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Ryan Rudich



Philip Comella

Taft Law added **Philip Comella** and **Ryan Rudich** to the firm's Chicago office as partners in the environmental group. Both were previously at Freeborn & Peters.

Comella's practice spans both regulatory counseling and environmental-based litigation with a focus on the solid and hazardous waste industry. He regularly counsels owners and operators of landfills, treatment facilities, recycling operations and waste generators on compliance, enforcement and litigation matters arising under environmental laws.

Rudich's practice includes representing companies in complex environmental litigation, government enforcement actions and contribution cases. In addition, Rudich regularly counsels companies on compliance with state and federal environmental laws and regulations, assists clients with internal investigations and provides guidance on responding to information requests.

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Benesch added **Christopher T. Grohman** as partner to the white collar, government investigations and regulatory compliance practice group in Chicago. Grohman is a former assistant U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Illinois and has spent the last seven years in private practice helping companies and individuals navigate governmental and internal investigations.

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The Diversity Scholarship Foundation will host its annual Unity Award Gala Dec. 6 at Chicago Hilton's Grand Ballroom, 720 S. Michigan Ave. The reception will begin at 5 p.m. with dinner set

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scholarships will be awarded to diverse and deserving law students and awards presented to individuals in the legal community who have demonstrated a commitment to diversity and inclusion in the profession.

Presidents from various bar associations will take the "Oath of Unity," pledging to uphold the principles of diversity, inclusion and equity within each organization and the legal profession. Cook County Circuit Court Chief Judge **Timothy C. Evans** will administer the oath of office.

Information about tickets and sponsorships are available at www.diversitychicago.org.



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