

With 2023 in full swing, we thought to take the opportunity to reflect on some of the diverse accomplishments of our alums and our colleagues across the firm so far this year.

I would like to share with you what for me has been quite momentous: after 47 wonderful years, my colleague, administrative assistant, guiding light, and pal, **Judy Elam**, has retired. I had the good fortune to join up with her in 1976, and I and the firm have prospered ever since. Over five decades, she has been the firm's bookkeeper, controller, general administrator, party organizer, and all-around cheerleader.

She has cared about our clients, the law practice, and ultimately this firm as an institution. Wherever we are today and whatever fine reputation we have achieved in no small measure is attributable to the force and effect of Judy's investment of much of her life in us. As it should, the firm will always carry the mark of her contributions.

It also should and does carry the mark of all of our alums. You are the heart of our legacy, and we are grateful to all of you who have kept up your connection to us.

Take a moment and let us know what we may celebrate about your own recent adventures and accomplishments.

Take care and best,
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Alumni News



Daniel Amzallag joins the United States Attorney's Office

In May, **Dan Amzallag**, former Zuckerman Spaeder associate, joined the U.S. Attorney's Office as Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. Dan joined the firm as an associate in November 2020, following a judicial clerkship to the Hon. Patty Shwartz of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and the Hon. Valerie Caproni of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

We congratulate Dan on his new role and wish him continued success in his career!



Elizabeth Taylor, National Health Law Program (NHeLP)

This Spring, **Elizabeth Taylor** joined us for a litigation lunch session and shared details on her career path, NHeLP's work, current issues and initiatives, the intersection of the firm's shared efforts, and other ways we can support their mission.

To learn more about NHeLP and how to get involved, visit: <https://healthlaw.org/>.

What We've Been Up To

Anthony Ruiz Named Partner

Effective January 1, 2023, **Anthony Ruiz** was named a partner at the firm. Anthony has substantial experience representing individuals and corporations in complex civil litigation in state and federal courts and in government investigations involving the DOJ, the SEC, and other government and regulatory agencies. He also advises lawyers, law firms, and other organizations on professional ethics and represents lawyers in disciplinary investigations. [Read more.](#)



"Anthony has been an invaluable contributor in many of the firm's significant trial and litigation efforts over the past several years. His leadership abilities, strategic skills, and team orientation are clear to all who have had the pleasure to work with him. We're overjoyed to have Anthony join our partnership and expect he will help us for years to come in our efforts to help our clients successfully navigate their most difficult and important litigation challenges." — **Dwight Bostwick**, partner and firm chair



Sara Lawson Moves to the Baltimore Office

Effective August 1, 2023, partner **Sara Lawson** joined the firm's thriving Baltimore, Maryland office. Sara, who has been in the firm's Tampa office since 2012, has built a diverse practice representing businesses and individuals in high-stakes government investigations and commercial disputes. Her clients include a major health system, health care organizations and providers, and C-suite leaders from varied businesses, large corporations, and entrepreneurs. Sara has broad experience handling litigation and investigations in a wide range of industries, including health care, real estate, pensions, and construction.

An Active and Rewarding Spring

We were pleased to expand our recognition in traditional rankings outlets, but we are especially proud to celebrate the awards recognizing individuals throughout the firm.

- **Devon Galloway**: [On the Rise—Top Young Lawyer Award, American Bar Association](#)
- **Sara Lawson**: [Best Mentor, Daily Business Review](#)
- **Conor O'Croinin**: [Distinguished Maryland Pro Bono Service Award, Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland](#)
- **Maggie O'Donnell**: [Emerging Woman Leader in Law, DCA Live](#)



- [ALM recognizes Zuckerman Spaeder's exceptional insurance work as part of its 2023 Elite Trial Lawyer Awards](#)
- [Chambers USA again places Zuckerman Spaeder attorneys and practices at the top of the charts](#)

Recent Case Highlights

Obtained Dismissal of All Charges Against Client in a Federal Anti-Kickback Case

"The government's decision to voluntarily dismiss the entirety of its indictment against all defendants on the eve of trial is an exceptional outcome. This complete victory could not have been achieved without the strong and disciplined efforts of a large group of talented attorneys both inside and outside of our firm. It was an incredibly effective joint defense group." — **Dwight Bostwick**

Featured: [The American Lawyer's Litigation Daily - A Bazooka Is Better Than a Shotgun Blast: The Power of a Rare United Front in a Multidefendant White Collar Case](#)

