



Litigation Department Newsletter

Highlights from Q1

Good riddance winter, and Happy Spring! With Spring, we launch a new format for LitBits - please let us know what you think.

The first quarter brought lots of successful activity on the pitch and proposal front: General Motors (Class Action), Dole Packaged Foods (IP/Patent Licensing) and International Monetary Fund (Construction) to name a few of the companies our colleagues will be representing. Our Department has also benefited greatly from Seyfarth Cup activity - numerous new matters have opened along with new working relationships across the departments and practice groups. In the Department lead in Cup points are Wayne Bond with 1780 points, Dan Blouin with 1060 points, and Mark Johnson with 820 points. To see the top 10 department cross-sellers, consult the Seyfarth Cup Litigation Leaderboard on the portal. Please also see a list of successful cross-sells below.

Our 2015 Strategic and Business Plans are currently being finalized by office and practice groups. The Department Plan will focus on strengthening existing and launching new cross-department industry and specialty teams, improving our productivity, cross-selling, and internal and external branding efforts. We'll also continue to look for strategic growth opportunities across our various practice areas and in local markets. At the same time, we will be looking for growth and training opportunities for our lawyers in areas where we need to add to existing bench strength, or build out new areas of focus.

Unfortunately, our productivity for the first quarter slipped below 2014 Q1, and we are below budget. Given the Q1 marketing and pitch success, however, we expect a stronger Q2.

Please join me in welcoming the newest addition to the Practice Management Team, Patrick Johansen. Patrick is the National Practice Manager for Litigation and Employee Benefits. He joins us from Brinks, Gilson & Lione, where he served as the Director of Business Development for the 140-attorney IP boutique firm. Patrick, along with Christelle Levesque and Danielle Freeman, make up our Department's practice management team. You will be hearing from them shortly in connection with business planning, and other initiatives. Please don't hesitate to reach out to them for assistance on practice group and office initiatives.

As always, if you have any questions or we have missed any of your news, please let me or the practice management team know.

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Recognized Legal Excellence!

Boston IP Group ranks #22 in the Boston Business Journal's list of Largest IP Law Firms in Massachusetts. Each year, the Boston Business Journal publishes its list of the top 25 Largest IP law Firms in Massachusetts. This is the first year that Seyfarth's Boston IP group has ranked in the top 25 and beats out Cesari and McKenna, Morgan Lewis, and Nixon Peabody for the #22 spot.

Congratulations to **Scott Carlson** - Litigation: E-Discovery, who was included in the Chambers Global 2015 individual lawyer rankings. Chambers Global covers over 190 countries across the world and includes Region-wide and Global-wide sections.

Congratulations to Atlanta partner **Jay Myers** on recognition as a winner of the 2015 Client Choice Awards. Since 2005, Client Choice has operated as a searchable online resource for senior corporate counsel that profiles the best law firms and partners around the world for client service. Each year Client Choice selects winners based on thousands of individual assessments received worldwide. Jay was among 187 winners in the United States and Canada. For additional information on Client Choice, please click here: <http://www.clientchoice.com>.

In January 2015, **Jason DeJonker** was elected as Treasurer for the Chicago Committee (formerly the Chicago Committee for Minorities in Large Law Firms), the preeminent organization in Chicago fostering racial and ethnic diversity in the legal community, impacting the broader legal profession.

CLIENT WINS AND SUCCESSES

Joseph Dyer, Bennett Greenberg and Rhett Petcher successfully defended the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's award of a major construction project to Walsh Group Ventures against a protest by one of the losing offerors. The successful defense is especially satisfying to Walsh inasmuch the Corps previously awarded the contract to Walsh and then revoked the award in the face of a prior protest (in which we were not involved in defending Walsh). The Corps then re-awarded the contract to Walsh, and the award was again protested. The Government Accountability Office denied the protest, leaving Walsh with the award.

