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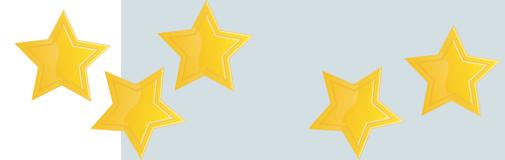
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RISING STARS 2015



The following
Schmidt Kramer attorneys
have been selected
to the 2015 Pennsylvania
Super Lawyers list:

Charles E. Schmidt Jr.
Gerard C. Kramer
Scott B. Cooper
Michael E. Kosik
Daryl E. Christopher

Attorney **Joe Chapman**
has also been selected
to the 2015 Pennsylvania
Rising Stars list.

Each year, no more than 5 percent of lawyers in the state are selected to be included on the Super Lawyers list; only 2.5 percent of lawyers in the state are selected to be included on the Rising Stars list.

Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters business, is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The annual selections are made using a patented multiphase process that includes a statewide survey of lawyers, an independent research evaluation of candidates, and peer reviews by practice area. The result is a credible, comprehensive, and diverse listing of exceptional attorneys.

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ATTORNEY NEWS



► Attorney **Scott Cooper** spoke at the Pennsylvania Association for Justice's 33rd Annual Auto Law Seminar in both Pittsburgh and Harrisburg. Scott spoke about Pennsylvania uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage and an update to the bad faith law in Pennsylvania.

► Schmidt Kramer would like to congratulate attorney **Terry S. Hyman** on his retirement on April 15, 2015, after 30 years of practice. Terry has been an attorney at Schmidt Kramer since 2004.



► Attorney **Scott Cooper** has been selected to the 2015 list as a member of the Nation's Top One Percent by the National Association of Distinguished Counsel. The Counsel is an organization dedicated to promoting the highest standards of legal excellence.

Due to the incredible selectivity of the appointment process, only the top 1 percent of attorneys in the United States are awarded membership. This elite class of advocates consists of the finest leaders of the legal profession from across the nation.

Scott has also been named to the National Trial Lawyers Top 100 Trial Lawyers organization. The National Trial Lawyers is a professional organization composed of the premier trial lawyers from across the country who exemplify superior qualifications as civil plaintiff's attorneys.

EVENTS

For the 15th year, Schmidt Kramer sponsored the UCP of Central PA Expressions Contest, which challenged area students to think about the potential barriers that exist between people with and without disabilities, as well as the power of a positive attitude in breaking down those barriers. Schmidt Kramer attorneys were on site to present the winners of the contest with their prizes. Pictured is attorney **Abbie Trone** with the winners of the grades 9–12 contest from Cumberland Valley High School.



On April 22, 2015, Schmidt Kramer acknowledged its hardworking staff members in celebration of Administrative Professionals Day. Schmidt Kramer would like to thank the staff for their continued hard work and dedication!

Congratulations to Sami Cooper, daughter of attorney **Scott Cooper**, for winning the Schmidt Kramer 2015 NCAA tournament pool!



Schmidt Kramer recently participated in two Relay for Life events. Paralegal **Jennifer Lynn**, a survivor of Hodgkin's lymphoma who is celebrating nine years of remission, was the team captain of "The Hodge Podge," which participated in the June 6–7 event at Trinity High School. The cause is both personal and special to Jennifer, who truly believes in the Relay's mission of helping us all have many more birthdays.

Bookkeeper **Sherrie Mehring** was the team captain of "Dawnn's 8s" that participated in the June 19 event in Dillsburg. Sherrie's team is in honor of Schmidt Kramer office manager Dawnn Trostle, who is currently battling cancer (and kicking its butt!). Pictured is Jennifer (left) and her teammate.

CONGRATS, GRADS!

★ Congratulations to paralegal **Amanda Rodriguez** for her graduation from Central Penn College. Amanda received a Bachelor of Arts degree in legal studies. A dean's list student, she is also the recipient of the Legacy Award for Perseverance.



★ Congratulations to **Gerard P. Kramer**, son of attorney **Gerry Kramer**, for his graduation with honors from the Tepper School of Business at Carnegie Mellon University. Gerard received a Bachelor of Science degree in finance. He will begin working for IBM this fall. He is pictured with his brother, Michael.