Other team members: [Miles Clark](#) and Dan Amzallag (recently departed associate)



Ninth Circuit Rehearing of Landmark Mental Health Decision is Urged by the Federal Government, 15 States, the American Medical Association, and Dozens of Other Leading Organizations

"En banc review is clearly warranted, and we believe it is essential given the significance of the panel's errors. In critical areas, the court contradicted settled law, ignored relevant decisions from its own circuit and others, and misinterpreted foundational legal arguments. The result is a ruling that weakens critical consumer protections offered by ERISA and will have dangerous implications that go well beyond behavioral health care." — **Caroline Reynolds**

Other team members: [Adam Abelson](#), [Brian Hufford](#), [Jason Cowart](#), [David Reiser](#)



Alumni Resources

— Interested in attending a **Nationals or Orioles game this year**? Enter a drawing for two tickets to a parking pass for an upcoming game. Submit your name, [here](#).

— Did you know that in-house alumni of Zuckerman Spaeder can secure a six-month membership to the **Association of Corporate Counsel**? This resource provides access to research, online education, thought leadership, and extensive networking communities. To learn more about this program and register, [click here](#).

— Are you looking for ways to fulfill your mandated **CLE requirements**? Throughout the year, we host webinars on various topics. If you are interested in a specific topic, we would love to hear from you; contact [Kalie Hardos](#).

— Stay Connected. For timely updates, join our **private LinkedIn alumni group** and make sure we have your **updated contact details**.

Upcoming Speaking Engagements

[NAADAC, the Association for Addictive Professionals Annual Conference: "Breaking Down the Equitable Barrier to Affordable Behavioral Healthcare"](#)

Andrew Goldfarb and **Nell Peyser**
October 9 | Denver, Colorado

[Autism Law Summit: "Generally Accepted Standards of Care"](#)

Caroline Reynolds
October 13 | Milwaukee, Wisconsin

[Corporate Counsel, Women, Influence & Power in Law Annual Conference: "Guiding Your Organization Through Internal Investigations"](#)

Caroline Mehta
October 18 | New Orleans, Louisiana

Pro Bono Updates

As a firm, we are deeply focused on our communities, the importance of public service, and a shared commitment to delivering justice — regardless of personal circumstances or resources. As we reflect upon the first half of 2023, we are heartened by the firm's continued pro bono efforts. We have dedicated time and resources to issues ranging from civil rights matters, immigration law, compassionate release, child welfare, health care, and discrimination.

Through this work and our partnerships with other organizations in the community, we have helped our pro bono clients advance important and meaningful issues, protect their rights and interests, and promote justice and equity.

We look forward to joining us on this tradition in the years ahead and invite you to join us in celebrating some of our recent accomplishments.

— **Steve Herman** and **Maggie O'Donnell**, partners and pro bono practice co-chairs



Additional Matter Highlights

[Former FDA Commissioners Call for Reversal of Mifepristone Decision, Warn of "Catastrophic" Consequences for Access to Medications](#)

Team members: [Bill Schultz](#), [Peggy Dotzel](#), [Alyssa Howard](#)

[Court Rules Calvert Sheriff Wrongfully Charged Thousands in Fees for Public Information](#)

Team members: [Adam Abelson](#), [Samantha Miller](#)

[In Hester Amicus Brief, ABA Says "Money Bail" Systems are Unconstitutional and Deserve Supreme Court Review](#)

Team members: [Adam Abelson](#), [David Reiser](#), [Casey T.S. Jonas](#)

[Florida Sheriff Settles Lawsuit for Unlawfully Profiling and Detaining Florida Resident Born Abroad](#)

Team members: [Jack Fernandez](#), [Alyssa Howard](#)

[Zuckerman Spaeder Delivers \\$186,000 Award to Baltimore City Residents in Constitutional Tenants' Rights Fight](#)

Team members: [Conor O'Croinin](#), [Ariella Muller](#)

Recognitions

[Zuckerman Spaeder was honored with Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition's 2023 Detained Children's Champion Award](#)

[Seventeen Zuckerman Spaeder attorneys have been recognized on the DC Courts' 2022 Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, plus two recent AlumZS: Dan Amzallag and Avery Pollard](#)

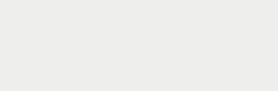
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