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Gregory S. Shatan

programs and activities. “Our goal is to provide academic institutions with a team that has the necessary skills that are not generally found in educational facilities, including prosecutorial, investigative and Title IX litigation experience,” said Paul Thaler, Managing Partner of Cohen Seglias’ Washington, D.C., office. “In addition we understand the sensitivity required by academic institutions to oversee these investigations.”

Jeffrey A. Wertkin, a former trial attorney in the Commercial Litigation Branch of the Civil Division at the U.S. Department of Justice, has joined



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Akin Gump as a partner in its litigation practice. “Jeff’s FCA trial and prosecution background, including his abundant work in the health industry, made him a very attractive candidate for us,” said Stephen M. Baldini, head of Akin Gump’s Litigation practice. “His extensive credentials, which include the relatively rare experience of trying a major false claims case to a successful jury verdict, will be an invaluable resource to our clients.” Wertkin received a J.D., as well as a Ph.D. in government, from Georgetown University and a B.A. from Haverford College.

Weiguo “Will” Chen has joined the Palo Alto office of **Sheppard Mullin**



Betty Chen

as a partner in the Intellectual Property practice group. “Will is a skilled IP practitioner and an excellent addition to our formidable IP practice group. He has a successful practice representing a variety of leading technology companies on patent prosecution, portfolio development, and patent and trade secret litigation,” said Guy N. Halgren, chairman of Sheppard Mullin. Chen joins the firm from Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner. He received a LL.M. from Franklin Pierce Law Center; a LL.B. and a B.S. from Tsinghua University in China; and a M.S. in electrical and computer engineering from Northeastern University.



Matthew Evans

Fish & Richardson’s Betty Chen has been selected for the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity’s 2016 Fellows program. A principal in the firm’s Silicon Valley and Austin offices, Chen previously clerked for Ron Clark of the Eastern District of Texas district court. She received a J.D. from the University of Texas Law School and a B.S. in business from the University of Southern California.

In addition, **Fish** has selected its own 2016 student Diversity Fellows. **Adam Aquino**, a student at the University of Chicago Law School, and **Juyoung “Jay” Kim**, a student at George Mason University School of Law, will work in the firm’s Washington, D.C., office. **Sarah Jack**, a student at the University of Iowa College of Law, will work in the Twin Cities office. **James Yang**, a student at Harvard Law School, will work in the Southern California office.

Matthew Evans has joined **AlixPartners** as a managing director of the firm’s Financial Advisory Services practice. “Matt brings to our clients a strong blend of financial and regulatory expertise,” said Simon Freakley, chief executive officer of AlixPartners. “His background and credibility strengthen AlixPartners’ financial investigative services offering and deepens our expertise in key areas of regulatory scrutiny. We are delighted to welcome him to the firm.” Evans received his bachelor’s degree in International Business from Ithaca College.

PBI NAMES EVE RUNYON CEO

The board of directors of Pro Bono Institute (PBI) has named Eve Runyon its new president and CEO. Runyon succeeds Esther Lardent, who founded PBI and held the roles of president and CEO for 19 years. James W. Jones, chair of PBI’s board, said, “Eve is an excellent new leader for PBI who will build on the extraordinary foundation, vision, strategy and team that Esther Lardent so effectively put in place during her time at PBI. [Eve] has broad knowledge of the challenges and opportunities confronting the pro bono community and has clearly demonstrated her ability to lead PBI in the years ahead.”

Runyon joined PBI in 2005 as the director of corporate pro bono. Under her leadership, the department implemented many innovative initiatives to expand in-house law departments’ commitment to pro bono, including the Corporate Pro Bono Challenge, which enables law departments to identify, benchmark and communicate their support for pro bono service.

About her new position, Runyon remarked, “I am excited to have this opportunity to advance the legacy of Esther Lardent to promote and enhance access to justice through pro bono legal services. I am grateful for the commitment of PBI’s friends and supporters, and I look forward to working with our stakeholders to better serve communities in need.”