Ward Kallstrom, Kevin Lesinski and Jon Braunstein win key rulings in health care fraud case. Ward, Kevin, and Jon secured several key rulings for the ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan (the "Plan") and its Board of Trustees in one of the largest health care fraud cases being handled by the firm, Sharp Surgery Center, Inc., et al. v. SHPS Health Solutions, Inc., et al. The case has been pending for the past four years in Los Angeles Superior Court. In a major ruling in the case, the Court denied the motion for summary adjudication brought by certain health care providers (the "Sharp providers") on the Plan's claims against them. In doing so, the Court found that substantial evidence exists supporting the Plan's claims of billing fraud, conspiracy and RICO violations. Importantly, every legal ground relied upon by the Sharp providers was rejected by the Court, so they now face trial on the Plan's multi-million dollar claims against them.

Franchise Team Wins Big for Mitsubishi - a transcontinental team of Seyfarth franchise litigators won summary judgment for our client, Mitsubishi Motors, in a case that was closely watched in the auto industry and covered by a number of media outlets, including NBC News. Three weeks before the jury trial was scheduled to get underway, Judge Frederick Horn of the Orange County Superior Court granted our team's motion and entered summary judgment for Mitsubishi on all eleven counts of the complaint. Seyfarth's Mitsubishi team includes **Bill Berkowitz** (Boston), **Dean Martoccia** (LA), **Carrie French** (Boston), **Eugene Suh** (LA), and **Katherine Moskop** (Boston).

Cross-Departmental, Cross-Office Team Represents Wilson Sporting Goods in its Acquisition of the Global Brand, Sales and Innovation Rights to Louisville Slugger. **Ted Cornell and Whitney Schmidt** of the Corporate Department and **Bill Berkowitz and Brandon Bigelow** from Litigation represented Wilson® in its acquisition of global brand, sales and innovation rights to Louisville Slugger from Hillerich & Bradsby, Co. (H&B). The deal is pending H&B shareholder approval. Under the terms of the agreement, H&B will become Wilson's exclusive manufacturing partner for wood bats. Wilson will market and sell Louisville Slugger-branded products through its baseball and softball business unit. Like its DeMarini brand, Wilson will market and sell Louisville Slugger as a stand-alone brand, similar to how it is sold today. Special thanks to **Mike Levinson** of Litigation for the cross-market referral.

Seyfarth Wins Dismissal of Class Action Complaint Against Reed Elsevier, Inc. Seyfarth represented Reed Elsevier Inc., owner and operator of LexisNexis Matindale Hubbell, Lawyers.com, Attorneys.com and Lawyer Locator, in a successful motion to dismiss a class action complaint out of the Eastern District of Oklahoma. The lawsuit arises out of pop-up advertisements for legal services that appear on two plaintiff law firms based in Oklahoma and Tennessee. The Seyfarth Litigation team was led by Chicago partner **Jason Stiehl** and included associates **Kristine Argentine** and **Jordan Vick** in Chicago.

Seyfarth Defends DHL against National TCPA Class Claim. In late December 2014 Seyfarth was retained to defend DHL in a nationwide Telephone Consumer Protection Act class action claim in the Northern District of Illinois. The complaint alleged that DHL, without consent, texted "advertising" material to consumers. DHL sends tens of thousands of texts each day. As the TCPA assesses penalties on a per violation basis, potential exposure was in the mid-11 figures. An intense initial investigation uncovered some great facts in connection with, among other things, the issue of consent, both on the merits and on the necessity of individualized inquiry. Our team prepared comprehensive affirmative defenses which detailed the compelling story. Upon reviewing our affirmative defenses, Judge Shadur ordered plaintiff to appear show cause on how a class could proceed in light of our defenses. After hearing argument, the Court dismissed plaintiff's complaint with prejudice. Congrats to **Rich Lapp, Jason Stiehl**, and **Jordan Vick**!

Elizabeth Schrero, Jay Cho and the rest of the New York Litigation Team Defeat a \$32M Damages Claim in a hard-fought, complex Condominium dispute. Arbitrator Vivien Shelanski's "Final Award" denied the claimant (now former) unit owner any recovery on its \$32 Million damages claims based upon her finding that the unit owner failed to establish the necessary legal causal connection between the injuries claimed and the alleged wrongdoing.

