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ARCHITECTURE / DESIGN

Fujikawa Johnson Gobel Architects, Chicago

Fujikawa Johnson Gobel Architects is pleased to announce the promotion of **Michael Cukla ALA** to Senior Associate. Mike is a registered architect with 11 years of design and project management experience. He joined FJG in 2014, quickly honed his design and PM skills, and now heads-up our aviation projects. He has also completed numerous interior and base building renovation projects. His technical proficiency and creative problem-solving skills are only matched by his high degree of customer care.



BANKING / FINANCE

Amalgamated Bank of Chicago, Chicago

Amalgamated Bank of Chicago (ABOC) is proud to announce the promotion of **William (Bill) Kerth** to Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer. Bill oversees the Bank's commercial and retail loan areas and the provision of banking services to the Bank's commercial, union, and government customers. He serves as Chairman of the Bank's Loan Committee and also serves on the Bank's Senior Executive Management Committee. Bill has been in banking for 40 years and joined the Bank in 2017.



BANKING / FINANCE

Amalgamated Bank of Chicago, Chicago

Amalgamated Bank of Chicago is excited to share that **Christopher Jenkins** has been promoted to Senior Vice President, Commercial Lending. Chris lends across most commercial real estate asset types, including construction and rehab loans, with a focus on lending to business owners and their investments. He has a bachelor's degree in Finance from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and has been lending in Chicago's diverse neighborhoods for almost 20 years. Chris joined the Bank in 2016.



BANKING / FINANCE

Republic Bank of Chicago, Oak Brook

Republic Bank, serving Chicagoland since 1964, is pleased to welcome **Mike Chervin** as Executive Vice President and Chief People Officer. Mike brings over twenty years of executive experience to the Bank's leadership team, with an extensive background in leadership, organizational development, human resources information systems, and employee engagement. He also held the role of HR Director at Cristo Rey Network, the largest network of high schools in the country enrolling only low-income youth.



CLOUD-BASED SOFTWARE

WorkForce Software, Livonia, MI

WorkForce Software, the first global provider of integrated employee experience and workforce management solutions, announced the addition of two seasoned SaaS executives to its leadership team to support the company's continued business growth, geographic expansion programs and uphold its position as the number one workforce management software provider in the market. **Nicole Neumarker** joins WorkForce Software as Chief Technology Officer and **Bill Razzino** joins the company as Chief Financial Officer.



ENGINEERING / CONSTRUCTION

Milhouse Engineering and Construction, Inc., Chicago

Shane Jefferies has been promoted to Vice President of Information Technology and Strategic Innovation at Milhouse Engineering and Construction, Inc. He has successfully grown the technology group and managed the organization's systems, aiding in rapid organizational growth. His leadership is essential in how technology is utilized to accelerate business at Milhouse. Shane ensures that IT systems and people are effectively functioning at peak capacity while maintaining sustainable security.



LAW

Bradford & Gordon, Chicago

Burcu Ozadali has been promoted to Partner. She has represented clients in all aspects of divorce litigation including high-asset divorces, post-decree modifications, grandparent visitation, and pre- and post-nuptial agreements. Burcu has contributed to the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education on topics such as child abuse in custody/visitation disputes, has volunteered representing survivors of domestic abuse and as a mentor for high school students, and is fluent in Turkish.



LAW FIRM

Ice Miller, Chicago

Ice Miller is pleased to announce **Steven Mroczkowski** has joined as a partner in the firm's Construction Litigation Practice. Steve represents businesses and construction professionals throughout the design and construction process by helping them document their legal relationships, as well as asserting and protecting their rights in disputes concerning design, construction, and use of the built environment. His insight and experience add significant depth to Ice Miller's already robust practice.



LAW FIRM

Benesch Law, Chicago

Alejandro Amezcua has joined Benesch as a Partner in the firm's Real Estate & Environmental Practice Group. Alejandro's practice focuses on real estate finance, commercial lending, development, redevelopment, investments, acquisitions and dispositions in both single-asset transactions and multi-property portfolio transactions. He represents developers, investors, lenders, and other institutional and non-institutional investors.