★ Congratulations to Leah Cooper, daughter of attorney **Scott Cooper**, on her graduation from Central Dauphin High School. Leah will begin college at Syracuse University in the fall. She

received a founder's scholarship and plans to attend the Newhouse School of Communications, with an intended major in public relations. Leah was a member of the National Honor Society and graduated sixth in her class.

★ Congratulations to Maggie Kergick, sister of attorney **Dennis Kergick**, for her graduation from North Schuylkill High School. As student council president, she delivered a speech at commencement. Maggie will begin college at Lebanon Valley College in the fall, where she plans to major in biology.



★ Congratulations to Daphne Meyers, daughter of paralegal **Renee Weaver**, on her graduation from Ephrata High School. She graduated *cum laude*. Daphne will begin college at the University of Pittsburgh, where she plans to study history, English, and psychology. She then plans to attend law school.

STAFF CORNER

Schmidt Kramer would like to welcome two new paralegals to the firm!

Paralegal **Jeni Smoker**, Schmidt Kramer's resident candy lady, joined the firm in order to support her household of animals. While Jeni enjoys hiking and kayaking, her favorite hobby is napping. Jeni is a graduate of James Madison University, where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in psychology. She is currently enrolled in the Harrisburg Area Community College Certificate in Paralegal Studies program, which she expects to finish this summer.



Paralegal **Jennifer Lynn** hails from Altoona, Pa., where she attended Penn State as an English major. As such, her main hobby is reading a wide variety of literature, including but not limited to graphic novels, Shakespeare, and science fiction. Jennifer is a recent graduate of Harrisburg Area Community College, where she earned her Associate in Arts degree in paralegal studies. In her spare time, she enjoys the company of her dog, knitting, and spending time with her nieces and nephew.



Paralegals **Ashley Burris** and **Trisha Robison** participated in the Color Run in Hershey on May 31, 2015. This year the proceeds benefited the International Rett Syndrome Foundation. There were well over 10,000 participants in this year's race.



Paralegal **Ashley Burris** and her son, Tristan, participated in The Glo Run Safari Tour 5k in Carlisle on April 11, 2015. Ashley's daughter, Lily, watched from the sideline. Before the race, the Burris family made sure to remember the missing member of their "run family," Tim, who is currently deployed in Kuwait. The Glo Run helps raise money for the Big 33 Scholarship Foundation, which produces the premier high school all-star football game in the United States, showcases and develops excellence in students and in the community, and also raises funds for academic scholarships and other charitable activities.



PET CORNER

Meet Max!



This edition's pet corner features Max Schmidt, the pure teacup poodle of attorney **Chuck Schmidt** and his wife, Joyce. Max weighs just a little over 5 pounds and is 10 years old.

Every evening, Max waits anxiously at the back door for Chuck to get home from work.

Would you like your pet to appear in one of Schmidt Kramer's upcoming newsletters? If so, please send a photo and blurb to skshare01@gmail.com!



The following staff members had birthdays since our last newsletter:

Trisha Robison
Gerry Kramer
Laura Trimble

Renee Weaver
Jessica Kurtz

Happy birthday to everyone!



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RECIPE CORNER

Have a recipe that you'd like featured in one of Schmidt Kramer's upcoming newsletters? If so, please send the recipe to skshare01@gmail.com!

Fluffer Nutter Rice Krispie Treats

Ingredients:

- 1 bag (10 oz.) regular-sized marshmallows
- ¼ cup unsalted butter
- ½ cup creamy peanut butter
- 5 cups crisp rice cereal
- 1¼ cup mini marshmallows
- 1 bag (10 oz.) peanut butter morsels, melted
- 2 bags (8 oz.) miniature peanut butter cups

Directions:

1. Prepare an 8-inch square baking dish by lining with parchment paper or buttered foil. Set aside.
2. In a large pot, melt butter over medium heat. Add marshmallows and turn heat to low. Stir until completely smooth. Remove from heat and quickly stir in peanut butter. Add cereal.
3. Fold in the mini marshmallows. Pour mixture into prepared baking dish. Very gently, smooth the top of the mixture. Do not press them in tightly. Spread melted peanut butter morsels over the top.
4. Top the melted peanut butter morsels with the peanut butter cups, pressing them in. Allow to set (about 1 hour). Cut into squares and serve.