Seyfarth Investigation Results in Criminal Conviction of Client's Former COO for Theft. Capping a two-year investigation into alleged kickbacks and other misdeeds engaged in by the former COO of our client Triumph Packaging, the former COO pled guilty to two Class 2 Felonies of Theft by Deception and to give \$100,000 in restitution. The COO admitted that he had 1) split commissions with a supplier of paper packaging; and 2) asked an equipment supplier to increase the purchase price of a piece of equipment and pay the increase to a company he controlled. **Bart Lazar** and **Jason Stiehl** (with former colleague **Jeff Swatzell**) played material roles in investigating the misconduct, confronting and terminating the employee and presenting the case to and pursuing the case with the Bolingbrook Police Department and Will County Prosecutor's office. Civil claims are still pending.

Ken Wilton and **Julia Sutherland** protect SURVIVAL BRACELET Mark from attack. On February 5, 2015, the TTAB dismissed an opposition to Tough Gear, Inc.'s (our client) application to register the SURVIVAL BRACELET mark for bracelets. After a full trial, and a fair amount of contentious motion practice both during and after the trial, the Board held that the opposer -- which asserted that the mark was either generic or merely descriptive -- had failed to plead and prove that it had standing to assert its claims. It is rare for oppositions to be dismissed on standing alone.

Larry Butler obtained summary judgment in Nevada District Court on behalf of client Stearns Bank, N.A. and FNBN Rescon I, LLC, against Meritage's claims seeking to have Stearns and Rescon pay a judgment against the FDIC based on Rescon's acquisition on a loan from FDIC under which Meritage was owed monies by the original lender. Stearns and Rescon successfully argued that the FDIC's payment of a worthless receivership certificate was payment in full under the One Satisfaction of Judgment Rule.

Larry Butler and **Aaron Belzer** obtained a dismissal with prejudice in the Central District of a Counterclaim and Third Party Complaint alleging RICO violations against FNBN Rescon I, LLC, Stearns Bank, Stearns SPV I LLC and two individuals. We successfully argued that the RICO claims were brought after the Statute of limitations expired and also should be dismissed under the doctrines of res judicata and claim-splitting.

Anchorage Trial Team Continues Its Win Streak -- The Seyfarth trial team working on the Anchorage lawsuits recently prevailed on a series of motions filed in both the U.S. District Court and the Court of Federal Claims actions. Seyfarth attorneys successfully defeated summary judgment motions filed by the private contractors in the District Court action seeking to dismiss Anchorage's tort claims, and prevailed on other motions seeking to allocate fault to non-parties. The wins allow Anchorage to maintain all of its damages claims against the contractors who performed work at the Project, and also result in two additional parties being added as defendants to the lawsuit. In the Court of Federal Claims matter, Seyfarth attorneys successfully prevailed on the Government's motion to dismiss, allowing its \$302 Million dollar lawsuit to proceed. The Seyfarth trial team includes **Bennett Greenberg, Donald Featherstun, Jason Smith, Daniel Wierzba and Edward ("Teddie") Arnold.**

Yeshiva case: The US supreme court denied certiorari after the 2d circuit affirmed dismissal on Statute of limitations grounds, concluding the case. Notwithstanding the win, Plaintiff's reasserted their \$660 million dollar case again, this time in State Court, recasting some of the allegations, but reasserting the Title IX claim, as to the same victims. **Karen Bitar, Ralph Berman and Melissa Starcic** removed the case to Federal Court where it is currently pending, and intend to move to dismiss on res judicata grounds. In addition Plaintiff's counsel filed, in state Court, a new case, brought on behalf of the parents of the victims, alleging that, under the New York General Business Law, the parents have a claim for "Deceptive Advertising/ trade practices", in connection with the school's representations to them that it was a safe environment. We intend to move to dismiss that case as well. The case was covered by local media including the NY Post.

