

Heyl Royster announces four new partners, three new attorneys



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Four attorneys are now partners at the Midwest firm of Heyl Royster. They are: Jessica Bell, Jim Grabowski, Nathan Henderson, and Tyler Pratt.

Jessica Bell has extensive experience in workers’ compensation defense and has been instrumental in the expansion of Heyl Royster’s Workers’ Compensation practice. She obtained her J.D. from Saint Louis University School of Law after receiving a B.A. from Duquesne University, *magna cum laude*, in political science, psychology, and sociology. She practices in the firm’s Peoria office.

Jim Grabowski has experienced success in the defense of toxic tort matters and complex business litigation. He is among asbestos attorneys who work closely with numerous national coordinating counsel to prepare a volume of cases for trial across multiple jurisdictions in Illinois and Missouri. He earned his J.D. from Southern Illinois University after obtaining his B.S. in Finance from Southern Illinois University. He practices in the firm’s Edwardsville office.

Nathan Henderson focuses his practice on toxic tort litigation, with an emphasis

on asbestos-related products liability and premises liability actions. He is skilled in the development of defense strategies and the preparation of significant motions and briefs. He is also responsible for conducting the depositions of plaintiffs, coworkers, corporate witnesses, and expert witnesses. He earned his J.D. from Southern Illinois University after receiving his B.A. in History and Political Science from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. Henderson practices in the firm’s Edwardsville office.

Tyler Pratt focuses his practice on medical malpractice, professional liability defense, and trucking litigation. He regularly defends physicians, nurses, hospitals, and clinics in professional liability claims involving significant injury or death. He also represents clients in business and commercial litigation and estate litigation. Tyler obtained his J.D., *cum laude*, from Valparaiso University and his B.A., *magna cum laude*, in History from the University of St. Francis. He practices in the firm’s Champaign office.

Three attorneys also recently joined the firm as Of Counsel in the firm’s

Edwardsville office:

Marty Morrissey has tried more than 80 civil jury trials and has prosecuted and defended numerous appeals. He has defended and tried cases in the areas of vehicular negligence, trucking, premises liability, wrongful death, general and products liability, sports liability, insurance, contract disputes, agency and/or underwriting errors and omissions, bad faith, business torts, fraud, and the Illinois Consumer Fraud Act. He obtained his B.A. from the University of Illinois, graduating *magna cum laude*. He obtained his J.D. from Southern Illinois University, and became licensed to practice in the Illinois state and federal courts that same year.

Mike Bedesky is an experienced trial and insurance coverage attorney. He has tried more than 35 cases to jury verdict and also handled numerous appeals to the 5th and 4th District Appellate Courts. Over his trial practice career, spanning more than 25 years, he has defended a wide variety of cases including motorsports liability, products liability, construction negligence, defamation, as well as first and third-party insurance bad faith cases. He obtained his

B.A. in English from Loyola University, graduating with honors. He received his J.D at the University of Illinois.

Dominique Seymoure is an accomplished trial attorney, handling cases involving motor vehicle accidents, premises liability, trucking accidents, products liability, class actions, toxic torts, consumer fraud, breach of contract, and insurance coverage disputes. In 18 years of practice, she has tried more than 20 civil jury trials to verdict and has successfully prosecuted and defended appeals in the 4th and 5th District Appellate Courts in Illinois. In addition, she has success in obtaining judgments for her clients prior to trial through dispositive motions. Dominique graduated from Southern Illinois University with a B.A. in Microbiology. She attended law school at Southern Illinois University, obtaining her J.D., *magna cum laude*.

Heyl Royster is a regional Midwest law firm with more than 100 lawyers and eight offices located in Illinois (Peoria, Champaign, Chicago, Edwardsville, Rockford, and Springfield), Missouri (St. Louis), and Mississippi (Jackson).

People in Business

Central Banks adds Warnecke as senior VP

Central Bank of St. Louis announced the addition of Linette Warnecke as a senior vice president, commercial lending officer. She will be working out of the O’Fallon, Ill., location.

