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Law firms classified as limited liability companies can now file required annual reports online, Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White has announced.

The annual LLC report can be filed at www.cyberdriveillinois.com. The filing fee is \$250, and there is a processing fee of \$6.25.

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Handler, Thayer & Duggan, LLC has hired two new associates who recently graduated from DePaul University College of Law.

Michael J. Cassel and Michael A. Passananti focus on business and corporate law and financial and estate planning.

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John David Fitzpatrick has joined Mandell, Menkes LLC from Connelly, Roberts & McGivney LLC. He concentrates his practice in commercial litigation.

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Vedder, Price, Kaufman & Kammholz P.C. has added Vivek G. Bhatt as a shareholder. He previously was with Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP. Bhatt represents commercial banks, commercial paper conduits, underwriters, placement agents and related affiliates, issuers and specialty lenders in a wide range of asset-backed securitizations and transactions.