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Bernard W. Smalley, Sr. Receives “Movers and Shakers” Award

Bernie Smalley was recently selected as one of the Philadelphia region’s “Movers and Shakers” by *The Philadelphia Tribune*. The honor was officially bestowed in a special ceremony at the Philadelphia Convention Center where 150 of Philadelphia’s most influential African American leaders were honored for their work in the city.

The Philadelphia Tribune was founded in 1884 by Christopher James Perry, Sr., and is the nation’s oldest daily newspaper serving the African American community. Approaching four decades in practice, Bernie is a well-recognized and accomplished trial attorney, having secured scores of seven-figure recoveries for his clients. He is a fellow of the prestigious International Academy of Trial Lawyers and the American College of Trial Lawyers. He has also been selected to the list of Philadelphia Super Lawyers annually since 2004, with a special added designation of being a part of the “Top 100 in Philadelphia” and “Top 100 in Pennsylvania” lists in 2018.

Updated Name... and Updated Office!

After the unveiling of the firm’s new name in March, we began a substantial renovation of the firm’s Philadelphia office. Summer for many people is a time of sun, sand, and sea... for us it was demolition, drywall, and dropcloths. Much is done and we are excited about the new look! Next step: curating some very special pieces of art, which we’ll share in a future issue.



Harold Goodman Honored for Work to Integrate Minorities into PA State Police

This summer, one of our partners, Harold I. Goodman, was honored by his clients and other community leaders for his role in ending the decades-long practice of racial discrimination against minorities by the Pennsylvania State Police. Twenty five years ago, Harold began a class action civil rights lawsuit which ultimately resulted in the hiring and promotion of more than 500 qualified minorities by the state police. The state police stymied the integration of the force by repeatedly violating court orders. Over the course of the lawsuit, Harold not only successfully represented his clients at a month-long trial, but he also won ten separate appeals in the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, in which the state police challenged the trial court’s racial integration order. Like his many clients and others, we salute Harold for his trial and appellate skills, and his steadfastness and dedication in representing them in this historic lawsuit.

Photo: Harold Goodman (second from left) is congratulated by members of the class action, all retirees of the Pennsylvania State Police: (Left to right) Trooper McRay Bostick, Lieutenant Arthur Williams, Sergeant Pearl Sweeting, Major Virginia Smith, Lieutenant John Lyle, Corporal William Harrison and Colonel Tyree Blocker.



Marty Brigham Fights to Have Deadly Methylene Chloride Taken off the Market

As part of a national campaign to stop the sale of deadly methylene chloride-based paint strippers, Marty Brigham was recently interviewed on CBS News. For decades, Marty has devoted his work to product safety, including representing families whose loved ones have been killed by inhaling methylene chloride vapor.

In September, Marty, teaming up with partner Chuck Hehmeyer, sued Rust-Oleum Corporation whose paint stripper killed a young man while he was re-painting his bicycle. Because the same Rust-Oleum product had killed another young man in 2011 under strikingly similar circumstances, Marty and Chuck are seeking punitive damages on behalf of the family.

