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Katya Jestin has joined the litigation department and white collar criminal defense and counseling practice of Jenner & Block, serving as a partner in the firm's New York office. She was most recently the deputy chief of the organized crime and racketeering section of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York.

Albert Y. Lin (LL.M.) has been promoted to partner at the Texas-based firm of Brown McCarroll. Lin practices in the area of corporate tax and general business.

Kimani Paul-Emile has joined the faculty at Fordham Law School, where she will teach health law and a course on drug law and policy beginning this fall. Previously, Paul-Emile worked as an associate counsel in the poverty program at the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law and practiced civil rights law at the Center for Constitutional Rights.

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Dennis L. Knoer has joined the business law section of Briggs and Morgan's Minneapolis office, practicing in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, securities, corporate finance, corporate governance and business law. Knoer is a member of the board of directors for Connect U.S.-Russia, a nonprofit organization that promotes relationship building between American and Russian counterparts.

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Begum Durukan (LL.M.) has become a partner in the Birsell Law Offices in Turkey, where she has practiced since 1996. Her work focuses on mergers and acquisitions as well as banking and finance.

Bell, Boyd & Lloyd has elected **Jeffrey T. Petersen** a partner in the firm. Petersen is part of the litigation group in the firm's Chicago office.



Karren Pope-Onwukwe was recently honored by the Associated Black Charities of Maryland for giving her time and talent to the community. Onwukwe established free elder law clinics in the region throughout Prince George's County through her work with the county's law foundation. She co-founded the Elder Law Section of the Prince George's County Bar Association and currently serves as treasurer of the Elder Law Section Council of the Maryland State Bar Association.

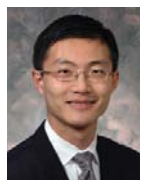
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Ahmed Davis has been named a principal in the Washington, D.C., office of Fish & Richardson. Davis practices in the litigation group, focusing on the areas of chemistry and medical devices.

The Burbank Group, headed by **Karen M. Greenwald (C'96)**, won two Summit Creative Awards in 2007. The awards recognize the work of advertising, interactive, video production, graphic design and public relations companies with annual billings under \$25 million. The 2007 competition drew thousands of entries from 23 countries.

Brian Racilla has been named a principal in the Washington, D.C., office of Fish & Richardson. Racilla's practice covers intellectual property litigation and counseling. He has also worked in the telecommunications, semiconductor and mechanical fields.

Kevin A. Rinker has been named a partner in the New York office of Debevoise & Plimpton. Rinker practices in the firm's corporate department.



Duan Wu, a patent and trademark attorney, joined the Boston office of Hiscock & Barclay in February. He was previously with the Boston firm of Wall Marjama & Bilinski.

CLE Profile: Ron Hedges

Former U.S. Magistrate Judge Ron Hedges may no longer be presiding over federal cases in New Jersey, but he isn't about to give up his involvement with the Law Center — or its Continuing Legal Education program.

Now in private practice at the New York office of Nixon Peabody, Hedges plans to teach electronic discovery and evidence to Georgetown Law students on Saturday mornings in the spring as an adjunct professor. And he'll continue to serve as a member of the advisory board to the Advanced E-Discovery Institute, a continuing legal education program held every fall at the Law Center.

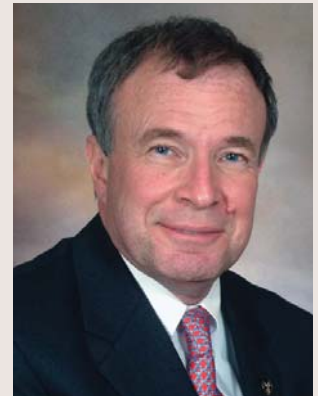


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"Georgetown Law is the only law school in the nation that conducts a national e-discovery program," says Hedges, whose practice as a private attorney focuses on electronic discovery and litigation. The knowledge and experience of numerous judges — and of the program's national advisory board — give the program a particularly high quality of excellence, he says.

While many attorneys do have great experience in the field of electronic discovery, there are also those who need to be brought up to speed, Hedges notes.

"There's a big spread across the learning curve for lawyers," he says. "It's such a dynamic field ... you need to have constant education in this because it keeps changing."

One recent development, he says, is a Florida appeals court's reversal in March of a \$1.58 billion jury verdict against the investment banking firm Morgan Stanley. The case raises questions about Morgan Stanley's obligation to produce e-mails.

And in May, a federal judge in Baltimore wrote a 101-page opinion dealing with electronically stored information. In the case, *Lorraine v. Markel American Insurance Company*, Judge Paul W. Grimm refused to grant the summary judgment motions of two yacht owners and their insurer in a suit to enforce a private arbitrator's award — since e-mail correspondence in support of the motions was not properly admissible as evidence.

"It's fair to say that something may happen every day," Hedges says.

After 21 years on the bench, he is happy to be at Nixon Peabody, stating simply that it was time to move on and do something else. He's looking forward to teaching that e-discovery course, as well — and to this year's Advanced E-Discovery Institute.

"It's a very robust program; it's always well attended," he says. "I think it's one of the best continuing legal education programs."