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McNees Attorney Appointed to Pinnacle Health Auxiliary Board of Directors



Harrisburg, Pa. – (December 26, 2017) McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC Attorney Alexandra Ableitner has been appointed to the Board of Directors for the Pinnacle Health Auxiliary as a board member and parliamentarian. She was recommended by Chris Markley, General Counsel for Pinnacle and appointed to the indefinite term by the Auxiliary President Amy Huck.

Alex's practice focuses on contracts and regulatory guidance. She works with companies to reach their goals by managing governance documents, assisting with mergers and acquisitions, and staying up-to-date on ever-changing healthcare and food law regulations.

Prior to joining the firm, Alex worked in-house for Penn National Insurance and interned for the international legal department of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., as well as Tyson Foods, Inc..

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Kandice Hull Named Chair of McNees' Litigation Group



Harrisburg, Pa. – (January 2, 2018) McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC Attorney Kandice Kerwin Hull succeeds Jim DeAngelo as the Chair of the Litigation Group effective January 1, 2018, the firm recently announced.

“We are fortunate to have an attorney of Kandice’s experience and dedication to lead the Litigation Practice Group in our rapidly changing industry,” said McNees Wallace & Nurick Chairman David M. Kleppinger. “She is one of the Firm’s next generation of leaders who will build upon the foundations of her predecessors with her commitment to serving our clients, our profession, and our community.”

Within the Litigation Group, Kandice also leads the Eminent Domain Practice, as well as the Appellate & Post Trial Practice Group. She is part of the Pipeline and Oil/Gas Infrastructure Groups. She focuses her practice on the representation of clients in complex commercial litigation in business disputes. She has particular experience in real property litigation, including eminent domain matters and oil and gas related real property disputes. Kandice handles both federal and state claims, and has represented clients in cases involving breach of contract claims, quiet title actions, and land use disputes, among others. She is a respected litigator and a fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America.

Kandice regularly counsels both condemnors and condemnees in eminent domain matters. She has experience defending private property owners in both federal and state condemnation actions. She has successfully secured the constitutional guarantee of payment of just compensation for the taking of the property and damages to the remainder property caused by condemnation. Kandice has additionally assisted clients in asserting inverse condemnation claims where the condemning authority’s activities resulted in a taking of private property without formal condemnation proceedings. On the other side of such matters, Kandice has experience asserting the rights of public entities under the Eminent Domain Code and the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law, including, among others, the right of public utilities related to Marcellus Shale infrastructure projects.

Kandice has experience in the appellate courts, representing individuals, businesses and trade organizations in matters before the Pennsylvania Supreme, Superior, and Commonwealth Courts and consulting on matters proceeding to appellate litigation. Kandice previously served as a law clerk to the Honorable Thomas G. Saylor, now the Chief Justice of Pennsylvania.



Kandice is active in ALFA International; the global legal network of which McNees is a member and can connect McNees' clients to attorneys around the world. Kandice also served for many years as the firm's pro bono coordinator, and is actively involved in a variety of pro bono initiatives, individually, and on behalf of McNees. She was the Dauphin County Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year in 2011.

A summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa graduate with a B.A. from Franklin & Marshall College, Kandice received her J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law.

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Shawn Leppo to Co-chair McNees' Intellectual Property Group



Harrisburg, Pa. – (January 2, 2018) McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC Attorney Shawn K. Leppo will succeed Bruce Wolstoncroft as Co-Chair of the Intellectual Property Group effective January 1, 2018 joining Michael Doctrow in that role.

“As we transition to our next generation of firm leaders, Shawn’s intense dedication and extensive experience will enhance our Client service and the Firm’s success,” McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC Chairman David M. Kleppinger said. “His thorough understanding of technology and unparalleled service to our clients will expand upon the long-standing success of our Intellectual Property Group.”

He practices in the Intellectual Property, Patent Division, and International Law Groups in the Harrisburg, PA office. His practice includes all aspects of intellectual property law, with a focus on patent counseling and litigation.

Shawn has been named a Rising Star three times by Pennsylvania Super Lawyers. He is a member of the American Intellectual Property Law Association and the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. He also is a board member of CREDC (Capital Region Economic Development Corporation), New Birth of Freedom Council of the Boy Scouts of America and St. Stephen’s Episcopal School.

