

BAR PEOPLE

Among Ourselves

Mark Adams has been appointed to a three-year term on the board of directors for the Federation of Exchange Accommodators (FEA), the national trade organization for 1031 exchange practitioners. The FEA supports, preserves and advances Section 1031 Exchanges and the Qualified Intermediary (QI) industry through education and advocacy. Adams is the Pacific Northwest Regional Manager for First American Exchange Company.

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Cliff DeGroot has joined Holland & Knight's Portland office as partner and member of the corporate practice group. DeGroot focuses his practice on counseling startups, emerging growth companies and restaurants. He is a certified public accountant with a background in accounting and finance, having served as the senior financial officer for multiple companies and as an auditor for an international accounting firm.



Gilroy Napoli Short Law Group has hired three new attorneys. **Melodie Dickey** practices criminal and DUII defense throughout the Willamette Valley. Previously, Dickey served as district attorney in Marion County, where she spent a decade prosecuting a wide variety of criminal matters, supervising law clerks and training new lawyers. She serves on the board of the Marion County Bar Association and is president of Willamette Valley Inns of Court. **Chandler Wren**



has joined the firm as an associate attorney. Wren began her legal career at Gilroy Napoli Short as a certified law clerk. She practices criminal and DUII defense throughout the Willamette Valley. **Jenna Richards** joins the firm after working predominately in Washington County as a criminal defense attorney. She has represented clients on a variety of criminal cases, ranging from misdemeanors to Measure 11 offenses. Richards will be practicing criminal and DUII defense in Washington, Clackamas, Multnomah and additional Oregon counties.

D'Amore Law Group has hired **Savannah Stevens**. Stevens initially joined D'Amore Law Group as a law clerk before continuing on with the firm as an attorney. Previously, Stevens worked in immigration and migrant worker rights. At D'Amore Law Group, she will focus on personal injury, product liability and sexual abuse cases.



Schwabe has hired four new attorneys to its Portland office. **Dylan Sollfrank** has joined the firm's natural resources industry group. Sollfrank previously worked as a summer associate at Schwabe. He helps clients with regulatory matters that govern clean water, clean air, forest management and environmental policy. He also has experience conducting legal research and produced written memoranda in various areas of law. **Audrey Davis** has joined the consumer products, manufacturing and retail industry group. Davis special-



izes in developing litigation strategies for her clients. Prior to joining Schwabe, she clerked for Judge Brooks Smith on the U.S. Court of Appeals and Judge Michael Simon



on the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon. **Megan Breen** is an employment lawyer who focuses on litigation and appellate work. Before joining Schwabe, she was a judicial law clerk working on complex civil litigation disputes, assisting judges with resolution of discovery disputes and preparation for oral argument, hearings and bench trials. **Sydney Padgett** has experience conducting research and drafting legal memorandums, articles of incorporation and bylaws, contractual provisions and agency filings. Before joining as a full-time associate, she served as a summer associate at Schwabe.



VF Law has hired two new attorneys. **Lars Hubbard** has joined the firm's Oregon office. Hubbard's practice focuses on HOA law, including collections, covenant enforcement, insurance defense, document drafting and general counsel. He has experience preparing matters for resolution through client management, drafting memoranda and exhibits, assessing relevant assets and liabilities, and negotiating settlements. **Noelle Rauschendorfer** is joining the Idaho office. She joins the firms HOA law practice, and also focuses on collections, covenant enforcement, insurance defense, document drafting and litigation.