Boston Team Closes \$38 Million Asset Acquisition. Jeff Musman, Greg White, Mark Katzoff, Matt LaLone, Joe Laflamme, and Cliff Esher closed a \$38 million acquisition by client Energy North Group of the Haffner's gas station, car wash, and home heating oil supply and service business. The transaction involved 30 properties, including gas stations, car washes, bulk fuel storage facilities, and other commercial properties. Energy North Group is a leading petroleum products supplier in New England. Various subject-area experts supported the team, including **Ilan Barzilay**, Christian Hallet, Joe Manello, Steve Meier, **Brian Michaelis**, Barry Miller, Rob Pearce, **Will Prickett**, Zach Robert, Michael Rosenthal, and Joe Walker. The project management team, including John Duggan and Danielle Beach, also assisted. Nixon Peabody LLP represented Haffner's in the transaction.

NEW MATTERS

Dean Martoccia - new matter for client Newmark Grubb Knight Frank. Contract case involving an alleged breach of a lease agreement.

New California Proposition 65 Cases: Vista Outdoor, Inc. (Jay Connolly and Joe Damato); Roma Industries, LLC (**Jay Connolly** and **Stan Bloch**)

Larry Butler has been retained by PharmaCare US, Inc. in a purported nationwide class action alleging violations of the California Consumer Legal Remedies Act, Business & Professions Code sections 17200, et seq., and California False Advertising Law involving a PharmaCare herbal supplement product.

Tom Locke, Rebecca Woods and Rhett Petcher have been retained as national coordinating defense counsel for Personal Care Products Council, a Washington, DC-based trade association, in connection with product liability litigation involving talcum powder. The complaints allege that two Johnson & Johnson products, Baby Powder and Shower-to-Shower, caused plaintiffs or their decedents to develop ovarian cancer. The complaints further allege that our client conspired with co-defendants to misrepresent the purported risks associated with the products. Our client has been named as a defendant in 96 lawsuits in multiple fora. Following motions to dismiss based on lack of personal jurisdiction, our client has been dismissed from 10 lawsuits involving hundreds of claimants.

Jason DeJonker, Suzie Saxman, and Matt Hafter, with substantial assistance from Toni Roesslein, recently responded to an RFP from the Legal Department of Cardinal Health (a Fortune 22 company) for M&A legal services.

ATTORNEY SNAPSHOT



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Q: Tell us about your practice (elevator speech):

A: I'm part of a team (including John Skelton, James McGrath, and Brandon Bigelow) whose practice is pretty evenly split between antitrust and distribution/franchise. It's also split down the middle between litigation and business counseling. On the antitrust side, my main areas of focus are (1) M&A antitrust, which includes the representation of parties to competitive combinations (mergers, acquisitions and joint ventures) before the Justice Department and Federal Trade Commission (including Hart-Scott-Rodino filings); and (2) vertical restraints, which includes price and resale controls on customers/retailers, as well as price discrimination (Robinson-Patman Act) issues. On the distribution and franchise side, my focus is on the defense of manufacturers, franchisors and distributors in commercial litigation, particularly in the auto industry. I've tried cases in a number of state and federal courts and state motor vehicle agencies.

Q: What should other lawyers here see as a moment of opportunity to let their clients know about you?

A: Moments of opportunity for us arise when clients face challenges with their channels of distribution -- e.g., under-performing resellers/dealers; financially distressed or bankrupt distributors or vendors; needed revisions to dealer agreements; the promotion of competitive products by key resellers; dealer network restructuring; territorial, customer, or export restrictions on resellers -- these are some of the issues we help clients with on a day-to-day basis. We're also trial lawyers with considerable experience (primarily, though not exclusively, as defense counsel) litigating distribution, antitrust, and other commercial disputes.

