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ASSOCIATE DISTINCTIONS

Gardere Wynne Sewell (Dallas): **Andrew Spaniol**, an associate in the firm's Dallas office, has been elected to serve a two-year term on the board of directors for Literacy Instruction for Texas (LIFT). LIFT was founded in 1961 by the local chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women and is one of the largest adult literacy education programs in the United States. In the past year, LIFT served more than 8,000 adult learners through Adult Literacy, English as a Second Language and Family Literacy programs. Spaniol practices in the firm's trial section and focuses on antitrust, intellectual property, class action and general commercial litigation matters.



Gardere Wynne's Andrew Spaniol

ASSOCIATE NEW ARRIVALS

Cohen & Grigsby (Pittsburgh): Eight associates join the firm. Joining the business and tax practice group are six associates. **Jennifer M. Gardner** will focus on general corporate matters. Gardner received her J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, where she was editor-in-chief of the *University of Pittsburgh Law Review*. **Brandon T. Greenland** will focus on general corporate matters. Greenland received his J.D. from American University Washington College of Law and was a staff member of the *Administrative Law Review*. **Steven A. Harris** will focus on counseling international and domestic clients on an array of general business matters. Harris received his J.D. at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, where he was articles editor of *The Pittsburgh Journal of Technology Law and Policy*. **Jennifer M. Novotny** will focus on general business matters. Novotny received her J.D. at Case Western Reserve University School of Law. **Felix A. Mehler** will focus on advising foreign entities and individuals doing business in the United States. Mehler earned his German law degree from the University of Augsburg (Germany) and his J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. Mehler will practice in the firm's Bonita Springs, Fla., office. And **Christie B. Tillapaugh** will focus on corporate and securities matters for public and privately held companies. Previously, Tillapaugh served as an attorney with Tollgrade Communications, Inc. and before that, was an associate with Reed Smith. Tillapaugh received her J.D. from the Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law. Additionally, two associates join the firm's litigation practice group. **Michael A. Metcalfe** will focus on general litigation matters. Metcalfe received his J.D. at Duquesne University School of Law, where he was editor-in-chief of the *Duquesne Law Review*. And **Fridrikh V. Shrayber** will focus on general litigation matters. Shrayber received his J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and was a member of the *University of Pittsburgh Law Review*.

Fisher & Phillips (Atlanta): Three associates join the Irvine, Calif., office: **Emily Camastra** will focus on claims of discrimination and harassment as well as wage-and-hour lawsuits. Camastra received her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center. **Marissa Lyftogt** will also focus on claims of discrimination and harassment as well as wage-and-hour lawsuits. Lyftogt received her J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law. Prior to law school, Lyftogt served as a legal assistant at Puente Consulting Inc. And, **Annie Markarian** will focus on all areas of labor and employment law with a primary emphasis on litigation. Markarian received her J.D. cum laude from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles.

Hertz Schram (Bloomfield Hills, Mich.): Seven associates join the firm. **Deborah S. Lapin** will focus on all aspects of real property litigation, mortgage lien disputes and title insurance coverage disputes. Lapin received her J.D. from the Western New England College School of Law. **Amy Sabbota Gottlieb** will focus on real estate litigation, title litigation, property rights, lien priority disputes, title insurance coverage disputes and business litigation. Gottlieb received her J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law. **Elizabeth C. "Liz" Thomson** will focus on real estate property rights, environmental and business litigation. Thomson received her J.D. from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. **Matthew B. Walker** will focus in real estate litigation, mortgage, construction, condominium, business and appellate law. Walker received his J.D. from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. **Rebecca L. Weekley** will focus on real estate law, title litigation, construction, landlord-tenant and foreclosure litigation. Weekley received her J.D. from Wayne State University Law School. **Jonathan D. Sweik** will focus on commercial, employment, securities, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, civil rights and whistleblower litigation. Sweik received his J.D. from the University of Detroit Mercy Law School. **Steven Nofar** will focus on estate planning, estate administration, tax controversies, and business transactions. Nofar received his J.D. from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law.

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