Project, Honorable Mention, for 2011 during the annual awards ceremony held on Feb. 22 at the Ritz Carlton in Phoenix. Gensler, a global, architectural, design and consulting firm, created the modern office space for Polsinelli Shughart featuring clean lines, strong geometry, precise alignments, open spaces and a contemporary feel.

David L. Rose, a certified specialist in family law, has joined Sacks Tierney P.A. as a shareholder. Rose, whose practice also includes personal injury and criminal defense, is a Maricopa County Superior Court judge pro tem.



David L. Rose

Nicole France Stanton, a partner in the Quarles & Brady law firm's Phoenix office, was recently honored by the YWCA Maricopa County at its 18th annual "Tribute to Women" luncheon. Stanton was the honoree in the Business Leader category. Stanton, who practices in the area of litigation, is a current member of Charter 100 Women and serves as a founding board member and past president of the Women's Metropolitan Arts Council of the Phoenix Art Museum. ■



Nicole France Stanton

Mark Dioguardi, co-founder of the law firm Dioguardi Flynn LLP, has been elected as an officer for the Friends of Public Radio Arizona (FPRAZ) board of directors. FPRAZ is a non-profit organization that supports and raises funds on behalf of the valley's non-profit public radio stations KJZZ (FM 91.15) and KBAQ (FM 89.5).



Mark Dioguardi

Richard C. Smith, a leading Phoenix-based law firm, announced that **Richard C. Smith** has been elected to the board of directors of the Arizona Tax Research Association. Smith, a member in the firm's Phoenix tax, estate planning and probate practice, will serve a five-year term. Smith represents clients in areas of estate planning, estate and trust administration, and corporate law.



Richard C. Smith

New Hires

The Phoenix law firm of Osborn Maledon, P.A., announced today that **Chelsea Sage Durkin** has joined the firm as an associate. Durkin was previously with the firm Branscomb P.C. and, before that, clerked with the U.S. Court



Chelsea Sage Durkin

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