Shawn regularly speaks and writes on patent law and other intellectual property topics of interest and his work has been featured in publications by the PA Legal Intelligencer, JD Supra, and the American Corporate Counsel Association.

He earned his J.D. from William & Mary Law School and was a member of the Order of the Coif. He graduated from The Pennsylvania State University with B.S. in Chemical Engineering and lives in York Springs with his wife and sons.

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Gierasch to Co-chair Corporate and Tax Practice Group



Harrisburg, Pa. – (January 2, 2018) McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC Attorney Stephen Gierasch will succeed Brad Gunnison as Co-Chair of the Corporate & Tax Group effective January 1, 2018 and will be collaborating with Tim Finnerty to lead the practice group.

“Steve’s extensive experience in his mergers and acquisitions practice perfectly situates him to further the success of our Corporate & Tax Group,” said David M. Kleppinger, McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC Chairman. “As we transition to the firm’s next generation of leaders, Steve’s dedication to our clients, our community and our profession will uphold the firm’s long-standing position as a legal industry leader.”

Steve is an experienced mergers and acquisitions attorney and trusted legal advisor to businesses and executives throughout Pennsylvania and beyond. In 2015, The Best Lawyers in America named Steve the “Corporate Lawyer of the Year” in Central Pennsylvania.

As a trusted lawyer, Steve often serves as primary outside general counsel to those companies with limited or no in-house legal capabilities. In doing so, Steve works with businesses to set legal strategy for their arrangements involving customers, vendors, strategic partners, employees and owners. In this “outside general counsel” practice, Steve marries sharp legal acumen with pragmatism, and all with a focus on achieving a client’s desired objectives and outcomes.

As a leading mergers and acquisitions attorney, Steve has successfully led numerous clients through mergers and acquisitions, sales and other strategic ventures – whether as lead attorney for sellers, buyers and investors or as local counsel for publicly-traded companies acquiring Pennsylvania-based businesses. In the Pennsylvania corporate M&A community, Steve is widely-regarded as a “deal maker” who combines a keen sense of client objectives with an instinct for finding compromise, all with the aim of getting deals done.

As an active lawyer in the Harrisburg, PA community, Steve is a member of the Whitaker Center’s Board of Directors, the Alliance of Merger & Acquisition Advisors® Central Pennsylvania Board, and Junior Achievement’s Harrisburg Regional Board. In addition, since 2014, Steve has been a member of Vistage.

Steve earned his J.D at The Penn State Dickinson School of Law, and has a B.A. from Bucknell University.

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Jonathan Andrews named Co-Chair of McNees' Real Estate Practice



Harrisburg, Pa. – (January 2, 2018) McNees Wallace and Nurick LLC Attorney Jonathan D. Andrews joins Steve Weingarten as co-chair of the firm's Real Estate Group effective January 1, 2018.

“As we transition to our next generation of Firm leaders, Jon will build upon the long-term success of our Real Estate Practice,” said David M. Kleppinger, Chairman of McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC. “His command of his practice and his service to our Clients position him exceedingly well to absorb these additional responsibilities in ways which will enhance our Client service and our Firm's success.”

He practices in the Real Estate, Eminent Domain and Pipeline and Oil/Gas Infrastructure Groups. Jon practices in the area of land use law, working on a variety of zoning and land development matters. He represents commercial and residential developers, members of the energy, telecommunications, and gaming industries, institutions of higher education, and other landowners in a variety of matters before municipal planning commissions, governing bodies and zoning hearing boards.

Jon's work includes all forms of zoning relief, including special exceptions and conditional uses. Jon also advises clients on requests for zoning amendments and challenges to existing ordinances. He also works on storm water management and transportation matters that arise during the land development approval process. Jon's practice includes a focus on local regulation of natural gas development and the energy industry in Pennsylvania. Jon is a regular speaker and presenter on this topic.

He also is a certified instructor for the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Education Institute. In that role, he instructs planning commission members, zoning officers, and other municipal officials on zoning, subdivision and land development matters.

Jon graduated with distinction from The Pennsylvania State University with a B.A., and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Jon earned his J.D. at The Dickinson School of Law of The Pennsylvania State University and was a member of the Woolsack Honor Society.

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