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Announcing our second location!

Schmidt Kramer is proud to announce the opening of their West Shore office. The firm opened an office located at **27 South 34th Street** in **Camp Hill, Pennsylvania**. This additional location enables Schmidt Kramer to better serve our clients on both the East and West Shores.

**2010 UCP/Schmidt Kramer
Golf Tournament**



Schmidt Kramer sponsored the 24th Annual UCP/Schmidt Kramer Golf Tournament on Monday, August 9, 2010, at the Carlisle Country Club.

Ben Francavilla, President, AmWINS

Program Underwriters, served as Honorary Chair of this year's golf tournament. For 57 years, UCP Central Pennsylvania has been providing quality services to people of all ages with all types of disabilities. The proceeds from the UCP/Schmidt Kramer Golf Tournament benefit the Growth Fund of the UCP Foundation of Central Pennsylvania. The Growth Fund was established to support UCP's mission to assist infants, children, youth, and adults with disabilities, and their families, achieve their goals of development, growth, independence, and full citizenship. Approximately \$45,000 was raised this year to benefit UCP.

The tournament began with a buffet luncheon followed by a "shotgun start" of 112 golfers. All golfers had an opportunity to participate in the Hole-in-One for a chance to win a new car, courtesy of Sutliff Chevrolet. A buffet dinner, live and silent auctions, and an awards ceremony hosted by Gerard C. Kramer rounded out the memorable day. Thanks to **Thomas S. Cook** of Schmidt Kramer for serving as auctioneer again this year.

A special thanks to **Chuck Schmidt** and **Gerry Kramer** of Schmidt Kramer for their many years of support. Also, thank you to the staff of Schmidt Kramer for their hard work and support. We also want to express our appreciation to the Golf Committee members for their dedication and commitment in putting together another successful tournament. Finally, we would like to thank the businesses and individuals who in some way contributed to the event.



**Dress for Success
Gala Event**

Schmidt Kramer sponsored the 2010 gala event "An Evening to Remember with Dress for Success" on Friday, September 24, 2010, at the Harrisburg Hilton. Attorney **Scott Cooper** and his wife, **Barbara**, Attorney **Melissa Leininger** and her husband, **Bryan**, Attorney **Terry S. Hyman** and his wife, **Jesse**, and Officer Manager **Dawnn Trostle** and her husband, **Bruce**, attended the event on behalf of Schmidt Kramer. The mission of Dress for Success is to promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support, and the career development tools to help women thrive in the workplace and in life.

We take your family's safety and security personally.

Announcements

■ **WOW MEMBERSHIP.** **Dawnn E. Trostle**, Schmidt Kramer's office manager, and **Melissa N. Leininger**, an attorney, both made a monetary donation to Dress for Success to become Women of Wardrobe (WOW) members. WOW provides its members with volunteer, fundraising, and networking opportunities to champion the mission of Dress for Success South Central PA, an international not-for-profit organization that promotes the economic independence of disadvantaged women. Both are excited to continue to volunteer their time for such a worthwhile cause.

■ **BNI (Business Network International).** **Melissa N. Leininger**, an attorney at Schmidt Kramer, was recently appointed to hold the position of president in her Hershey BNI group. BNI is a business and professional organization that provides a structured environment for the development and exchange of quality business referrals. Melissa represents Schmidt Kramer in this group and is looking forward to moving up into her new leadership role for the following year.

■ On August 29, 2010, **Scott B. Cooper** participated in the Harrisburg JCC 5K Run/Walk to help benefit the Josh Klein Bikkur Cholim Society. He finished fourth overall with a time of 20 minutes 12 seconds.

■ On August 27, 2010, **Scott B. Cooper** and **D. Joseph Chapman** participated in the Blue Knights Pennsylvania Chapter XII Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club Golf Tournament in honor of Michael Weigand, an officer killed in the line of duty. The tournament was held at the Bridges Golf Club in Abbottstown, Pennsylvania.

■ Congratulations to **Charles E. Schmidt Jr.**, the Senior Partner with Schmidt Kramer, for being nominated to the Patriot News Volunteer Spotlight for his 19-year commitment to the UCP Annual Golf Tournament. Mr. Schmidt has a strong commitment to the community and believes it is important to give back. Thanks for your dedication to UCP.



What's happening at Schmidt Kramer

In addition to our Web site at **SchmidtKramer.com**, check out what is happening at:

Facebook.com/SchmidtKramer

Twitter.com/TalkToALawyer

Youtube.com/SchmidtKramerLaw

We look forward to hearing from you!

Sad news

Todd D. Getgen passed away on July 21, 2010. Todd was employed by Schmidt Kramer for 14 years. He began working at Schmidt Kramer in May 1996 as a law clerk while attending Dickinson School of Law. He was admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania in December 1997. Todd served in the U.S. Army as a Fire Support Specialist with the 10th Mountain Division. During his service, he was awarded the Army Achievement Medal and the Army Good Conduct Medal. He was involved with UCP since 2001 and served on the Board of Directors as well as the Human Resources Committee. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the Getgen family.



