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## TRIO OF PATENT LITIGATORS JOIN STEP TOE IN CHICAGO

Step toe welcomed three patent litigators to the firm's Chicago office in August, expanding Step toe's national intellectual property litigation practice. Meredith "Mimi" Martin Addy, Thomas Filarski and Mark Remus joined as partners, and Mimi will serve as the managing partner of the Chicago office. The group has significant experience representing pharmaceutical companies and other clients in patent litigation in both district court and on the appellate level.

Mimi is recognized as a leading appellate lawyer and is noted for her work on



(Left to right) Mark Remus, Meredith "Mimi" Martin Addy, and Thomas Filarski

complex technological matters. Her clients include high-profile companies in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, software and high-tech industries. Active in the IP bar and ranked in the top tier of IP lawyers by numerous directories, Mimi serves on the Federal Circuit Advisory Council, the board of directors for the Federal Circuit Bar Association, has chaired the Amicus Committee of the American Intellectual Property Association, and founded and served as the first president of the Richard Linn American Inn of Court.

Tom has significant trial experience and is highly regarded among the IP bar. He's also been recognized as a leading IP lawyer in industry publications and directories. Tom recently began service as the president of the Licensing Executives Society (USA/Canada), an esteemed organization engaged in the transfer and use of IP.

Mark represents clients in complex litigation matters across a range of technologies, including the pharmaceutical, electrical, chemical and

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## BIG WINS & DEALS

### \$60M FINRA AWARD

A FINRA panel awarded \$60 million in damages and interest to a Steptoe client, Aurum STS Aggressive Trading LLC. The award was issued following a hearing held in San Francisco between April and July 2011. The arbitration involved a dispute over how to value a complex derivative financial instrument which Société Générale sold to Aurum in 2003. The derivative instrument, marketed by Société Générale as a tax-advantaged "warrant," matured in the fall of 2008 in the midst of a major securities market

collapse. The trial involved extensive fact and expert testimony about the terms of the agreement between the parties, and the formula for determining the "settlement amount" owed by Société Générale to Aurum when the warrants matured.

Mike Miller (NY) led the Steptoe team, which included Noah Phillips and Jeff Theodore (DC), Alejandro Rosenberg (NY), and Deanna Cook (DC). *The Am Law Litigation Daily* named Mike "Litigator of the Week" for this case.

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mechanical arts. He has been named a Rising Star by Illinois Super Lawyers three times, was recognized in Law Bulletin's "Forty Illinois Attorneys Under 40 to Watch" in 2006, and has lectured at several law schools.

"We're excited to add this group of talented lawyers to our team, our IP capability in Chicago and across the map have been enhanced significantly," said Roger E. Warin, chair of Steptoe.

In its early years the firm's Chicago office focused principally on commercial litigation and insurance and reinsurance, and was particularly active in FINRA arbitrations, as well as employee raiding, insurance bad faith, and bankruptcy cases. Those areas continue to be very active, along with the growing patents-trademark capabilities of the firm.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

**David Barlow** is nominated to be the Utah US Attorney. He's currently an aide to Sen. Michael Lee, serving as the general counsel and chief counsel, Judiciary Committee. He was a summer associate in Steptoe's Phoenix office in 1997.



The Internal Revenue Service appointed **Victoria A. Judson** to the position of Division Counsel/Associate Chief Counsel for Tax Exempt and Government Entities. She was of counsel in the firm's Washington office from 2001-2011.



**Ahsen Khan** is now with the US Patent and Trademark Office. He was an associate in the Washington office from 2010-2011.

**Stavros Lambrinidis** was appointed the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece and took office in June 2011. He had previously held senior positions in the European Parliament, including as Vice-President of the European Parliament's Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee, of which he is still an active member. Stavros was a summer associate in the Washington office in 1987.

**Stefania Shamet (Daliani)** is an attorney for the Environmental Protection Agency and received the Edward T. "Red" Heinen Wetlands Award, EPA's most prestigious national award recognizing superior work to protect wetlands. She was an associate in the Energy and Transportation practices in Washington from 1991-1995.

**Whitney Winston** is an investigative attorney in the US International Trade Commission's Office of Unfair Import Investigations. He was of counsel in the Washington office from 2006-2011.



