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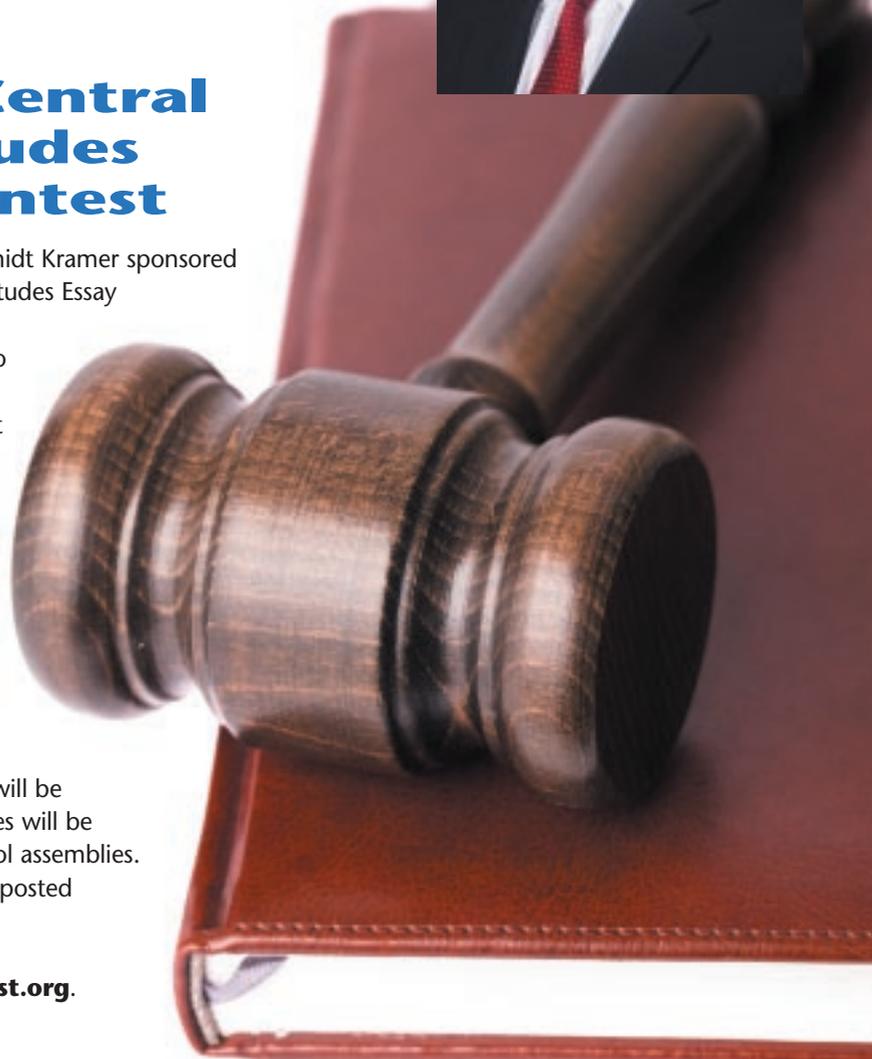
Attorney **Mike Kosik** successfully pursued an underinsured motorist case against State Farm. After reaching a settlement with the driver responsible for the accident, a claim for underinsured motorist benefits was pursued against the clients' own insurance policy because the other driver was underinsured, and the clients were not fully compensated. State Farm made several small offers of settlement, all of which were rejected, and the case proceeded to trial. The jury found against State Farm and rendered an award of \$250,000 to Mike's clients.



**UCP of Central  
PA Attitudes  
Essay Contest**

For the 15th year, Schmidt Kramer sponsored the UCP of Central PA Attitudes Essay Contest. The contest challenges area students to think and write about the potential barriers that exist between people with and without disabilities, and the power of a positive attitude in breaking down those barriers. The contest was open to students in grades 3-12 in Cumberland, Dauphin, northern York, and Perry counties. The winners in each category will be announced, and cash prizes will be awarded at year-end school assemblies. All winning entries will be posted online.

Learn more at  
[www.expressionscontest.org](http://www.expressionscontest.org).



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# ATTORNEY NEWS



★ After being nominated and voted on by their peers, the following attorneys have been included in the *Central Penn Business Journal* 2015 Central Pennsylvania's Best Lawyers in America edition:

- **Chuck Schmidt**
- **Gerry Kramer**
- **Scott Cooper**
- **Terry Hyman**
- **Mike Kosik**
- **Daryl Christopher**

Congratulations on your achievement!

★ On Jan. 28, 2015, attorney **Scott Cooper** was an invited speaker and moderator at the Pennsylvania Bar Association Midyear Meeting in Montego Bay, Jamaica, for the "Hot Topics in Civil Litigation" program. Scott presented an update on auto law.



