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2014 Super Lawyers

Congratulations to six lawyers at Schmidt Kramer—**Daryl E. Christopher, Scott B. Cooper, Terry S. Hyman, Michael E. Kosik, Gerard C. Kramer, and Charles E. Schmidt Jr.**—who were recently designated as “Super Lawyers” in Pennsylvania by the Super Lawyers publication for their leadership in the legal field.

In addition, Schmidt Kramer lawyer **D. Joseph Chapman** was named a Rising Star by the publication. In addition, this year marks the fourth year in a row that **Scott B. Cooper** was named one of the Top 100 Super Lawyers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Super Lawyers list is designed to be a credible, comprehensive, and diverse listing of outstanding attorneys that can be used as a resource for attorneys and consumers searching for legal counsel. The Super Lawyers process has three phases: nomination, evaluation of the candidate pool, and peer evaluation by practice area. Evaluation is based on 12 indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement, including verdicts, settlements, and transactions; representative clients; experience; honors and awards; special licenses and certifications; position within law firm; bar and other professional activity; pro bono and community service; scholarly lectures and writings; education and employment background; and other outstanding achievements.

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WELCOME TO SCHMIDT KRAMER!



Michael E. Kosik joined Schmidt Kramer PC in early March 2014. He grew up in northeastern Pennsylvania, where he attended Wilkes University. He attended the Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle, Pa., and after graduating in 1982 has lived in Harrisburg. Mike's mother's family, which included 13 brothers and sisters, is

from Cumberland County, where his father met his mother while attending Dickinson School of Law.

Mike handles primarily automobile, motorcycle, and tractor trailer accident cases, but also regularly handles premises liability and product liability cases. Mike has been active in Boy Scouts and is the proud parent of two sons who are Eagle Scouts. His son, Edwin, placed signs on the bridges over the Swatara Creek Water Trail for his Eagle Project, and his other son, Alec, built two covered picnic benches on the Green Belt in Paxtang.

Mike is an avid bicyclist, regularly riding both road and mountain bikes. He frequently participates in charity rides such as the Bike MS: City to Shore and the Tour de Belt, which are annual events. On most rides he can be found riding with Chuck Schmidt and Gerard Kramer.

He is married to Lisa Kosik, who works in the human services field. Although their three children are college age or older, they enjoy hiking, kayaking, and gardening together.



Daryl E. Christopher, a native of central Pennsylvania, joined Schmidt Kramer PC in March 2014. He grew up in Elizabethtown before attending Juniata College and the Penn State Dickinson School of Law.

Daryl handles all types of personal injury cases. For the past nine years, he has focused much of his time on medical malpractice.

When he is not working, Daryl enjoys spending time with his family, including his 7-year-old niece and 3-year-old nephew. Daryl also enjoys kayaking, cycling, and hiking on the Appalachian Trail. This July, he is getting married to his fiancée, Elizabeth Panek, in State College, Pa.

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SOCIAL SECURITY DEPARTMENT:

Paralegal Amy E. McKivison, attorney Jessica L. Kurtz,
and paralegal Renee E. Weaver.



PERSONAL INJURY DEPARTMENT:

Attorney Abbie Trone, attorney Michael E. Kosik, paralegal Maureen Sullivan, partner Scott B. Cooper, paralegal Trisha Robison, partner Gerard C. Kramer, and paralegal Tiffany Herb.



WORKERS' COMPENSATION DEPARTMENT:

Partner Charles E. Schmidt Jr.,
paralegal Ashley Burris,
and attorney Dennis Kergick.



MEDICAL MALPRACTICE DEPARTMENT:

Attorney D. Joseph Chapman, paralegal Laura Trimble,
attorney Daryl E. Christopher, and attorney Terry S. Hyman.



ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Vellia Gaston, receptionist;
partner Gerard C. Kramer;
Dawnn E. Trostle, office manager;
and Sherrie Mehring, bookkeeper.

THANK YOU, SCHMIDT KRAMER STAFF



Schmidt Kramer celebrated
Administrative Professionals Day
on Monday, April 28, 2014.

Thanks so much to our staff for all
their hard work, professionalism, and
dedication throughout the year.

*We appreciate all they do at
Schmidt Kramer!*



ATTORNEY NEWS:

■ On April 8, 2014, Schmidt Kramer partner **Scott B. Cooper** gave a presentation to some members of the Pennsylvania State House Philadelphia delegation on why Pennsylvania needs to increase the minimum levels of property damage and liability coverage. These limits have been in effect and the same since 1974. Read the presentation by downloading it from our document library at our website, www.schmidtkramer.com.