LAW FIRM

Benesch Law, Chicago

Benesch is pleased to announce that **Matthew Langley** has been promoted to partner in the Litigation Practice Group. Matthew is an experienced trial lawyer who focuses his practice on class actions, white collar and government investigations, affirmative recovery, and other complex civil litigation. Benesch is pleased to announce that **Jacob Marshall** has been promoted to partner in the Litigation Practice Group. By combining deep experience in middle-market financing with his knowledge of workout situations, Jacob helps both lenders and borrowers navigate distressed situations (and mitigate the risk of downside situations during the initial financing process).



LAW FIRM

Benesch Law, Chicago

Benesch is pleased to announce that **Lee Muench** has been promoted to partner in the Litigation Practice Group. A skilled and passionate litigator, Lee focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation and internal investigations. His matters include high stakes claims for breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duties and defamation. Benesch is pleased to announce that **Simeon Papacostas** has been promoted to partner in the Intellectual Property Practice Group. Simeon is an intellectual property attorney with substantial litigation experience in federal courts. Simeon primarily focuses his practice on patent litigation in federal courts and post-grant proceedings before the patent office.



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LAW FIRM

Levin Ginsburg, Chicago

Levin Ginsburg is pleased to announce that **Edward R. McMurray** has joined the firm as an Associate Attorney. Edd is a recent graduate of the University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, cum laude. He obtained his B.S. in Economics from DePaul University, and an M.B.A. from Elmhurst University. Edd will focus his practice in all areas of commercial law. While working as a law clerk with Levin Ginsburg, Edd worked on a broad range of commercial matters and transactions.



LEGAL

Dykema, Chicago

Susan G. Feibus has joined Dykema as Senior Counsel in its Business Litigation Practice Group. A no-nonsense lawyer with decades of appellate, trial court, arbitration and mediation experience, Feibus is an effective negotiator, clear writer and great communicator. She aligns with her clients' business goals, finds cost-effective ways to achieve them—and executes. Feibus specializes in commercial, bankruptcy, healthcare, professional liability and employment disputes.



LEGAL

Much, Chicago

Laura Elkayam and **Andrew Silver** have been promoted to principal at Much, a full-service law firm with offices in Chicago, Illinois and Newport Beach, California. Laura handles litigation involving breach of contract claims, shareholder and fiduciary duty disputes, and restrictive covenants as well as provides general employment counsel. Her clients span the restaurant, manufacturing, cannabis, health care, gaming, and technology industries. Andrew is a corporate attorney who represents privately held businesses and private equity firms. He often serves as outside general counsel, advising owners, investors, and C-suite executives. In his transactional work, Andrew manages mergers, acquisitions, and restructurings. Learn more at muchlaw.com.



LEGAL

Littler Mendelson, Chicago

Michael Wilder, Chicago-based shareholder at Littler, the world's largest employment and labor law practice representing management, has been elected chair of the firm's Board of Directors. Michael has been a member of Littler's board since 2021 and has held leadership positions in numerous firm committees and professional organizations, including serving on Littler's Diversity and Inclusion Council. He is a skilled litigator and a core member of Littler's Complex Litigation and Jury Trial.



NON-PROFIT

Haymarket Center, Chicago

Haymarket Center is proud to welcome **Heather Way Kitzes** to the Board of Directors. Heather has spent nearly 20 years advocating for small businesses, and non-profit organizations. Her current role with the Chicago Cubs includes navigating the complicated intersection of big business, community, and government. As a member of the Haymarket Board of Directors, Heather will serve as an advocate for equitable access to substance use treatment and recovery services.



PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Smithbucklin, Chicago

Jim McNeil has been named President, Association Management at Smithbucklin, a leader in helping associations achieve growth. McNeil has more than 30 years of experience working with associations and for-profit companies and served as a senior executive leader at Smithbucklin for more than a decade, in a variety of roles. McNeil's new role is part of a new network-based organizational structure designed to serve the dynamic and emerging needs of the association marketplace.



SERVICES

Alert Protective Services, LLC, Chicago

Alert Protective Services, a leading Midwest security company, is proud to announce the election of its CEO, **Jared Wasserman**, to the Board of Directors of the Electronic Security and Technology Association, the premiere trade group for the security industry. Mr. Wasserman was promoted to CEO in 2019, and since then has led Alert's accelerating growth, and its introduction of several new cutting edge security systems and technologies. The ESTA is a limited, invitation-only organization.