## IN LOVING MEMORY

### HENRY C. "IKE" IKENBERRY JR.

Henry C. "Ike" Ikenberry Jr., 91, passed on June 1 at his home in Chevy Chase, MD, of cardiovascular disease. Ike was a native of Cloverdale, Va., near Roanoke, and graduated from Bridgewater College, in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. He earned his law degree from the University of Virginia law school, where he was Order of the Coif and an associate editor of the law review. During World War II, he served in the Navy in the Pacific and participated in the Philippine and Okinawa campaigns.

Ike joined Steptoe in the fall of 1947 as one of the first members in the Washington office and remained at the firm his entire career. He served Steptoe in many capacities including chair of the executive committee and head of the corporate practice. He retired in 1986. Ike also served as a member of the board of directors of First American Bank and other corporations, and he was a trustee of Mary Baldwin College.

Ike is survived by his wife of 67 years, Margaret Henry Ikenberry of Chevy Chase and Easton, MD; two daughters, Cathy Fawell of Washington, DC, and Peggy Rauck of Daleville, VA; a sister; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

### MAIJA S. BLAUBERGS

Maija was a former associate in Steptoe's Washington office from 1985-1992, where she centered her practice on litigation and regulation in the transportation industry. She earned her law degree from the University of Georgia and was Order of the Coif and articles editor for the *Georgia Journal of International and Comparative Law*. She received a Ph.D. and M.A. from the University of California and a B.A. from the University of Toronto.



### PRECEDENT-SETTING VICTORY FOR CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

Step toe won a precedent-setting victory at the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (CAFC) in April when the court affirmed a judgment of the Court of International Trade (CIT) in favor of the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB). The CAFC decision means that the CWB will be refunded all estimated duties paid on its exports of wheat to the United States pursuant to antidumping and countervailing duty orders the firm successfully invalidated in 2005. The US Commerce Department took the position that it was required to keep the duties because the CWB had prevailed before a NAFTA bi-national panel rather than the CIT. Characterizing the US government's position as "bizarre," "unfair" and "arbitrary," the CAFC ruled that the United States must refund all estimated duties paid under the invalid orders regardless of the venue chosen to appeal them. Steptoe previously had prevailed on the same issue before a three-judge panel of the CIT in 2006, only to have the decision become moot shortly after its issuance. In that case, which involved imports of softwood lumber, the US Commerce Department had refused to refund more than \$4 billion in duties on the basis of the same legal theory struck down by the CAFC. The CAFC decision will thus prevent a similar arbitrary refusal to provide refunds in the future. The CAFC decision is the culmination of nearly a decade of work by many members of Steptoe's International Trade Group. Mark Moran led the Steptoe team, which included Sheldon Hochberg, Matthew Yeo, Alice Kipel, Jamie Beaber, and George Grandison (DC), with an honorable mention to former Steptoe partner (now Superior Court Judge) Tony Epstein.

### WIN FOR US AIRWAYS IN ARBITRATION AGAINST FORMER LEHMAN EMPLOYEES

Following 17 days of evidentiary hearings in New York City, a three-member panel unanimously ruled in favor of Steptoe client US Airways in an arbitration before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) on May 27. The panel awarded US Airways \$15 million

in damages against three former employees of Lehman Brothers, Inc. based on Lehman's sale of private placement, auction rate securities (ARS) to US Airways in 2006 and 2007. US Airways claimed that these ARS were unsuitable investments for its cash portfolio. This ruling is believed to be one of the first FINRA awards issued in favor of a corporate client based on the sale of ARS by former Lehman employees. US Airways continues to pursue its claim against the bankruptcy estates of Lehman Brothers, Inc. (the broker-dealer) and Lehman Brothers Holding, Inc. (the parent company) and will pursue enforcement of the award against these individuals in court. Steve Davidson led the Steptoe team, supported by Michael Baratz, Molly Bruder, Eric Lipton, and Emily Nestler (DC).

### L-1 IDENTITY SOLUTIONS CLOSES \$1.6 BILLION DEAL

A Steptoe corporate team led by Scott Katzman (DC) and Mike Rennock (NY) represented the Special Committee of the Board of Directors of L-1 Identity Solutions, Inc. (NYSE:ID), a personal identity and assets security provider, in connection with L-1's sale to Safran SA and BAE Systems, Inc. for approximately \$1.6 billion. As part of the transaction, BAE Systems acquired the stock and membership interests of the entities comprising L-1's Intelligence Services Businesses and Safran acquired the remainder of L-1 (a public company). The Special Committee reviewed and analyzed the proposed transactions, as well as other strategic alternatives, over the course of several months beginning in May 2010, based in part on information provided by L-1's financial advisors and special counsel for the transaction. The deal also required clearance from US Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), which delayed the closing of the sale for several months.

