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Zarwin Baum Welcomes New Attorney Milan K. Mrkobrad

Zarwin Baum DeVito Kaplan Schaer Toddy, P.C. is pleased to announce the addition of attorney Milan K. Mrkobrad to the firm's Casualty Defense Department. His practice will focus on insurance defense litigation.

Milan boasts experience in a wide variety of insurance areas including corporate, government and private sectors. He previously ran the Regulatory Compliance Department for Lincoln General Insurance Company for its Pennsylvania office. In this capacity, Milan handled the drafting of all of the contracts for the company; the market conduct reviews; and the non-claim litigation for the company. With Nationwide Insurance Company, he served as the managing attorney for the Pennsylvania region, giving advice to the claims operation on all lines of coverage, as well having the lead responsibility for over 500 bad faith claims and 19 class actions.

As it relates to government, Milan was the Chief Counsel for the Medical Professional Liability Catastrophe Loss Fund (predecessor to the MCare Fund). In this position, he was responsible for multiple facets of the operation of the Fund including compliance of the healthcare providers, the claims committee, and administrative hearings involving the agency. Milan was also responsible for the assignment of counsel on Section 605 claims, the drafting of regulations, and the lead responsibility for litigations against the Fund. Milan's previous private sector experience includes working for law firms in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh handling a wide range of litigation, including medical malpractice, bad faith, property-casualty, workers' compensation, and transactional matters. He was heavily involved in the case examining "household exclusion" (*Eichelman v. Nationwide Insurance Company*), which eventually found its way to the PA Supreme Court.

What's more, Milan has been a part of the creation of data bank repositories, published and spoken at PBA seminars and to various healthcare provider groups, and was part of a senior management team on a start-up venture.

For Zarwin Baum, Milan brings a valued understanding of insurance litigation and transactional law far beyond the standard insurance defense attorney. With a professional background that crosses different sectors, he is able to deal with such legal matters as coverage analysis, contracts, drafting of policies, bad faith, class actions, trucking, Dram Shop, medical malpractice, and property-casualty. He also has a greater understanding of the needs of the insurance company client as he has seen the practice of law from many different facets throughout his career.

Milan graduated law school from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. He is currently a member of the Dauphin County Bar Association and the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

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PA Senator Lawrence Farnese Joins Zarwin Baum

Zarwin Baum DeVito Kaplan Schaer & Toddy, P.C. is pleased to announce that Pennsylvania State Senator Lawrence Farnese will be joining the firm as Of Counsel. Elected to the Senate in 2008, Senator Farnese represents Pennsylvania's First Senatorial District, located in Philadelphia County and comprised of Port Richmond, Fairmount, and areas of Center City and South Philadelphia. As a reformer, he focuses on legislation and policy initiatives in the areas of public safety, economic development and job creation.

Most known for his legislative initiatives and community partnerships with organizations like CeaseFire PA, Senator Farnese has introduced legislation to reduce gun violence and supported continued funding of the Gun Violence Task Force to combat purchases of illegal handguns. Additionally, he has obtained state funding to help restore the Philadelphia Police Mounted Unit and works closely with local officials and community leaders to improve oversight of neighborhood nuisance bars.

Senator Farnese has worked to expand Philadelphia's ports and is a supporter of Delaware River dredging. Also to his credit, Senator Farnese has introduced legislation to extend Philadelphia's property tax abatement program in blighted areas and successfully led the fight to defeat proposed taxes on the arts and professional services. He has sponsored bipartisan legislation to enact campaign finance contribution limits and initiatives to end to pay-to-play contributions by companies doing business with the State.

"We are delighted Senator Farnese has joined our Firm" says Gary A. DeVito, Chairman of the Commercial Department. "Senator Farnese is such a strong and positive influence in our community and he uses his unremitting energy to promote programs and legislation beneficial to the citizens of Philadelphia and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In doing so, Senator Farnese continues to establish himself as a leader not just locally, but state-wide."

"Zarwin Baum DeVito Kaplan Schaer & Toddy, P.C. is one of Philadelphia's leading law firms and so I'm honored to not only join their legal team, but to join a firm that has established itself as an organization that is dedicated to some of our region's most important charitable causes like Philabundance, Easter Seals and the Ronald McDonald House," said State Senator Larry Farnese (D-Philadelphia).

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Zarwin Baum DeVito Kaplan Schaer Toddy, P.C., Welcomes Attorney Stephen G. Pollock

Zarwin Baum DeVito Kaplan Schaer Toddy, P.C. is proud to add shareholder Stephen G. Pollock to the growing roster of attorneys at the firm's Philadelphia office. Boasting 37 years of legal experience and a 2009 run for Judge of the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, Pollock's practice will concentrate on real estate with a key focus on zoning, land use and development, and commercial and real estate litigation.

For more than twenty years, Pollock served as a member and Chairman of the Lower Moreland Township Planning Commission and then went on to serve as a member and Chairman of the Lower Moreland Township Zoning Hearing Board. He also served on the transition teams for the past three Mayors of the City of Philadelphia. In 2009, Pollock ran for Judge of the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, for which he received a "Recommended" rating from the Pennsylvania Bar Association and was endorsed by The Philadelphia Inquirer.

Currently, Pollock is serving his second term as a Member of the Pennsylvania State Planning Board. As the former chair of the Real Property Section of the Philadelphia Bar Association, he now serves as a co-chair of its Zoning and Land Use Committee. From 1993-2003, Pollock was co-editor of the 'Blue Book' version of the Philadelphia Zoning Code. Prior to the advent of online and more recent services, this document served as the only zoning code resource.

Pollock is rated AV Preeminent as a peer review rating by Lexis-Nexis/Martindale and Hubbell. He is a frequent lecturer for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute on land use and zoning issues.

"We are excited to welcome Stephen Pollock to our team," says Gary A. DeVito, Chairman of Zarwin Baum's Commercial Department. "The addition of Stephen greatly enhances our practice group, as he is one of the region's preeminent land use/zoning attorneys."

Pollock received his B.A. from Muhlenberg College in 1972, and went on the graduate from Temple Law School in 1975.

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