Reed Smith added four lawyers from China to its Philadelphia office as participants in the 2014 Reed Smith Temple Law School/Trinity University Fellowship Program. The participants are pursuing an LL.M. degree through a course of study administered by Trinity University in Beijing and Temple University’s Beasley School of Law. Pictured, from left, are participants Lei Jie (Luyi), a partner at Tinge Law Firm in Beijing; Song Yan (Rosemary), a legal assistant at Shaddac, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom in Hong Kong; Zhang Qin (Paul), a legal counsel at Apex Materials Inc. in Shanghai; and Liu Xiaoli (Angela), a recent graduate of China University of Political Science and Law. Reed Smith has offices in Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong. The firm has hosted students in the program each year since 2001.

ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Loren Brown and James Brogan were named co-chairs of DLA Piper’s U.S. litigation practice.

Brown and Brogan will collaboratively lead the firm’s continued growth and strategically strengthen the firm’s global platform.

Brown has a litigation practice that includes a range of matters, including construction, contract, products liability and commercial litigation, as well as investigation, compliance, regulatory and policy matters that are focused in the pharmaceutical and life sciences sectors.

Brogan has a varied trial practice that includes commercial disputes, intellectual property, products liability and toxic tort. He is a member of the firm’s policy committee and managing partner of the Philadelphia office.

Kevin J. Bruno of Blank Rome was reappointed to the American Bar Association’s section of litigation leadership team as a co-chair of the environmental litigation committee for the 2014-15 term.

Bruno previously served as co-chair of the committee for a three-year term from 2008 to 2011. As co-chair, Bruno will assist with positioning the committee to respond quickly to the latest environmental issues facing the legal profession.

Bruno is chair of Blank Rome’s environmental, energy and natural resources practice.

He has more than 25 years of experience in complex commercial litigation, concentrating his practice in environmental, mass tort, products and insurance recovery litigation.

SPEAKERS

Steven K. Mignogna of Archer & Greiner presented “Seven Deadly Sins” at the American Law Institute’s CLE, “Representing Estates and Trust Beneficiaries and Fiduciaries” in Chicago.

Mignogna discussed claims involving estates and trusts that are unique yet growing around the country. The presentation was part of a program with nationally recognized experts in their exploration of development in the estate and trust world on topics of interest to estates and trust beneficiaries and fiduciaries across the United States.

Mignogna is a shareholder in the litigation department of Archer & Greiner and chair of the firm’s estate and trust litigation group.

He specializes in commercial litigation, with a concentration on litigation involving probate matters, estates, trusts, gifts, fiduciaries, guardianships and real estate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Each year, The Legal publishes a listing of Pennsylvania’s minority- and women-owned firms in PaLaw magazine. If you work at a minority- or women-owned firm, contact Ben Seig at bseig@pmlaw.com or 215-357-2968 to receive a one-page survey and be included in the list.

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