### SUCCESS FOR DEBIT CARD FEE REFORM LEGISLATION

Steptoe's Government Affairs and Public Policy team was instrumental in defeating an amendment in the US Senate that would have undone debit card swipe fee reform. The amendment, voted on by the Senate on June 8, sought to



delay and re-write reform measures passed last year in the Durbin amendment to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act. Swipe fee reform is a top legislative priority for clients the National Association of Convenience Stores and the Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America, and for the retail community at large. The Steptoe team, which has worked intensively on the issue for several years, was led by Doug Kantor and included Tim Columbus, Leslie Belcher, Jessica Friend, Rhonda Bolton, Lisa Waltzman, Bob Maloney, Dave Fialkov, and Kate Jensen (DC).

### STEPTOE PREVAILS AT SEVENTH CIRCUIT IN BANKRUPTCY CASE

On July 26, Steptoe won a significant victory in the US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit for the purchasers of substantially all of the assets of Chicago-based suit maker Hartmarx Corporation through the company's Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Steptoe's clients sought to have assigned to them a services agreement associated with a trademarked apparel company, JAG Jeans. The counter-party to the services agreement, Western Glove Works, asserted that the agreement was actually a trademark license that could not be assigned to the purchaser without its consent, and it would not consent. After the Bankruptcy Court sided with Western Glove Works, Steptoe appealed that decision to the US District Court and prevailed. Western Glove Works then appealed to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, where Steptoe successfully argued that the services agreement was not a trademark license and, thus, it was freely assignable through the acquisition. The appeal brought to the forefront contract interpretation issues critical to the distinction between trademark licenses and services agreements in the industry that had not previously been determined by the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. The Steptoe team was led by partner Robbin Itkin, Katherine Piper (CC), and Steve O'Donnell (Chi). Assisting them were Michael Allan and Rachel Hofstatter (DC).

### COURT GRANTS ACCESS TO SCHOOL RECORDS OF JARED LOUGHNER

David Bodney and Peter Kozinets (Phx), representing Phoenix Newspapers, Inc., won another victory for public access to materials relating to the January Tucson shootings that killed six people and injured Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. Litigating on behalf of *The Arizona Republic*, David and Peter secured "special action" relief against Pima Community College upholding the newspaper's right to inspect more than 250 e-mail records that the college had been withholding on the basis of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. The trial judge ordered the college to produce all e-mails and to provide a privilege log and explain why it has withheld additional records relating to alleged assailant Jared Loughner from public inspection.

### STEPTOE WORKS ON JOINT VENTURE AND DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENTS FOR KATE SPADE CHINA

Steptoe recently represented E.Land Group, a \$6.2 billion Korean fashion conglomerate, in developing joint venture and distribution agreements with Kate Spade New York to distribute and sell Kate Spade-branded products in mainland China. The China joint venture company plans to develop nearly 300 retail stores and shop-in-shops by 2020. The Steptoe team was led by Grace Parke Fremlin (DC) and Mike Heimbold (CC), with support from Susan Munro, Henry Chen (Beijing), and Emma Park (DC). E.Land has also asked Steptoe to represent it in an additional joint venture in China involving Juicy Couture.



### STEPTOE SECURES TRADEMARK VICTORY FOR BREITLING WATCHES IN DISPUTE OVER RED GOLD

Steptoe successfully represented Breitling Watches in a trademark dispute over the term "Red Gold" in US District Court for the Central District of California. In an order handed down on July 19, the court dismissed a lawsuit filed by Los Angeles-based watch and jewelry designer and self-proclaimed "King of Bling" Chris Aire, president of Solid 21, Inc., who claimed trademark infringement, unfair competition, false description, and injunctive and declaratory relief. Mr. Aire and Solid 21 filed suit in September 2010 against 15 major watch brands he claimed infringed his Red Gold® mark that had been deemed incontestable by the US Patent and Trademark Office. Breitling has marketed and advertised its "Navitimer Montbrillant Datora Red Gold 2" and "Montbrillant Datora Red Gold" watches since 2007. In moving to dismiss the case against Breitling, Mike Heimbold (CC) argued that red gold, which is created when copper is added to yellow gold, has been produced for centuries. He also claimed that the Red Gold® mark was a generic mark and therefore not protected. The court agreed, invalidating plaintiff's Red Gold trademark and bringing an end to all 15 lawsuits brought by Solid 21. Dylan Ruga (CC) assisted on this matter.

