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PENNSYLVANIA RISING STARS

Rawle & Henderson LLP is pleased to announce that **Tara Gill Nalencz, David R. Chludzinski** and **Lane E. Brody** have been selected as *2014 Pennsylvania Rising Stars* by ***Super Lawyers*** and ***Law & Politics*** Magazine. Rising Stars are the top 2.5 percent of attorneys in Pennsylvania who are 40 years old and younger or have been in practice for 10 years or less.

Tara Gill Nalencz

Tara Gill Nalencz is a partner in the Philadelphia office. She focuses her practice on the defense of catastrophic loss matters, including cases involving paraplegia, quadriplegia, traumatic brain injury, severe burns, death and multi-million dollar property damage. This complex trial practice includes high exposure cases involving a wide variety of industries and clients, including: construction, natural gas and oil, industrial machinery and equipment, electric arc furnaces and steelmaking, propane storage, pharmaceutical and medical devices, and property management. She is fluent in Spanish and her practice also includes international matters, such as defending hotel owners and operators in actions where the underlying accident took place outside the United States. Tara has developed strategies for the use of social media in litigation and has presented several times on related topics. She has also become skilled in e-Discovery in both the role of first level collection and review, as well project management. Tara obtained her J.D. from the Temple University School of Law in 2004. She earned her M.A. degree in Spanish Literature in 2001 from Pennsylvania State University and her B.A. in 1999 from Dickinson College. She is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, as well as the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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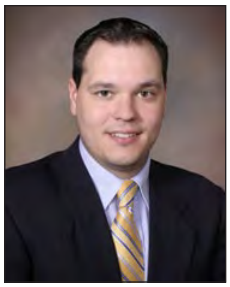

David R. Chludzinski

David R. Chludzinski is an associate in our Pittsburgh office. He concentrates his practice on the defense of commercial motor vehicles and their insurers. David earned his law degree from the Dickinson School of Law at Penn State University. While attending law school, he was a Comments Editor on the ***International Law Review*** and he received the C.A.L.I. Award for advanced pre-trial advocacy. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree, *cum laude*, from Boston College. David is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and in the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Pennsylvania. David was also recognized as a Pennsylvania Rising Star in 2012 and 2013.

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Lane E. Brody

Lane E. Brody is an associate in the Harrisburg office. He concentrates his practice in the area of commercial motor vehicle defense. Lane received his J.D. from Widener University School of Law-Harrisburg in 2005. He was a member of the Trial Advocacy Honor Society at Widener Law. Lane graduated from the University of Delaware in 2002, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and was a member of the Pre-Law Society. He is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, as well as the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Middle Districts of Pennsylvania and U.S. District Court of New Jersey.

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NATIONAL JUDICIAL COLLEGE

Peter J. Neeson

Peter J. Neeson, a partner in the Philadelphia office of Rawle & Henderson LLP, is now **Chair of the Board of Trustees of the National Judicial College,** as of June 2014. He was appointed Chair-elect at the Board's June 2013 meeting and will succeed Mark Tratos of Greenberg Traurig, LLP. Peter has served on the College's Board for five years and has also served as its Treasurer.

A practicing trial attorney for 35 years, Peter is chair of Rawle & Henderson's Environmental Law and Toxic Tort section. Peter has been involved in numerous toxic tort matters in multi-district litigation and class action cases in both state and federal courts, including benzene, underground storage tank, silica, orthopedic bone screw and asbestos litigation among others. He has been selected as National Coordinating Counsel in the FRT, asbestos, latex glove and PPA drug litigation. In 2007, he served as Chair of TIPS (Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association). In 2012 Peter received the prestigious ABA/TIPS James K. Carroll Leadership Award in part for his efforts in founding the TIPS Trial and Leadership Academies. He has been rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell and has been selected as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer.

The National Judicial College was founded in 1963 and is the nation's leading provider of judicial education. Judges from all areas of the judicial system, including those working in the limited and general jurisdiction fields, as well as administrative law, tribal, and military judges, participate in the judicial education programs offered at the College. The NJC presents an average of 90 courses/programs annually, with more than 4,000 judges attending from all 50 states, U.S. territories and more than 150 countries. The NJC is located on the campus of the University of Nevada, Reno.

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ABA TIPS

Nigel A. Greene

Nigel A. Greene, a partner in the Philadelphia office of Rawle & Henderson LLP, has been appointed **Vice-Chair of the ABA Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) Commercial Transportation Litigation General Committee** for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Nigel's term will continue through August 4, 2015. His appointment is in recognition of his professional abilities and reputation among 25,000 TIPS members. This will be the second one-year term that Nigel has served in this position. Nigel focuses his practice on the defense of commercial motor vehicles, complex commercial litigation and casualty and premises liability matters. In addition, he serves as an arbitrator in Philadelphia County. He is admitted to practice in the state courts of Pennsylvania, the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Middle Districts of Pennsylvania and the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 1994 and his B.A. from the Virginia Polytechnic and State University in 1989.

