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Michele Bryant

Michele Bryant, a partner in the Evansville office of Wooden McLaughlin, was recognized last month by the Evansville Bar Association for her service and contribution to the legal community. At the association's annual Law Day celebration, Bryant received the Perdue Service Award. Bryant is chair of the Lawyer Assistance Program and a member of both the EBA and EBF board of directors. In addition, she is the past president of the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana and has served on the DTCI amicus committee. The Perdue Service Award honors the EBA members who have provided outstanding service to the association during the preceding year or outstanding service on an association project, committee, or section.

Timothy DeGroot & Thomas Cohen

Timothy W. DeGroot was recently elected managing partner of Hunt Suedhoff Kalamaros LLP. Thomas F. Cohen, a partner in the firm's South Bend office, has been inducted into the National College of Worker's Compensation Lawyers.

Eichhorn Law Firm

After calling downtown Hammond its professional home for 80 years, the Eichhorn Law Firm is relocating its practice to Hammond's Oxbow Landing, 2929 Carlson Drive, Suite 100, Hammond, IN 46323. The new location offers room for growth and puts the firm in a more centrally located position in relation to the courts of Lake and Porter counties.

Meghan Ruesch

Lewis Wagner LLP is pleased to announce that Meghan E. Ruesch, an associate in its Indianapolis office, has been selected to the Women's Fund of Central Indiana OPTIONS Class 2018. OPTIONS is a yearlong program with monthly educational classroom sessions and site visits to teach community needs and personal and group philanthropy. Ruesch's thorough and personal application conveyed her unique lens for viewing the world and her interest in improving conditions for women and girls in our community.

Robert Wagner

Robert F. Wagner, of counsel at Lewis Wagner LLP, was honored by the IndyBar for 50 years in practice of law at the annual Practice Milestone Celebration. Wagner has distinguished himself as one of the Midwest's most

respected trial lawyers, having tried more than 200 cases in courtrooms throughout the United States. Wagner has earned the respect of his legal colleagues and opposing counsel, as well as that of the judiciary before which he regularly appears. Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law honored him with the 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award. Wagner was also named as one of Indiana's 15 Distinguished Barristers of 2008 by The Indiana Lawyer and was recognized by Indiana Super Lawyer®, 2004-2018. At the national level, Wagner's legal peers have recognized him as one of The Best Lawyers in America® from 2005-2018 in the fields of Personal Injury Litigation — Defendants and Product Liability Litigation — Defendants. In 1989, Gov. Evan Bayh named him as a Sagamore of the Wabash. In addition, Wagner was honored by the Indiana State Bar Association with the Rabb Emison Award by the Committee for Racial Diversity in the Legal Profession in 2006. In 2007, he was awarded the Hoosier Heritage Lifetime Achievement Award by then-Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson. •

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