ATTENTION, PARENTS UNDERAGE DRINKING PARTIES

Q: *Can I serve my child alcohol at home?*

A: No. Under no circumstances does Pennsylvania law permit adults to provide minors with alcohol, even if parents are serving their children in their homes. The fine for providing alcohol to a minor is a mandatory minimum of \$1,000.

Q: *What penalties can underage drinkers face?*

A: The penalty for a first offense is a fine of up to \$300 and a driver's license suspension for 90 days. A 90-day jail sentence is also possible. Penalties for second and subsequent offenses can include license suspension for a year for a second offense, and two years for a third offense.

Q: *What steps can parents take to discourage underage drinking parties at home?*

A: Consider the following:

- ✓ Lock up all alcohol. Locksmiths can install locks for cabinets for less than \$100.
- ✓ Ask neighbors and family members to keep an eye on the house and on any children alone in the home.
- ✓ Know what your children will be up to, and verify as needed.
- ✓ Alert your police department to contact you if officers see suspicious activity at your home.

Sources: Local law enforcement and legal experts

Pennsylvania Association for Justice (PaJ) Annual Retreat

Attorneys **Charles E. Schmidt Jr.**, **Scott B. Cooper**, and **Terry S. Hyman** recently attended the Pennsylvania Association for Justice (PaJ) Annual Retreat at Bedford Springs. Partner **Scott B. Cooper** was elected vice president of the Association and Senior Partner **Charles E. Schmidt Jr.** was reelected to the Board of Governors.

Scott and Barbara Cooper with their children, Leah and Samantha, enjoying the PaJ Annual Retreat.



At the Lupus Loop

Schmidt Kramer sponsored **Janice Harmon**, legal assistant at Schmidt Kramer, along with her mother, **Joy Gardner**, and sister, **Patti Volcko**, to participate in the 5K Harrisburg Lupus Loop on Saturday, September 18, 2010, at the Carousel Pavilion, City Island. The Lupus Foundation of America, Inc. (LFA) is the foremost national nonprofit voluntary health organization dedicated to finding the causes of and cure for lupus and providing support, services, and hope to all people affected by lupus.



Thanks for the pro bono work

Attorneys **Thomas S. Cook** and **D. Joseph Chapman** volunteered their time to represent a client through the Dauphin County Bar Association Pro Bono Volunteer Lawyer Program. The Pro Bono Program provides attorney services for those individuals who would otherwise not be able to afford an attorney. Attorney Cook and Attorney Chapman received the following recognition from defense counsel. "I don't know if it's possible to give pro bono attorneys extra pro bono credit, but I just wanted to let you know that Thomas Cook and Joe Chapman from Schmidt Kramer have been working on a difficult custody case and have gone above and beyond what I ever would have anticipated from a pro bono attorney. Even though they are opposing counsel, I really do appreciate all of the help they have given the client, as does the judge. Just thought I'd share a good pro bono experience with you." Thanks Tom and Joe for your time and effort in helping this pro bono client.

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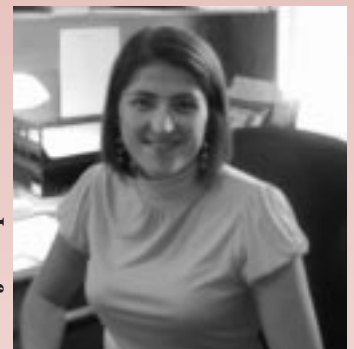
The staff corner—



Katie Peters

Everyone at **Schmidt Kramer** would like to welcome **Katie Peters, Ryan Mellinger, and Marija Krpan Kuren** to the firm. Katie's first day at Schmidt Kramer was June 28, 2010, as a law clerk for Attorney Scott B. Cooper. Katie is a second-year law student at Widener University School of Law. Congratulations to Katie for being selected to *Law Review*. She enjoys watching college football and traveling. She resides in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Ryan began working at Schmidt Kramer on August 23, 2010, and is a law clerk for Attorney Gerard C. Kramer. Ryan is a third-year law student at Widener University School of Law. He enjoys playing spades, golf, tennis, and watching baseball. Ryan resides in

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, with his wife, **Hollis**. Marija's first day with Schmidt Kramer was September 21, 2010. Marija is a part-time attorney who will be assisting Attorney Terry S. Hyman. She received her J.D. from Widener University School of Law in May 2004. She enjoys traveling, Croatian folklore music/dancing, and spending time with her family. Marija lives in Harrisburg with her husband, **Scott Michael**, and son, **Ante Frane**.



Marija Krpan Kuren



Ryan Mellinger

★ The following birthdays have been celebrated at Schmidt Kramer: **Ashley Burris** on July 11; **Jennifer Garcia** on July 26; **Leah Eberly** on August 13; **Joanne Laporta** on August 26; **D. Joseph Chapman** on September 12; and **Janice Harmon** on September 21. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE!**

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

The attorneys and staff of **Schmidt Kramer** attended a Harrisburg Senators baseball game in July at Metro Bank Park. It was a beautiful day to enjoy a ball game. Everybody had a fun and relaxing day. Thanks **Chuck, Gerry, and Scott** for a great day!