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Valerie Kellner

Valerie Kellner, a partner in the Philadelphia office, was a panelist on the program "A Day in the Life of an Attorney Discussion" at American Heritage School in Delray Beach, Florida, in May 2014. The program was part of the **ABA TIPS Education Awareness Project**, which goes into high schools around the country to encourage students to enter the practice of law. She also participated in another presentation of this program at UIC College-Prep Charter School in Chicago, Illinois, in February 2014. Valerie concentrates her practice on product liability, catastrophic injury, premises liability and construction law matters. She graduated from Rutgers Law School in 1997 and is admitted to practice in the federal and state courts of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Valerie is active in ABA TIPS and was recently appointed as the Chair-Elect for the Public Relations Committee and a vice-chair for the Trial Techniques Committee of ABA TIPS. Valerie is currently a member of the ABA TIPS CLE Board as well as a member of the Long Range Planning Committee. She previously served as the Chairperson for the Products Liability Committee and is still actively involved. She also served as the Newsletter Editor for the Products Liability Committee.

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TIPS/ABOTA NATIONAL TRIAL ACADEMY

Cheng I. To

Cheng I. To, an associate in the Philadelphia office, attended the **2014 TIPS/ABOTA National Trial Academy** at the **National Judicial College** in Reno, Nevada, in April 2014. Cheng was one of 23 participants who graduated from this selective and intensive trial practice program. The week-long program has been recognized as the "Top Boot Camp for Lawyers" by the ***ABA Journal***. Cheng was able to refine her courtroom presentation and jury assessment skills during this course, which culminated in a jury trial of a catastrophic brain injury before an actual Nevada jury. Cheng concentrates her practice on the defense of commercial motor vehicle companies, casualty and premises liability matters, and employment law matters. She graduated from Bryn Mawr College in 2004 with a B.A. in Philosophy and earned her J.D. from Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law in 2007. She is admitted to practice in the state courts of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, respectively, as well as the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Middle Districts of Pennsylvania and the U.S. District Court of New Jersey.

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DREXEL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Tara Gill Nalencz

Tara Gill Nalencz moderated a panel at **Drexel University School of Law** in April 2014 titled "Behind the Black Robe." The event featured a panel discussion with judges and current and former law clerks. Topics included the transition from law student to law clerk to practicing attorney; what the job of law clerk entails; how judges identify law clerks; and what judges look for in a law clerk. Tara is a partner in the Philadelphia office. She focuses her practice on the defense of catastrophic loss matters.

The event was presented by the National Bar Association Women Lawyers Division, Philadelphia chapter. In addition to current and prior law clerks, judicial speakers included: The Honorable C. Darnell Jones of the United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania; The Honorable Lillian Ransom, Court of Common Pleas, First Judicial District of Pennsylvania; The Honorable Lori Dumas, Court of Common Pleas, First Judicial District of Pennsylvania; The Honorable Timika Lane, Court of Common Pleas, First Judicial District of Pennsylvania; and The Honorable Jacquelyn Frazier-Lyde, Municipal Court, First Judicial District of Pennsylvania.

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PHILA. BAR ASSOCIATION LAW WEEK 2014

Erin E. Lamb

Erin E. Lamb participated in the **Philadelphia Bar Association's "Law Week 2014"** activities in May 2014. She also helped coordinate the event's activities. Erin was featured in the June 2014 ***Philadelphia Bar Reporter*** speaking with students at Gen. George A. McCall School during Law Week 2014. This annual celebration of the Philadelphia Bar Association includes free community service events offered by volunteer lawyers and is coordinated by the Association's Young Lawyers Division (YLD) with the help of lawyer-volunteers. Erin is the 2014 Vice Chair of the YLD of the Philadelphia Bar Association. Attorneys gave free legal advice to residents of Philadelphia and the surrounding counties, visited classrooms, guided children on tours of the city's courtrooms, and presented mock criminal trials for grade school students. Law Week 2014 celebrated the 60th anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education decision.

Erin is an associate in the firm's Philadelphia office and concentrates her practice in the areas of catastrophic loss, product liability, construction, premises liability, and general casualty matters. She earned a J.D. from Temple University Beasley School of Law in 2010. She graduated from George Washington University with a B.A., *cum laude*, in International Affairs in 2006. Prior to joining Rawle & Henderson LLP, Erin served as a law clerk to the Honorable Annette M. Rizzo in the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, for three years. She was an adjunct professor of clinical programs for the Temple University Beasley School of Law in the Spring of 2013 and 2014, during which time she created a hands-on introduction to the Philadelphia court system, emphasizing the Rules of Civil Procedure. She is also a past recipient of the Conwell Fellowship with the SeniorLAW Center in Philadelphia, where she assisted senior citizens in handling legal issues affecting them from January to May 2011. Erin is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

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