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Super Lawyers

Schmidt Kramer is proud to announce that six of our attorneys have been selected for inclusion in the 2016 list of *Super Lawyers*

Chuck Schmidt, Gerry Kramer, Scott Cooper, and Mike Kosik were selected for the **2016 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers** list in the general plaintiff personal injury category. **Daryl Christopher** was also selected for inclusion in the medical

malpractice category. **Joe Chapman** was named to the **2016 Pennsylvania Rising Stars** list in general plaintiff personal injury. *The Super Lawyers* list begins with a peer-nomination system. Following nominations, independent research is conducted into the nominees' professional achievement, and the nominees go through a peer evaluation. The lists are published nationwide in city and regional magazines and newspapers. The final selection includes only 5 percent of all nominated attorneys. **Scott Cooper** was also included in the list of **Top 100 Lawyers in Pennsylvania** and **Top 100 Lawyers in Philadelphia**, which is a selection of *Super Lawyers* who received the highest points during the *Super Lawyers* selection process.

Chuck Schmidt, Gerry Kramer, Scott Cooper, Mike Kosik, and Daryl Christopher were also recognized for their experience in personal injury litigation in the 2017 edition of **Best Lawyers in America**. **Chuck Schmidt** was also named the 2017 **"Lawyer of the Year"** in the field of Personal Injury Litigation—Plaintiffs.



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Staff Corner

Congratulations are in order for attorney **Daryl Christopher** and his wife, **Beth**, who added a new member to their family. **Matthew Christopher** is doing well and keeping his parents busy!

Events!

On April 27, 2016, **Schmidt Kramer** honored its staff with a breakfast in celebration of **Administrative Professionals Day**.



The team at **Schmidt Kramer** greatly enjoyed watching the Harrisburg Senators take on the Bowie Baysox at our annual **Senators game outing** on June 29, 2016.



Schmidt Kramer participated in a six-week **WalkingWorks Program** offered through Capital BlueCross. Each week, the names of the participants who reached 50,000 steps that week were entered for a drawing to win a gift card. Our winners included **Kate Acie, Ashley Burris, Jennifer Lynn, Jeni Smoker, Laura Trimble, and Trisha Wertz**. **Sherrie Mehring** was responsible for organizing the event.



The **30th annual UCP/Schmidt Kramer golf tournament** took place on August 1, 2016, at the Carlisle Country Club. The proceeds from the tournament supported programming needs for individuals with disabilities through the UCP of Central Pennsylvania.



For the 16th year, **Schmidt Kramer** sponsored the **UCP of Central Pennsylvania's 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.



The **Schmidt Kramer volleyball team, "888-8888,"** made it to the semifinals in the Dauphin County Bar Association summer volleyball league.

IN MEMORIAM



Dawnn Trostle is a name that is familiar to anyone who did business with Schmidt Kramer in the last 25 years. It is with great sadness that we inform you of Dawnn's passing on June 12, 2016. Our firm lost one of its finest assets, but more importantly, many of us lost a dear friend.

Dawnn began her career at Schmidt Kramer in 1989 as a paralegal, ultimately becoming the office manager in 2008. From the beginning, Dawnn was a dynamic force with a work ethic and loyalty that made her a model worker that any business covets. She cared deeply about her work. She was ever ready to put in the time and effort needed to make sure everything that passed through her would meet her personal standards, which consistently equated to excellence. Dawnn rightfully took pride in her work, as well as the accomplishments of every member of the firm.

As much as Dawnn cared about her work at Schmidt Kramer, she cared equally about the people of Schmidt Kramer—both clients and coworkers. Her compassion was evidenced by her actions—she always had time to ask about you and your family, lend an ear if you needed a confidant, or offer some earnest advice. She placed real investment in everyone's well-being. Dawnn made an impression on Schmidt Kramer and on each of our personal lives.

Dawnn always gave her full effort in every task she undertook, and her fight against cancer was no exception. She never lost her sense of humor and maintained her kind and gentle demeanor that we all loved. Watching her battle was both admirable and humbling.

It was truly an honor to work alongside Dawnn. We are thankful for the time that we had with her. Dawnn watched Schmidt Kramer grow and change over the years, and we are better because of her. We are proud to claim her as one of our family and will continue to carry her memory with us. Our thoughts and prayers remain with Dawnn's husband, Bruce, her daughter, Stephanie, and her grandchildren, who were so close to her heart.

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"I started at Schmidt Kramer not long before Dawnn stopped working. As soon as I met her, she made me feel welcome. She showed me family photos and asked about my family. Despite everything that was going on with her, she took the time to make sure that I was comfortable. Dawnn was there for everyone—family, friends, or coworkers. Her personality and energy can never be replaced, but a part of her lives on in all of us who were fortunate enough to know her and to learn from her."—Daryl Christopher

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"When you are 'growing up' in a law firm, you get two separate but equally important educations: You learn how to be a lawyer, and you learn how to work with others. Dawnn taught me many important lessons on the latter. She believed everyone was important. She believed everyone was a person that deserved respect. She believed Schmidt Kramer was a team first and a company second. Her legacy lives in me—she taught me to search for the good in others, don't stop until you find it, and then help them transform good into great."

—Joe Chapman

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"When I came on board at Schmidt Kramer, Dawnn took me under her wing and really helped me grow in my position. It didn't take me long to realize that Dawnn had a heart of gold. She truly cared about everyone she knew on both a professional and personal level. She is very much missed."—Sherrie Mehring

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"When you spend 40+ hours per week with someone, they become like family. Dawnn was my work mom. If I needed help, advice, or support, Dawnn was always there to lend a hand, a suggestion, or a tissue. Her sincerity, compassion, and kindness were second to none. I am thankful for having the opportunity to know her and learn from her. We'll miss you, hun."—Jessica Kurtz



Pet Corner

Meet **Peaches** and **Ellie Mae**! Peaches is the dog of Gerry Kramer's son, **Gerard**, and Ellie Mae is her kitten friend. Peaches is a field English setter and true to her breed, she is the sweetest, most loving, and tolerant dog that you will ever meet. Don't be fooled by her docile appearance—when Peaches gets outside, she is fast and athletic. She chases both birds and their shadows. She may not be the sharpest tool in the shed, but Peaches is totally devoted to her owner and wants nothing more than to be with him all of the time. Ellie Mae, the newest addition to the family, is totally devoted to her dog and wants nothing more than to be with him all of the time.



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Speaking events



Attorney **Scott Cooper** participated in several speaking engagements for the **Pennsylvania Association for Justice** and the **Pennsylvania Defense Institute**. Scott spoke on uninsured and underinsured motorist issues, as well as insurance and liability issues with Uber and other ride-sharing companies.



Birthday wishes

The following staff members had birthdays since our last newsletter:

- Gerry Kramer
- Jessica Kurtz
- Laura Trimble
- Ashley Burris
- Amanda Rodriguez
- Dennis Kergick

Happy birthday to everyone!