★ On March 5, 2015, attorney **Joe Chapman** spoke about liens in personal injury cases at a course sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute that was held in Philadelphia and simulcast around the state. Joe spoke on information concerning the Department of Human Services (previously the Department of Public Welfare), Medicare, and ERISA liens.

★ On March 17, 2015, attorney **Dennis Kergick** acted as a volunteer juror for the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division high school mock trial competition at the Dauphin County Courthouse. Dennis was very impressed to see the hard work and dedication that the students put into their work, and he was happy to serve as a scoring judge and juror along with other local attorneys.

★ On March 21, 2015, attorney **Dennis Kergick** volunteered his time to the Wills for Heroes program held at the Widener School of Law. The Wills for Heroes program provides important legal documents to first responders, who are at much higher risk due to the dangerous nature of their jobs. Dennis was thankful for the opportunity to devote his Saturday to such a worthy cause.

# STAFF CORNER

Love was in the air at Schmidt Kramer on Valentine's Day. Staff member **Laura Trimble** (paralegal to attorney Mike Kosik) was serenaded at work by the Gents Nite Out Barbershop Quartet—a surprise from her husband, Dan.



Similarly, staff member **Ashley Burris** (paralegal to attorneys Chuck Schmidt and Daryl Christopher) was delivered a single rose from her husband, Tim, who is currently deployed.



Schmidt Kramer staff members, including **Sarah Dick** (paralegal to attorney Joe Chapman) as well as attorneys **Dennis Kergick** and **Jessica Kurtz**, participated in the Harrisburg Young Professionals (HYP) dodgeball league. Their team, **The Slow Fade**, finished the season with a losing record, however, what they lacked in dodgeball skill, they made up for in spirit and sportsmanship. Sarah, the team captain, was even chosen to play in the HYP all-star game!



Schmidt Kramer would like to welcome **Amanda Rodriguez** to the firm. She is a paralegal in our Social Security and workers' compensation departments, working closely with attorneys Jessica Kurtz and Dennis Kergick. Amanda will earn her bachelor's degree in legal studies from Central Penn College in May 2015. She is a member of Central Penn's Honor Society, Gamma Beta Phi. She plans on attending law school in the fall of 2015. Amanda spends her time volunteering for the National Sexual Violence Resource Center in Enola, Pa. Her free time is spent with her two young daughters, Madison and Emma. She also enjoys playing softball and outdoor activities.

# PET CORNER

*This edition's pet corner is dedicated to the new puppies of Schmidt Kramer:*

## **Nala Weaver and Fudge Chapman!**

**Renee Weaver** (paralegal to attorney Jessica Kurtz) and her family welcomed Nala into their home. Nala, a yellow Lab, was a Christmas gift from Renee's in-laws. She was the biggest of all 12 puppies, weighing in at a little over 13 pounds when she was taken to the Weaver residence. Nala joins her new brother, Simba, a Rottweiler that has been with the family for the past seven years. Everyone in the Weaver family pulls together to help take care of the new pup; even Simba has taken Nala under her paw.



**Simba & Nala**



**Fudge**

Attorney **Joe Chapman** and family added golden doodle (a mix between a golden retriever and a standard poodle) number two this year. The puppy, named Fudge, is doing what puppies do: peeing on things it shouldn't, chewing on things it shouldn't, barking at things it shouldn't, and generally being as cute as possible whilst dragging mayhem with it in 20 different directions at once. The Chapman family is thrilled.

We would like to thank Schmidt Kramer's resident animal lover, **Gerry Kramer**, for his continued support of the Pet Corner.



**Gerry Kramer  
with his daughter Elizabeth,  
and their dogs Opie and Spuds.**



Attorney **Chuck Schmidt** welcomed his second grandson, Owen Michael Schmidt, to the world on March 12, 2015. Owen weighed in at 7 pounds, 12 ounces. He joins his big brother, **Ryan**, and is the newest member of the Schmidt family.

The following staff members had birthdays since our last newsletter:

- Dawnn Trostle** (January 31)
- Mike Kosik** (February 13)
- Chuck Schmidt** (February 15)
- Abbie Trone** (February 28)
- Daryl Christopher** (March 1)
- Scott Cooper** (March 20)



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# RECIPE CORNER

## Brownie Batter Dip

*Submitted by Trisha Robison, paralegal to attorney Gerry Kramer.*

Total time (including prep): 10 minutes

Yields 20 servings

### Ingredients

- 1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1/3 cup baking cocoa
- 1/4 cup 2% milk
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup M&M minis (optional)
- Animal crackers, pretzels, and/or sliced apples

### Directions:

In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese and butter until smooth. Beat in the confectioners' sugar, cocoa, milk, brown sugar, and vanilla until smooth. If desired, sprinkle with M&M minis. Serve with dippers of your choice.