### VICTORY FOR LENDER IN ARIZONA

Acting on behalf of mezzanine lender Diversified Funding Group LLC, the firm won a \$17.7 million judgment on breach of contract and guaranty claims against Rightpath Development Group and its principals, Robert Banovac and Danny Hendon, in April. Rightpath failed to carry through

on its commitment to develop a large commercial and retail project across the street from the Arizona Cardinals stadium, the tax proceeds from which were to have retired the bonds used to build the Dodger and White Sox spring training stadium. The related fraud claims were severed for later consideration. The client is being represented by Frank Burke (CC/Phx) and Michella Kras (Phx).

### STEPTOE ADVISES ON STRATOS ACQUISITION OF BLUE OCEAN WIRELESS

Steptoe advised longstanding client Stratos, the leading global provider of advanced mobile and fixed-site remote communications, on its purchase of most of the operational assets of Blue Ocean Wireless Ltd., a provider of shipboard GSM services that enable crewmembers to use their personal GSM phones to communicate with family and friends. London attorneys Andrew Bloom (corporate), Alison Wallace (employment), Kassim Meghjee (tax), Maury Shenk (technology), and Chris Gibson (IP) worked on the matter, with assistance from Rachel Hofstatter in DC on certain post-closing filings.

### APPELLATE WIN FOR CALPERS

In June, California's Second District Court of Appeal upheld the Los Angeles Superior Court's 2009 ruling not to certify a proposed class of 391,000 retirees who received a California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) mailing with their Social Security numbers printed on the address labels. The representative plaintiffs asserted the mailing increased the retirees' risk of identity theft and sought credit monitoring and \$950 million in statutory penalties on their behalf. The appellate court agreed that the representatives—who admitted that they had rejected CalPERS' offer of a year's worth of free credit monitoring and conceded they did not want credit monitoring for themselves—were not typical of the class they sought to represent. Ed Gregory, Jason Levin, and Sheri Cheung continue to represent CalPERS on this matter, with Don Wellington (LA) coordinating Steptoe's overall efforts.



### EEOC VICTORY IN PHOENIX

A Steptoe team persuaded the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to overturn a preliminary cause finding of systemic age discrimination against a Phoenix-based client this summer. In late April, the EEOC informed the client that it planned to issue a finding of age discrimination in a charge filed by a former employee, based in part on the testimony of several other former employees who also alleged that they had suffered discrimination based on age. Stephanie Quincy, Beth Call, and Lindsay Taylor (Phx) worked with the client to investigate and prepare a rebuttal to the EEOC's findings. In July, the EEOC dismissed the charge and issued a 90-day right to sue notice to the charging party, thus barring the EEOC from bringing a class action against the client.

### STEPTOE WINS DISMISSAL FOR TWO KOREAN CLIENTS

In July, Steptoe won the dismissal of a \$40 million business tort case in federal court in Casper, WY, for two Korean clients: Skylake Incuvest, Ltd., a technology hedge fund, and Changdahm Learning, Inc., an English language program provider. The plaintiff, Eleutian Technology, Inc., of Casper, WY, sued its Korean joint venture partners for business disparagement and tortious interference with economic relations stemming from the break-up of the joint venture. Steptoe moved to dismiss for lack of personal jurisdiction, and the court granted this motion. The case was handled by John Lovi (NY).

### MAKER OF NALGENE PRODUCTS DEFEAT MULTISTATE CLASS CERTIFICATION

In July, acting for client Nalge Nunc International Corporation, a group of Steptoe attorneys defeated a motion for multistate class certification in the In re BPA multidistrict litigation pending in Kansas City, MO. Nalge Nunc, makers of popular Nalgene products, previously sold plastic sports bottles made from polycarbonate, a type of plastic made from the chemical BPA. The use of polycarbonate in bottles was approved and deemed safe by the FDA, but plaintiffs alleged there is a scientific controversy over whether BPA poses health risks to consumers, leading plaintiffs to contend that the bottles should have been sold with warning labels. Steptoe's team included Jason Levin, Jennifer Bonneville, and Larry Riff (LA).