Q: Tell us about your family:

A: In 1987, I was part of a team responsible for conducting a mock trial before the brass of the Litigation Department at Bingham, Dana & Gould in Boston. We recruited a client (a corporate lender at a Boston bank) to play the role of our lead witness. Under cross-examination, our witness was sneaky and evasive -- to the point where the judge accused her of being "obstreperous," and threatened to have her held in mock-contempt. As soon as she got off the witness stand, I asked her out to dinner. We were married a year later. My wife, Gina, and I have two daughters, Marie Lea (25) and Angie (21). Marie Lea is a scientist at Pfizer, where she works on perfecting drugs for the treatment of hemophilia. Angie is graduating this month from Harvard and is thinking about law school.

Q: Where were you born?

A: I was born and raised in Indianapolis.

Q: The one word that best describes you:

A: Determined.

Q: What was your first job and what did you learn from it?

A: My first job was working at a Dunkin' Donuts where I did everything from making the donuts (at 3 am) to working the cash register to mopping the floors. I learned what it means to work HARD! The most challenging part of the job was satisfying customers, but it was also the most rewarding part. That's also true of my current job.

Q: What is your proudest career accomplishment?

A: I'm very proud to be part of a great team of antitrust and franchise lawyers, who have built -- and continue to build -- a successful practice -- worthy of joining Seyfarth and, I believe, contributing to its long-term success.

Q: Who has been the biggest influence on your career, and why?

A: My biggest influencer was the late Jack Curtin, a well-known Boston lawyer. Jack, a former ABA and Boston Bar Association President, was simultaneously a tenacious, skillful trial lawyer, and an ethical, respectful, caring human being. He was a wonderful role model for many lawyers, including myself.

Q: If you could be mentored by anyone, who would it be and why?

A: Winston Churchill, because he was pretty much the savior of the free world through sheer strength of character, conviction, and intelligence. I would have liked to have spent five minutes with him (over a cigar), let alone have him as a mentor.

Q: What is your philosophy as a mentor?

A: 1. Take risks. 2. Be yourself. 1. Without risk-taking, you may get along, but you won't challenge yourself to get to the next level as a lawyer. You must be willing to risk failure in order to succeed. 2. You will see many lawyers who you'll want to emulate. Learn from them but don't imitate them. People (clients, judges, jurors, colleagues) will respect you for who you are -- go with your own style and strengths -- don't try to copy someone else's.

Q: What is your one daily routine that you can't do without?

A: Walking our German Shepherd, Max.* Neither one of us can do without it. (*Max's full name: Maximus Decimus Meridius, Commander of the Armies of the North and General of the Felix Legions.)

Q: What advice would you give to your younger self?

A: Don't waste time and energy worrying about stuff you can't control. Worry about the things where you can actually make a difference. Oh, and spend more time with your kids.

Q: Guilty pleasure:

A: Football and beer. For extra guilt, throw in an Italian sausage.

Q: Book you have read recently that you would recommend to others:

A: "In the Garden of Beasts" by Erik Larson. It's the story of the 1930s U.S. Ambassador to Germany, William Dodd, taken largely from Dodd's memoirs. Dodd was a University of Chicago professor who was asked to take the job as ambassador only because Roosevelt's first several choices turned him down. Dodd had little respect among the foreign service community but saw first-hand (including through meetings with Hitler) the rise of Nazi Germany, and sought to warn U.S. leaders about it. His warnings were largely ignored.

Q: Charities or other causes that are most important to you:

A: The Jimmy Fund, Wounded Warrior Project, ASPCA.

Q: Words to live by:

A: Savor and celebrate heartily the victories in life; move briskly past the defeats while learning from them.

CROSS-DEPARTMENT NEWS AND SEYFARTH CUP SUCCESSES



Suzie Saxman (Corporate) cross-sold **Jason Stiehl** (Litigation) to BBJ Rentals, Inc. A new matter has been opened to enforce a restrictive covenant.

Joe Dyer (Litigation) cross-sold **Ed Maluf** (Intellectual Property) to Obsidian Analysis. The client has engaged Seyfarth to advise them regarding a possible trademark infringement.

Bob Bodansky (Corporate) cross-sold **Tom Locke** (Litigation) to State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio. Tom will be assisting with the client's earthquake damage claims.

