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ACCOUNTING / ADVISORY CONSULTING

MGO LLP, Chicago

MGO LLP, one of the fastest growing CPA and Advisory Services firms in the US, welcomes **Kevin O'Brien** as Supervisor and a core team member of its new Chicago office, which is leading the firm's Midwest expansion. Kevin leads tax advisory operations and delivers creative tax technical solutions to clients in a variety of industries, including financial services, banking, consumer lending, insurance brokerage, private equity, broker/dealers, and cannabis.



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CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Pepper Construction, Chicago

Pepper Construction has announced the promotion of **Jeff Johnson** to President of Pepper Construction Wisconsin, as a reflection of Pepper's continued growth in this market. Jeff is a seasoned leader with more than 30 years of construction experience predominately in the Wisconsin market. Jeff has expertise in operations, financial and risk management, Lean construction delivery, technical services, human resources and business development.



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FINANCIAL SERVICES

Hunken Ewing Financial Group, Chicago

HEFG is excited to announce that **Arthur Agunloye, CLU®** has joined the firm as the new Managing Director effective January 1, 2021. Arthur is a highly experienced leader in the financial services industry. He spent the last 20 years with Prudential's Chicagoland agency, where he focused on recruiting new talent to the industry and building diverse, inclusive teams. He won many awards in the span of his career including rookie of the year, Million Dollar Round Table and multiple management citations.



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INVESTMENT

Bard Associates, Inc., Chicago

Bard Associates Inc., an SEC-registered Investment Advisor and pioneer in micro-cap investing, is pleased to promote **Michael Demaray, CFA**, to Vice President. Michael will continue to contribute to Bard's unique, nearly 40-year history of successful investment in small, publicly-traded companies. He will also work with clients to create investment portfolios that fit their individual risk profiles. Michael has 22+ years of investment and business experience and joined Bard in May 2020.



LAW

Benesch, Chicago

Benesch is pleased to announce that **Leah Beitner** has been promoted to partner in the Tax Practice Group. Leah counsels clients from a broad range of industries on the tax aspects of a variety of transactions. She has experience representing public and private corporations, fund managers and institutional investors in connection with mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures, and real estate transactions.



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Benesch, Chicago

Benesch is pleased to announce that **Mark S. Eisen** has been promoted to partner in the Litigation Practice Group. Mark's practice focuses on defending companies against class and individual actions brought under state and federal privacy and consumer protection statutes, including the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act and the Biometric Information Privacy Act.



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Benesch, Chicago

Benesch is pleased to announce that **Jason W. Griffith** has been promoted to partner in the Corporate & Securities and Private Equity Practice Groups. Jason has experience representing companies and private equity funds in connection with a variety of matters, including mergers, acquisitions, dispositions, joint ventures, minority investments, restructurings, employment arrangements (including incentive compensation), and other day to day general corporate matters.



LAW

Burke, Warren, MacKay, & Serritella, P.C., Chicago

Rosa Tumialán joins Burke Warren as a Partner in the firm's Litigation, Class Action, Appellate practices. An accomplished defense attorney with 20 years of insurance coverage expertise, Ms. Tumialán represents insurers in complex coverage disputes relating to personal and commercial lines, third party claims, surplus lines and claims handling practices. She has extensive experience defending class actions under TCPA and BIPA and handling appellate matters in state and federal courts nationwide.



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Mercer Oak, Chicago

Founding partners, Princeton friends, and award-winning attorneys **T.J. Dammrich** and **John Haarlow** launched Mercer Oak, a values-driven law firm helping clients navigate the intersection of business and legal. With over 30 years of business and legal experience, Mercer Oak provides litigation expertise covering breach of contract, fraud, insurance coverage, indemnification, product liability, and class action cases, as well as transactional services with litigators' perspectives for commercial contracts, product launches, and corporate formation and maintenance. The firm's experience encompasses closely held companies, food and beverage, hedge funds, private equity, real estate, among other industries. More at merceroaklaw.com.



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NON-PROFIT

Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc., Chicago

Ada S. McKinley named **Nakita Burrell** as its Chief Financial and Administrative Officer. Burrell will provide leadership and oversight in matters pertaining to continuing the financial sustainability of the 101-year-old agency. This includes directing activities related to financial strategy, reporting, planning and forecasting. Burrell has over twenty years of experience in financial planning and analysis and accounting which includes a strong background in nonprofit fiscal management.



REAL ESTATE

Cresa, Chicago

Gregg Witt has joined Cresa, the world's largest commercial real estate firm focused solely on occupiers, as a Principal with the Chicago office. The city's foremost expert on nonprofit real estate issues, Witt will lead the firm's local Nonprofit Practice Group and participate as a member of its national team.



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ARCHITECTURE / DESIGN

Solomon Cordwell Buenz (SCB), Chicago

Scott Seyer, AIA, LEED AP has joined SCB as a Principal and design leader in the firm's commercial office practice, working across the country with SCB's Chicago, San Francisco, and Seattle offices. Seyer joins SCB from Goettsch Partners, where he served as design principal for several notable commissions, including the recently completed office tower at 110 N. Wacker in Chicago and Park Tower in San Francisco, completed with SCB as Associate Architect, and now home to Facebook.



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CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Pepper Construction, Chicago

Pepper Construction welcomes **John Ross** as Vice President of Business Development. As a key player in the company's growth, John will specialize in identifying and developing relationships and opportunities with an emphasis on increasing Pepper Construction's market share in the healthcare and higher education markets. Prior to joining Pepper, John has spent 19 years in the Design and Construction industry leading business development efforts.



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FINANCIAL CONSULTING

Salo, Chicago / Minneapolis

Loralee Wick, managing director, finance, in Minneapolis, has been promoted to senior managing director, finance with responsibility for both Minneapolis and Chicago. Lorelee's deep industry knowledge and expertise has helped lead Salo's Minneapolis Finance business to new levels. She will be focused on uniting the finance business units and driving continued growth.



BANKING / FINANCE

Wintrust Money Service Exchange Group, Chicago

Wintrust is pleased to add **Carol Ann Killian**. As senior vice president of Wintrust Money Service Exchange Group, she will be responsible for developing relationships within the money service exchange commercial banking (MSX) business line, which focuses on treasury management, lending, and capital markets of money service exchange businesses in the U.S. With 26 years of industry experience, she will look to make Wintrust the leading provider of financial services to the money services industry.



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STRATEGIC ADVISORY

Culloton + Bauer Luce, Chicago

Anel Ruiz has joined Culloton + Bauer Luce as our new Senior Vice President. Anel comes to CBL after serving as Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot's press secretary. On the 5th floor, Anel honed her already-extensive issues and crisis management skills guiding the city through crisis after crisis. We're confident our clients will benefit greatly from Anel's strategic counsel, particularly in issue spotting as we continue to focus on targeting audiences directly in a digital-first environment.



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