## STEPTOE'S PRO BONO CHAMPION

### *James Rocap III is honored by The National Law Journal*

*The National Law Journal* named James Rocap III to its fourth annual "Champions & Visionaries" list, which recognizes attorneys for work that has helped advance the practice of law in Washington, DC. Jim was selected in the "Champions" category—those who have upheld the profession's core values through public service, pro bono efforts, and advocacy for civil liberties.

As chair of Steptoe's Public Service Committee, Jim oversees the firm's pro bono program and reviews and approves every pro bono matter in the firm before Steptoe undertakes the representation. For more than a decade, he has been a volunteer with the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless (WLCH). Each month, Jim meets with individuals at the WLCH's intake site at Miriam's Kitchen and takes on the representation of those who need legal assistance, many of whom have significant mental health problems. Through Jim's direct efforts, Steptoe has officially adopted the Miriam's Kitchen site. Many partners, associates and paralegals have joined Jim in this work, and together they spent more than 2000 hours assisting individuals through the WLCH in 2010. Jim personally has helped 16 different clients, in addition to his work on WLCH intake, board service, and his fundraising activities on behalf of the WLCH and the District of Columbia Access to Justice Commission—not to mention the demands of his insurance litigation caseload.

When Jim arrived at Steptoe, the firm had been without an active capital punishment case for well over a dozen years. With his encouragement and guidance, Steptoe has since accepted several representations of clients on death row, including Jim's recent heavily reported defense of Teresa Lewis, who was convicted of hiring two men to kill her husband and stepson.

Few cases have done so much to raise public awareness of



the injustice of the death penalty as that of Teresa Lewis. On September 23, 2010, the Commonwealth of Virginia executed her by lethal injection. She was only the 12th woman to be executed in the United States since 1976 and the first in Virginia in nearly a century. Many who supported her decried the stark unfairness of her sentence: she was not the triggerman, and post-sentencing evidence showed that she was borderline mentally retarded, suffered from dependent personality disorder, was addicted to prescription drugs, and was the pawn of the self-professed mastermind of the crime.

None of these facts were brought to light until Jim took on the case in 2004 after her unsuccessful direct appeals. For six years, he led a team of attorneys and investigators through many long hours uncovering and assembling the new pieces of evidence for her state and federal habeas petitions and eventually for her clemency petition.

Throughout these years, Jim also continued to assist in the representation of another death row client in Mississippi, whom he had kept alive for more than a quarter century.

In *The National Law Journal's* June 27 profile, Jim acknowledged the emotional toll death penalty cases take on an attorney, saying, "Originally, I took on these cases because I just wanted to be sure [death row inmates received high quality representation]. These are people facing the most serious thing that can happen to them. They deserve a chance. But after they killed Teresa, I now believe our system is broken in a very bad way."

*The National Law Journal* also interviewed Robert Lee, executive director of the Virginia Capital Representation Resource Center, who worked with Jim on the Lewis case. "Jim takes these cases as if they were retained clients...he won't compromise on the quality of that representation."

## PRO BONO NEWS

### RECENT VICTORIES

#### *Immigration Win for Five-year-old Orphan*

Steptoe achieved an important result for an immigration client this spring. Lynda Zengerle (DC) was retained to represent a five-year-old boy whose parents were brutally murdered by extortionists in Guatemala. The boy's older siblings were living in California, but he had no way to enter the United States without special intervention. On May 26, he was granted "humanitarian parole." The USCIS adjudicated the application on the boy's behalf in less than two weeks, an exceptionally fast result.

#### *Political Asylum for Mongolian Student Activist*

In May, Steptoe obtained political asylum for Narangoo Batsaihan, leader of the student organization at her university in Mongolia. In January 2006, members of the student organization participated in a peaceful rally opposing the party in power in the national government and its decision to raise transportation fares. As a result, Ms. Batsaihan was arrested, beaten, and severely injured. She attempted to participate in another rally, but was again arrested, beaten, and raped. When she contacted the local newspaper to tell her story, she received menacing phone

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calls and an explicit death threat. Dressed in her brother's clothes, she fled Mongolia to China and obtained entry to the United States under a false passport. In May 2011, the court granted her asylum after hearing her testimony and reviewing the pre-hearing brief and supporting exhibits. Working on the case were Christian Pearson, Larry Katzman, Joel Kaufman (DC), and Anthony Rapa (UK).

### HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Jennifer Bonneville (LA) was named volunteer of the month by the LA Bar Association's Domestic Violence Project for her representation of a woman who survived brutal attacks by her husband who beat her and choked her on numerous occasions and ultimately shot her in the head at point blank range in broad daylight.

The Washington Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights

and Urban Affairs honored Steptoe at the annual Wiley A. Branton Awards ceremony on June 16. The firm was recognized for its representation of Johnny Dawson in a lawsuit against Hope Village, Inc., a Residential Reentry Center (halfway house) in Washington, DC. Mr. Dawson was eligible for halfway house placement during the last six months of his prison sentence but—despite his initial acceptance to Hope Village—alleged he was denied entry because he is blind. As a result, Mr. Dawson was deprived of Hope Village's services which would have helped him reintegrate into society. Hope Village disputed Mr. Dawson's allegations and after a year and a half of litigation, Mr. Dawson defeated Hope Village's summary judgment motion. Mr. Dawson ultimately came to a negotiated settlement with Hope Village prior to trial. Frank Winston, Suzanne Reider, David Crane, and Jared Butcher (DC) provided support for this matter.

## HONORS

- Five of Steptoe's arbitration cases were featured in *The American Lawyer's Focus Europe* ranking of top arbitration cases. The Arbitration Scorecard, published on July 1, ranked the top 65 cases from the past two years.
- *The National Law Journal* profiled Reid Weingarten (DC) in the publication's annual "Winning" feature, recognizing attorneys with a track record of success over many years and a recent significant win. Reid, a partner in Steptoe's White-Collar Criminal Defense Group, was selected for securing a full acquittal mid-trial for former GSK associate general counsel Lauren Stevens, who was charged with six counts of obstruction and making false statements in a Food and Drug Administration investigation into the off-label promotion of the anti-depressant Wellbutrin SR. Reid also was named as *The Am Law Litigation Daily's* "Litigator of the Week" for this case.
- Rich Verma (DC), former US Assistant Secretary of State, received the Pioneer Award from the North American South Asian Bar Association for his years of service and hard work as a "trailblazing" Indian American attorney.
- Jeff Weiner (CC) was named a 2011 recipient of the Burton Award's "Distinguished Law Firm" award, dedicated to rewarding effective legal writing. Jeff, who practices in the firm's Corporate, Securities & Finance Group, was recognized for his chapter "Due Diligence in M&A Transactions: A Conceptual Framework," published in the Thomson Reuters book *Business Due Diligence Strategies*. Each year 30 authors are selected from entries submitted by the nation's 1,000 largest law firms.
- John Hanley (CC) was named to the *Daily Journal's* first-ever list of the 25 Leading Biotech Lawyers in California. He was recognized for his practice which involves the prosecution and enforcement of medical device patents.
- The National LGBT Bar Association recognized Steptoe partner Brian Winterfeldt (DC) in its 2011 list of the "Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40," established to recognize lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender legal professionals under the age of 40 who have distinguished themselves in their field and demonstrated a profound commitment to LGBT equality.

## STEPTOE IN THE NEWS

- KNBC-TV, the NBC affiliate in Los Angeles, the *Los Angeles Times*, and *Bloomberg/Businessweek* were among the media outlets that interviewed Robbin Itkin (CC), head of Steptoe's West Coast Business & Financial Restructuring Group, on the statement she filed with the US Bankruptcy Court on behalf of the Ad Hoc Committee of Los Angeles Dodgers Season Ticket Holders, seeking to have a voice in the baseball team's bankruptcy case.
- Stewart Baker (DC), former assistant secretary at the Department of Homeland Security and general counsel at the National Security Agency, was quoted by several news outlets discussing the Pentagon's latest plans for protecting its computer networks against hacking. The Pentagon's cyber-defense plan and Stewart's comments were reported in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *The Associated Press*, and ABC News Radio.
- Fox Business TV interviewed Jim Moorhead (DC) regarding the debt crisis ceiling deal and its impact on the markets.