■ On April 9, 2014, attorney **D. Joseph Chapman** was one of the presenters at a Pennsylvania Bar Institute course. He spoke to other lawyers to help them improve their opening statements. An opening statement is the first opportunity a lawyer gets to speak to the jury and “tell their client’s story.” In fact, that was the theme of the class, which addressed storytelling in an opening statement. Joe worked with two theatre consultants to analyze how best to bring a client’s case to a jury using the principles that have been tried and true for storytellers over the ages. The class was well received, and it was an honor for Joe to have the attention of his peers and colleagues.



■ On April 29, 2014, partner **Scott B. Cooper** spoke at the Pennsylvania Association for Justice’s 32nd Annual Big Auto Insurance Law Program at the Westin Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pa., on “Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Coverage and Insurance Bad Faith.”

■ On May 16, 2014, partner **Scott B. Cooper** spoke at the Pennsylvania Association for Justice’s 32nd Annual Big Auto Insurance Law Program at the Sheraton in Harrisburg/Hershey on “Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Coverage and Insurance Bad Faith.”

WAY TO GO, TEAMS!

■ Attorney **Joe Chapman** is on the soccer field again. Both of his boys (15 and 10 years old) are playing soccer at CASA. Joe is coaching both teams. This is an interesting season because his older son is now of the age where it is no longer about soccer skills, but about



planning and giving the players a structure for their own creativity. At the same time, the younger boys need help with everything from stopping the ball to learning how to kick it correctly. In either phase, Joe feels blessed to be so closely involved.

■ Social Security Department paralegal **Renee Weaver** is very active in her local soccer club. All four of her daughters (ages 17, 14, 12, and 10) play for EYSC (the older two play school ball during the fall season). Renee is the Girls Rec Coordinator for EYSC. Her local club also holds the LAGS end-of-season tournament each year. This tournament keeps the whole family busy with preparations. She is hoping to get back to coaching next season when her son starts playing (age 4) in the U6 level. She has coached all of her daughters’ teams in the past and is hoping the transition from girls to boys soccer will be a smooth one.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Schmidt Kramer will sponsor the **28th Annual UCP/Schmidt Kramer Golf Tournament**. The golf tournament will be held at the Carlisle Country Club on Monday, August 4, 2014.

The staff of Schmidt Kramer is excited to again volunteer their time for the day to raise money for United Cerebral Palsy of Central Pennsylvania. Come out and support a great cause.

BEST LAW FIRMS

Congratulations, Schmidt Kramer PC.

Schmidt Kramer PC has received a Tier 1 ranking in the 2014 Edition of *U.S. News—Best Lawyers®* “Best Law Firms.”

Tier 1 rankings were determined through a combination of impressive feedback from clients and peers.



JOB SHADOWING AT SCHMIDT KRAMER

Daphne Myers, a junior at Ephrata High School, came into the office to job-shadow attorneys **Jessica Kurtz** and **Scott Cooper**. Daphne attended a Social Security



Daphne Myers and Jessica Kurtz

hearing with attorney Kurtz and an auto accident deposition with attorney Cooper. After spending the day at Schmidt Kramer, she is excited about a future career as an attorney. She also told her mom, Social Security department paralegal **Renee Weaver**, that Renee is lucky to work with such a great group of people.

The following staff members have celebrated birthdays in 2014:

Dawnn Trostle on January 31; **Michael E. Kosik** on February 13; **Charles E. Schmidt Jr.** on February 15; **Abbie Trone** on February 28; **Daryl E. Christopher** on March 1; **Scott B. Cooper** on March 20; **Vellia Gaston** on April 13; **Terry S. Hyman** on April 15; **Trisha Robison** on April 28; and **Renee E. Weaver** on May 26.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE!



Schmidt Kramer partner **Scott B. Cooper's** daughter, **Leah Cooper**, with Democratic nominee for governor Tom Wolf at his primary night victory.



PROM NIGHT

Partner **Scott B. Cooper's** daughter, **Leah Cooper**, attended the Central Dauphin High School prom on May 9, 2014.

Pictured from left to right are Samantha Cooper, Barbara Cooper, Leah, and Scott.

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CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATE!

Elizabeth L. Kramer, daughter of Schmidt Kramer partner **Gerard C. Kramer**, graduated May 17, 2014, from Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pa. Elizabeth earned a B.S. in ethics, history and public policy, and a B.S. in international relations and politics.



Elizabeth Kramer with her grandmother.

During her college studies, Elizabeth completed an individual research project concerning the implementation of no-fault divorce in the United States. Her research was presented at the Dietrich Undergraduate Conference and was published in the University of Washington's *Undergraduate Law Review*. Elizabeth has filled in at Schmidt Kramer as a receptionist. She will continue her education and is attending law school in the fall.



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