

Seyfarth Shaw's Steven Pearlman and Rebecca Woods Named 2012 "Rising Stars" by *Law360*

CHICAGO and WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 2, 2012) - Seyfarth Shaw LLP is proud to announce that Chicago office Labor & Employment partner Steven Pearlman and Washington, D.C. office Commercial Litigation partner Rebecca Woods were named to *Law360*'s 2012 Rising Stars list. The winners were individually profiled in the publication over a series of weeks, and both Pearlman and Woods were selected as one of five attorneys in the nation in their respective categories.

In his profile in the Employment category, Pearlman spoke of Seyfarth's Sarbanes-Oxley Whistleblower Team, which he co-chairs, and notes that the firm "really invested" in his vision for the specialty group, with now more than 50 members. He also discussed complex cases he has won for his clients, provided advice for younger lawyers and stressed that, "While winning is absolutely critical, it's important to keep in sight the client's business objectives," and to "be prepared more than anyone else in the room, and far surpass...expectations to gain...trust."

Joel Kaplan, a senior partner at Seyfarth, remarked of Pearlman, "Put to one side that he's very smart, it's his grit and determination that truly sets him aside. You give Steve a case or a matter and you know to a certainty that no one on earth is going to do a better job, will have thought through the issues more or will put in the time and energy to make sure of a positive outcome."

In the Insurance category, Rebecca Woods was highlighted for work successfully representing diverse clients in a wide variety of insurance disputes, "making her a sought-after advocate for clients." Woods' love for working in the insurance litigation arena is largely due to the opportunities to learn about several subject matters, including "everything from Jewish burial rites to disposal of arsenic in the 1950s."

Woods, a first chair litigator on the majority of her cases and a Six Sigma Greenbelt, "is known for her efficiency." Said Woods, "I'm not interested in being a billing machine. I'm interested in doing high-quality work for our clients that gets them what they need."

The 2012 Rising Stars honor attorneys under the age of 40 whose "accomplishments in major litigation or transactions belie their age." This year, *Law360* received more than 1,000 submissions for its Rising Stars series, and they were reviewed by a team of eight editors. Winners were selected based on the strength of their accomplishments in their respective practice groups over the course of their careers.

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