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- *The New York Times* quoted David Raskin (DC) in a ClimateWire story on the Atlantic Wind Connection, a \$6 billion project to build a transmission backbone for offshore wind farms off the mid-Atlantic coast.
- The *BBC World Service: World Update* radio program interviewed Matt Herrington (DC) for a segment on the potential implications of the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) in the UK phone hacking scandal.
- Mike Miller (NY) appeared on Canada's Business News Network to discuss New York prosecutors' decision to ask the judge to dismiss sexual assault charges against former International Monetary Fund chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn.
- Phil West (DC), former International Tax Counsel for the Treasury Department, testified during a hearing before the US Senate Committee on Finance on international issues in tax reform, asserting that the United States' international tax system raises little revenue but imposes high compliance and administrative burdens on taxpayers.
- The *Los Angeles Times* quoted Stephen Heifetz (DC) in an article on government efforts to encourage anti-terrorism technology development, including the Safety Act, which protects companies that develop anti-terrorism security technologies if they were to be sued.

## DIVERSITY ON THE FOREFRONT

### HAROLD KOH (JUNE 2011)



The Diversity Committee hosted Harold Koh as a part of the 2011 Diversity Speaker Series. Mr. Koh is a distinguished Korean American and Legal Advisor to the US Department of State and served in the State Department

during the Clinton administration as Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. He was a member of the faculty at Yale Law School and served as its dean. Mr. Koh captivated the audience with his discussion of why diversity is important to him personally and as a lawyer. He related his view back to baseball, quoting Jackie Robinson who said "baseball became a much, much better game when everyone could play."

### DIVERSITY ADVISORY BOARD (JULY 2011)

Steptoe's Diversity Advisory Board (DAB) held its inaugural meeting in July. The DAB's primary mission is to help Steptoe articulate and analyze the firm's diversity and inclusion (D/I) challenges, develop the best approach to address these challenges while recognizing and respecting Steptoe's unique firm culture, and motivate and advocate for the firm's success. The general counsel of one of the firm's major clients chairs the DAB and its membership includes an associate general counsel, high-level officials of leading national and international corporations and nonprofits, a law school dean, and a noted author. The meeting was a success, creating a new active collaboration on D/I issues between Steptoe and some major players in the D/I arena.

### DIVERSITY AWARDS

#### *Chevron's Firm Diversity Recognition Award (August 2011)*

Steptoe was selected as one of three recipients of Chevron Law Function's 2011 Firm Diversity Recognition Award.

This annual award program recognizes Chevron's outside law firms that have demonstrated a commitment to diversity. Steptoe previously received this award in 2009. The award was presented in a special ceremony at Chevron's Houston offices on August 24. Attending the ceremony on behalf of the firm were Larry Riff (LA), Steptoe's Chevron relationship partner, and Sandy Chamblee (DC), Steptoe's Chief Diversity Partner. Additionally, the Chevron Law Function donated \$5,000 to a non-profit legal organization of each honoree's choosing. Steptoe designated the Minority Corporate Counsel Association as the recipient of the Chevron contribution.

#### *MCCA Innovator Award (September 2011)*

Steptoe was honored as a recipient of the inaugural MCCA Innovator Award, which was presented to US in-house legal departments, law firms, bar associations or legal organizations that have led the way with innovative best practices to assist diverse attorneys. Steptoe won the award for the firm's Diversity and Inclusion Client Interview Project under which Sandy Chamblee and a diverse associate interview general counsel and diversity officers of major corporations who are recognized as leaders of D/I best practices. Steptoe was recognized at a Diversity Innovators Reception during the MCCA Pathways to Diversity Conference on September 26 in New York.

#### *Best Law Firm for Women (September 2011)*

Steptoe was named a "Best Law Firm for Women" by the National Association for Female Executives (NAFE) and Flex-Time Lawyers. NAFE is a division of Working Mother Media. The 50 firms named to the list were selected for exemplifying best practices for supporting and advancing female lawyers in the areas of flexibility, child care, leadership, compensation, time off, and retention, among others. Steptoe was also named to the list the past two times the survey has been conducted. Steptoe was recognized at an awards luncheon sponsored by *Working Mother* magazine on September 21 in New York.