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Joel H. Levitin, a 1987 honors graduate of the University of Chicago Law School, has joined the New York office of Cahill, Gordon & Reindel as a partner in bankruptcy and restructuring. He was a partner in Dechert LLP after clerking for a federal judge in Eastern Pennsylvania.

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Chapman and Cutler, Chicago, has promoted nine associates to partners, including two in the Corporate and Securities Group: **Walter L. Draney** and **Thomas F. Howard**.

Others are **David M. Field** and **Jennifer L. Tedjeske** in Banking, **Rose E. Gallagher** in Public Finance, **Charles J. Kolin** and **Willie F. Lewis** in Corporate Finance, **Joseph P. Lombardo** in General Litigation, and **Michael D. Robson** in Corporate Finance and Lease Finance.

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The new Chicago litigation firm of Cuisinier, Farahvar & Benson opened April 1 in suite 1150 at 120 N. LaSalle; (312) 624-9865. Formerly with Hartigan & Cuisinier, the name partners are **Francis P. Cuisinier**, **Paul A. Farahvar** and **Victoria R. Benson**.

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Breanne M. Schadt, a member of the Illinois bar, has been named a partner in the H. J. Dane Law Office in Davenport, Iowa. She joined the firm in 2005.

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Markus May has joined Eckhart Kolak, Chicago, in representation of clients who are operating, forming, buying or selling businesses. He is a member of the ISBA Corporation, Securities and Business Law Section Council.

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Theodore H. Lucas, a member of the Illinois bar, has joined the St. Louis-based firm of Fox Galvin as a partner in maritime, commercial and municipal law. He was with Lewis, Rice & Fingersh.

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Four lawyers have joined Handler, Thayer & Duggan, Chicago. Among them is **Gloria L. Materre**, senior counsel in the Commercial Practice Group. She had been with Materre & Associates since 1996.

New associates in the Advanced Planning and Family Office Practice Group are **Alexander I. Hock**, who was with Franklin Templeton Investments in Florida; **Brian P. Tsu**, formerly with PricewaterhouseCoopers, and **Izabela Czajkowska**.

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Hartigan & O'Connor is the new name of the Chicago firm formerly know as Hartigan & Cuisinier. Name partners are **Russell W. Hartigan**, a member of the ISBA Board of Governors, and **Patrick H. O'Connor**. A new partner in the firm is **Michael R. Hartigan**, who serves on the ISBA Insurance Law and Tort Law Section Councils.

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Hatch & Hensley, Lawyers is the new name of the Champaign firm formerly known as the Hatch Law Firm. The new Web site is <http://www.hatchandhensley.com>, and e-mail addresses have been changed accordingly. Call (217) 356-2577 for details.

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Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen has named four attorneys partners in three of its offices: **Tamara K. Hackman** (business torts and professional liability) in Urbana, **Drew M. Schilling** (toxic tort defense) in Rockford, and **Douglas R. Heise** (civil rights and employment litigation) and **Michael D. Schag** (toxic tort defense and commercial litigation) in Edwardsville.

William J. Charnock and **John P. Heil Jr.** have joined Heyl Royster's Peoria office as of counsel. Charnock (civil rights and first party property litigation) was prosecuting attorney in a West Virginia County. Heil (complex civil litigation) was an assistant Cook County state's attorney.

New associates at the firm are **Jesse A. Placher** in Peoria, **Christopher T. Polillo** in Springfield, **Brian M. Smith** in Urbana, and **Gary C. Pinter** in Edwardsville.

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The new Chicago firm of Hunkhouse Williams Walsh has been formed by seven former partners in Locke, Lord, Bissell & Liddell. Managing partner **Joseph A. Hinkhouse** was chair of the Insurance Practice Group at his former firm.

Other founding partners are **John T. Williams, Patrick T. Walsh, Scott R. Ostericher, Richard O. McDermott, Laura S. McKay** and **Sarah H. Dearing**.

Members of the firm are experienced in complex litigation and arbitration on behalf of the insurance industry, including reinsurance disputes. Call (312) 268-5760 for more information.

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Eric H. Sussman will join the Chicago office of Kaye Scholer on June 1 as a partner and head of the Regulatory Enforcement and White Collar Litigation Practice.

Now deputy chief of the U.S. attorney's Financial Crimes and Special Prosecutions Section in the Northern District, Sussman also was the office's Food and Drug Administration investigation and prosecution coordinator.

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William R. Franzen has joined Levin & Schreder, Chicago, as a partner in tax and estate planning, family business succession and multi-generational wealth transfer. Also a certified public accountant, he was a partner in McDermott, Will & Emery.

Rick Y. Gelboim has joined the firm as an associate in complex estate planning. He was with Jenner & Block.

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Laura A. Lipinski opened a solo practice in estate planning and real estate law on May 1 after 20 years with Schwartz Cooper in Chicago. The Law Offices of Laura A. Lipinski are at 4724 Central Ave., Western Springs 60558; telephone (708) 246-2680, e-mail lal@lipinskilawfirm.com.

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Daniel Schlessinger, a partner in the Chicago office of Locke, Lord, Bissell & Liddell, has been appointed to the firm's executive committee. He was managing partner of Lord, Bissell & Brook before its 2007 merger with Lock, Liddell & Sapp.

A pro bono volunteer with the National Immigrant Justice Center, Schlessinger has received awards twice from the Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation.

David W. Wirt has joined Locke Lord in Chicago as a partner and leader of its national Bankruptcy Section. He was a partner in Winston & Strawn's Corporate Department, and prior to that with Sidley & Austin.

Robert M. Stephenson has joined the firm as a partner in the White Collar Practice Group. A former assistant U.S. attorney, he was with Foley & Lardner.

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Jeremy D. Margolis and **Robert A. Andalman** have joined Loeb & Loeb, Chicago, as litigation partners in the White Collar Criminal Defense, Corporate Compliance and Investigations Group.

Both were partners in Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal, where Margolis, a former assistant U.S. attorney, was co-chair of the White Collar Defense Practice.

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Matushek, Nilles & Sinars has signed a long-term lease agreement for a new location it will move into later this year at 55 W. Monroe, Chicago. The firm's space will increase from 6,000 to 14,000 square feet to accommodate future growth, and advanced technology will be installed.

Founded in 1998, the law firm has defended hundreds of complex mass toxic tort and product liability claims.

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Fredric J. Entin, former general counsel of the American Hospital Association, has joined the Chicago office of Polsinelli Shalton Flanigan Suelthaus as a shareholder and expert in health care law. Previously with Foley & Lardner, he is a past president of the Illinois Association of Hospital Attorneys.

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Scopelitis, Garvin, Light, Hanson & Feary has opened an office in Detroit, where **Frederick R. Damm**, a past president of the Transportation Lawyers Association, and **Michael J. Tauser** joined the firm.

Based in Indianapolis, Scopelitis also has offices in Chicago, Kansas City, Chattanooga, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C.

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Matthew Hoppock and **Andres Padua** have joined Robert T. Varney & Associates, Bloomington, as associates in civil liability cases. Hoppock was an assistant Illinois attorney general in Springfield, and Padua was with Brenner, Ford, Monroe & Scott, Chicago.