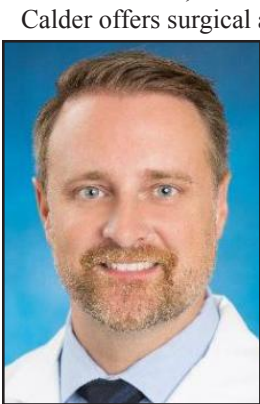


Warnecke

Warnecke joined Central Bank of St. Louis after serving as vice president, senior relationship manager at Busey Bank, formerly The Bank of Edwardsville, since 2012.

Hand surgeon now seeing patients

Dr. Kevin Calder, a plastic, reconstructive and hand surgeon, is now seeing patients at HSHS Medical Group Plastic Surgery Specialty Clinic, 200 Healthcare Drive, Greenville.



Calder

Calder offers surgical and non-surgical treatments to help patients who want to change or enhance parts of their faces or bodies; he also works to improve the appearance and quality of life for patients who need

reconstructive surgery due to birth defects, injuries, mastectomies and more.

He is a member of the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons, American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association, American Association for Hand Surgery and American Society of Plastic Surgeons.

Calder earned his medical degree at University of British Columbia in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. He completed a plastic surgery residency at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. He performed a craniofacial/pediatric plastic surgery fellowship at Magee-Rosenblum Plastic Surgery in Norfolk, Virginia. In his free time, Dr. Calder enjoys kayaking, paddle boarding, hiking and singing.

SIUE’s Clark wins Kate Tufts award

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville’s Tiana Clark has earned the prestigious 2020 Kate Tufts Discovery Award for her book of poetry, “I Can’t



Clark

Talk About the Trees Without the Blood.” The award is bestowed annually by Claremont Graduate University to honor a first book by a poet of promise.

Clark is an assistant professor in the Department of English Language and Literature.

The Kate Tufts Discovery Award is presented in conjunction with the Kingsley Tufts Award, which is one of the world’s leading annual poetry awards for mid-career poets. This year’s pool of finalists for the Kate Tufts and Kingsley Tufts Awards were selected from

approximately 500 nominations submitted over the past year by individuals and publishers.

A 2019 National Endowment for the Arts Literature Fellow, Clark is also a recipient of a 2019 Pushcart Prize, 2017 Furious Flower’s Gwendolyn Brooks Centennial Poetry Prize and 2015 Rattle Poetry Prize. She is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and Tennessee State University and currently teaches creative writing at SIUE.

Clark will receive her award, which includes a \$10,000 prize, during a private ceremony at CGU on April 15, followed by a public reading on April 16 in San Marino, California.

JewelRide ups clientele through Medicaid OK

JewelRide, a client of the Illinois Small Business Development Center for the Metro East at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, has become a Medicaid-approved provider, now offering their services to Medicaid recipients.

JewelRide launched in October 2019 and offers non-emergency medical transportation to individuals, families and communities throughout the Metro East.

Their services include medical and hospital appointments, dialysis visits, senior transportation, assisted living transfers, pharmacy/drugstore prescription pick-up, errands, and tailor-made transportation needs.

JewelRide is owned and operated by Tapiwa Mupereki and his wife, Rutendo, a pharmacist and pediatrician.

JewelRide began the rigorous Medicaid application process last November.

Services extend to villages, towns, and cities in all Metro East counties such as Madison, St. Clair, and Jersey, as well as transporting those who have healthcare travel needs to the greater St. Louis metro area.

Greenwood receives access to Scottish archive

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville’s Andrew Greenwood, PhD,



Greenwood

is among the first scholars in the world invited to access the Serge Hovey Archive, a collection of Scottish song arrangements within the G. Ross Roy Collection of Scottish Literature, one of the world’s foremost holdings of Scottish songs.

The University of South Carolina Libraries extended the formal invitation to Greenwood, an assistant professor of musicology and graduate program director in the College of Arts and Sciences’ Department of Music. Through the W. Ormiston Roy Fellowship, Greenwood will receive a total of \$5,000 for two research visits.

In 2019, Greenwood was named SIUE’s Teacher Excellence Award Winner, the University’s most prestigious teaching award. Additionally, Greenwood was recognized with the SIUE Graduate School’s 2019-20 Vaughnie Lindsay New Investigator Award for his significant research contributions to his field, CAS and the University as a whole.

Greenwood’s research on The Musical Enlightenment in Eighteenth-Century Scotland involves conducting new archival research with Scottish song collections in the United States and Scotland, and revising his dissertation into a book.

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