Suzie Saxman (Corporate) cross-sold **Pat Muffo** (Litigation) to DMD Marketing Corp., resulting in a new patent matter.

Adam Greetis (Employee Benefits) cross-sold **Chris Robertson** (Litigation) to International Game Technology. Chris will be handling a new whistleblower case.

Matt Allen (Litigation) cross-sold **Jay Myers** (Intellectual Property) to Alscan resulting in a new software license project

Jeff Jahns (Real Estate) cross-sold **John O'Malley** (Litigation) to Concentric Itasca resulting in a new LIT matter

Ted Lustig (Corporate) cross-sold **Chris Robertson** (Litigation) to Edward Dovner, resulting in a new defamation matter

Alan Yoshitake (Trusts & Estates) cross-sold **Gina Ferrari** and **Ken Wilton** to International E-Z UP, resulting in a new litigation matter

Bob Sell (Corporate) cross-sold **Mike Levinson** to James Hussey, resulting in a pre-litigation matter

Jerry Montag (Litigation) recently cross-sold **Jason DeJonker** (Bankruptcy) for distressed loan acquisition and workout work to private-equity fund The Bluestone Group.

Eric McDonough (Litigation) cross-sold **Michael Burns** (L&E) to LiveNation. Seyfarth was retained for a single-plaintiff L&E case.

MEDIA MENTIONS

The *Wall Street Journal* reported on 3/23/15, Seyfarth client, Wilson Sporting Goods, signed an agreement to acquire the rights to the iconic Louisville Slugger brand for \$70 million. Ted Cornell (M&A), **Bill Berkowitz** (Antitrust/HSR issues), and **Brandon Bigelow** (Antitrust/HSR issues) advised Wilson on the deal.

Getting the Word Out Presentations / Speaking Engagements

Robert Milligan to Speak at 2015 ABA-IPL Chicago Annual Meeting: "Trade Secrets and Non-Compete Law Update". Join Seyfarth Trade Secrets Co-Chair Robert B. Milligan at the 2015 ABA-IPL Annual Meeting in Chicago on July 30- August 2, 2015. Robert will join panelists from Qualcomm and Raytheon to discuss the significant statutory changes to several jurisdictions' laws regarding trade secrets and restrictive covenants and pending legislation proposed in additional jurisdictions over the past year, as well as provide their predictions for what to watch for in 2015. As trade secrets and non-compete laws continue to evolve from state to state in piecemeal fashion, companies should continually revisit their trade secrets and non-compete strategies in light of the evolving legal landscape and legislative trends. For more information and registration, [click here](#).

Ken Wilton presented AIPLA Webinar: Debriefing B&B: Takeaways and Tips on Issue Preclusion in Trademark Litigation on April 23, 2015

Kathleen McConnell joined a panel to discuss how today's discovery landscape is more challenging than ever. The growing trend that we are seeing is employees that are utilizing their own technology without the knowledge of their employer. From email servers under the desk at someone's home, to Android and Apple wearables, the best practices and lessons learned on the international stage were discussed.

Ken Wilton presented April 14 webinar on Net Neutrality. Ken discussed the history of net neutrality, what it is intended to preserve, whether there really is a risk of net non-neutrality, and where we might be going from here.

Mike Wexler spoke at Chicago Chapter of the Federal Bar Association: "Electronic Evidence: Gather It in the Field, Get It to the Jurors". Mike was joined by the Hon. Edmond E. Chang and Executive Director of ETS Intelligence, LLC, David Ratkovich to show attendees how to gather, preserve, and authenticate digital evidence from a smart phone, and get it admitted to prove a case in a trial or evidentiary hearing.

Joan Casciari and Anita Ponder presented to Government Contractors and Agencies. Joan and Anita were speakers at the March meeting of the Government Contractors Business Forum to approximately 60 business owners and executives on March 12th. The featured government speaker was Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle. Joan discussed "Illinois Pregnancy Discrimination Laws – What Government Contractors Need to Know". Anita summarized the "U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT) 2014 Final Rule" which makes important changes to the implementation of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program under 49 CFR Part 26.

Robert Milligan, Co-Chair in Seyfarth's Trade Secrets, Computer Fraud and Non-Competes Practice Group, served on a panel for "Trade Secrets Protection Act & Defend Trade Secrets Act: 2015 Updates LIVE Webcast," presented by The Knowledge Group, LLC Live Webcast Series, on March 17, 2015. Key topics included: Trade Secrets Protection Act – Overview; Defend Trade Secrets Act – Overview; Advantages for Trade Secret Owners; Uniformity and Other Limitations; Sanctions for Non-Compliance with New Trade Bills; Inevitable-Disclosure Doctrine

Anita Ponder was a speaker at the IDOT 2015 TCTR (Today's Challenge Tomorrow's Reward) Conference to approximately 100 business owners and executives in Springfield on February 24th. The participants included established minority and women owned firms in construction, trucking, engineering, professional consulting, and design. The conference focused on providing them educational and skill building workshops, best practices and networking opportunities. Anita discussed the most recent changes of the federal regulations governing the certification eligibility of disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs) and related program provisions with respect to DBE goal-setting.

Anita Ponder Speaks to Students During Black History Month Celebration. Anita was the guest speaker at James Wadsworth Stem Elementary School, one of the Chicago Public Schools, on February 18th during a special Black History Month celebration by 7th and 8th grade classrooms. James Wadsworth Stem Elementary School, which focuses on science technology, engineering and math, is located on Chicago's south side at 6650 South Ellis.

Jim Daley to present at the Masters Conference for Legal Professionals: "EU Data Privacy Regulations - New and Far More Stringent?" Chicago, IL 5/19/2015. For more information and registration, please [click here](#).

Scott Carlson, Andrew Baker and Kim Craig met with Vanderbilt Law & Business School faculty and students showcasing "Big Law to Lean Law." Also met with Music City Legal Hackers who were in awe of Seyfarth's innovation, tech solutions & project management program.

On April 17, 2015, **Mark Johnson, Anita Ponder and Philippe Weiss** trained the top executives and project managers of John Burns Construction Company Construction, a privately owned family construction company that was organized in 1906. The training topic was "Construction Industry Briefing: Avoiding DBE Compliance Investigations and Sanctions". Seyfarth was subsequently hired by John Burns Construction Company Construction to perform a compliance review of the company's current DOT-funded projects in Illinois. The company, which offers annual training sessions to its employees in Illinois and Texas, expressed interest in some of the training courses provided by Seyfarth Shaw at Work.

Jason DeJonker recently presented on two different panels for the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) - in March, Jason presented at a session for the 2014 LCLD Fellows meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana on "Staying Connected: The LCLD Fellows Alumni"; and in April, Jason moderated on a panel for the LCLD Group Mentoring Program entitled "Beyond the Suit: Preparing for the Hiring Process Panel Discussion."

Seyfarth's Bankruptcy Group sponsored to, and **Jason DeJonker** presented, at the Spring 2015 Trigild Lender Conference. Jason was part of a panel discussion entitled "Examples of Successful Resolutions."

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Please Welcome to Seyfarth:

Bill Benson, Commercial Litigation Counsel (Boston)

Patrick Burke, eDiscovery Counsel (New York)

Lauren Gregory, Commercial Litigation Associate (Atlanta)

Anthony LaPlaca, Construction Associate (Washington, DC)

Richard Rimer, Intellectual Property Attorney (Atlanta)

Moving on, with thanks and Best Wishes:

Josh Jubelirer, Commercial Litigation Associate (Chicago)

Sarah Knight, Commercial Litigation Associate (Chicago)

Stacey Lewis, Commercial Litigation Attorney (Atlanta)

Anthony Orlor, Intellectual Property Counsel (LA-Century City)

Anna Palmer, Commercial Litigation Partner (Atlanta)

Dan Schwartz, Intellectual Property Partner (Chicago)