

People in Business

Gori firm names new partners

The Gori Law Firm, based in Edwardsville, announced attorneys Jason Epps and Bob Marcus have been named new partners. Both attorneys will be working in the Edwardsville location.



Epps



Marcus

Epps joined Gori while completing his law degree at Southern Illinois University School of Law. He is licensed to practice law in Illinois, Minnesota and Missouri and focuses on assisting individuals who have been injured by asbestos.

Marcus represents injured workers, individuals and families in all areas of personal injury including trucking, motorcycle and auto accidents, nursing home negligence, and the Federal Employers' Liability Act. Marcus is recognized for his victory in the Supreme Court of the United States, in protection of the FELA.

Holland Construction fills director role

Mike Deihl, director of Operations at Holland Construction Services, announced the promotion of Brian Wheeler to Director of Quality Assurance.



Wheeler

Wheeler joined Holland in 2019 as a senior pre-construction manager, bringing more than 20 years of architectural experience to the team. Wheeler is a licensed architect in Illinois and Missouri with AIA and NCARB credentials and has served as the chair of Holland's Quality Control Committee for the last year. He is from Albers, IL and is a graduate of Southern Illinois University Carbondale with a degree in Architectural Studies. He now resides in Breese with his wife and three children.

Lambrecht, Kieffer join credit union exec team

Scott Credit Union announced two additions to its team of executive officers. Carla Lambrecht has been selected as chief information officer, and Chris Kieffer has been named chief operating officer.

Lambrecht will oversee Scott Credit Union's Information Technology team and be responsible for the management and oversight of all aspects of the credit union's network, systems, and technology infrastructure.

Lambrecht brings more than 20 years of experience

in the information technology industry with a focus in executive leadership; strategic planning and assessment; IT engineering; software development; business continuity; technology security; and more. Lambrecht joins SCU from Mastercard, where she held the role of Vice President of Business Operations. Prior to Mastercard, she worked for Enterprise Holdings where, over the course of her 20-year tenure, she held several positions, serving most recently as assistant vice president of information technology.

Lambrecht holds a Master of Business Administration from Maryville University and a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Mankato State University.

Kieffer has stepped in to take the COO position vacated by Wendy Erhart, now SCU's chief experience officer (announced May 2021). Kieffer has more than 25 years of experience in the financial services industry, with a focus in operations, payments, product development, and analytics.

Kieffer will be responsible for the delivery of operational excellence – as experienced by both employees and members – across all business units. In this role, he will oversee the credit union's Operations, Business Intelligence, Card Services, Collections & Recovery, the Member Contact Center, Process Engineering, and Project Management.

Kieffer joins SCU from First Bank where, during his 21-year tenure, he held the positions of senior vice president, director – product & operations, payments and alternative delivery; senior vice president, chief product officer; and senior vice president, chief analytics officer.

Scott Credit Union currently has 20 area locations and is headquartered in Edwardsville.

AMH medical staff adds pulmonary physician

Jaffer Asif, DO, a board-certified pulmonary physician, joined the Alton Memorial Hospital medical staff and



Asif

will begin seeing patients on Aug. 2. His office is in Suite 220 of Medical Office Building A on the AMH campus. Asif, a member of BJC Medical Group, provides care to patients ages 18 and older for conditions including asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), emphysema, pulmonary fibrosis, interstitial lung disease (ILD), sarcoidosis, pneumonia, acute and chronic respiratory failure, acute and chronic shortness of breath, acute and chronic cough, pulmonary embolism, and cares for patients experiencing ongoing respiratory symptoms from COVID-19. He also provides various bronchoscopy procedures.

Asif earned his medical degree from the Kirksville (Mo.) College of Osteopathic Medicine. After graduating from medical school, he Asif completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at Loyola University Medical Center and a pulmonary and critical care fellowship at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. His leadership roles have included serving as an intensive care medical director, outpatient clinic medical director, as well as developing advanced bronchoscopy procedures and a comprehensive lung nodule program.

SIBA head to get SIUE recognition

The Southern Illinois University board has approved recognition of builders association executive Donna Richter as



Richter

the 2021 Distinguished Service Award recipient. Richter will be honored at the 2021 fall commencement ceremonies in December.

Richter has left a permanent mark on SIUE and the community by holding administrative roles for more than 40 years at the Southern Illinois Builders Association and serving on several not-for-profit boards. She has created numerous opportunities for SIUE construction management students, including scholarships, industry connections, OSHA safety training, participation in Associated General Contractors of America conferences, involvement in SIBA activities and support of department advancement initiatives.

Touchette names general surgeon

Touchette Regional Hospital has added Paul Pace, MD, to the hospital as a board-certified general surgeon.



Pace

Pace is a graduate of Albany Medical College in Albany, New York. He completed his residency in general surgery at Yale-New Haven Hospital in New Haven, Conn. He has been serving in the Metro East since 2013.

Pace has been extensively trained in minimally invasive as well as traditional open surgical techniques. He is able to provide a broad range of surgical procedures, including diseases of the gall bladder, colon, stomach, and appendix; hernia repair; skin and soft tissue masses; disorders of the breast; hemorrhoidectomy and other ano-rectal disorders. He also performs colonoscopies and other endoscopic procedures.

Pace is a certified member of the American Board of Surgery and a member of the American College of Surgeons and the American Medical Association.

He sees patients on provider referral at Archview Medical Center, 2071 Goose Lake Road, Sauget.

Attorney serving post on bar association panel

Deanna L. Litzenburg, shareholder and vice president at Mathis, Marifian & Richter, Ltd. in Belleville, was recently



Litzenburg

appointed to serve as secretary of the Illinois State Bar Association Civil Practice and Procedure Council 2021-2022. The mission of the ISBA Civil Practice and Procedure Section is to enhance the knowledge and professional capabilities of lawyers who practice civil law in all its substantive branches, to circulate current information, to promote improvement in the civil law system and to study other pertinent areas of reform.

For 20 years, Litzenburg has worked with hospitals, nursing homes, product

manufacturers and others throughout Southern Illinois on litigation needs such as equal employment issues and workers' compensation claims.

SIUE fills post dedicated to inclusion

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Jessica Harris, PhD,



Wagner

has named Lindy Wagner as assistant vice chancellor for Inclusive Excellence, Education and Development. Wagner will lead and set the vision for the new Inclusive Excellence, Education and Development Hub (The Hub), formerly the Center for Student Diversity and Inclusion (CSDI). The Hub will create and maintain anti-racism, equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) training, programming, educational opportunities and initiatives, as well as EDI-related resources for students, staff, faculty, alumni and community members.

Wagner has more than 17 years of experience working in higher education and began serving as the director of the CSDI on March 20, 2020.

Our new division will create spaces where students feel a sense of belonging and understand there are people dedicated to seeing them get through every moment on campus," she added.

Wagner came to SIUE after having served in the Office of Associate Chancellor for Diversity at SIU Carbondale. While there, she provided diversity and inclusion training workshops for faculty, staff and students, as well as student organizations. Her extensive experience in higher education programming, training and development uniquely qualifies her to lead The Hub in this new direction.

Additionally, since January 2017, Wagner has served as an associate for the Sustained Dialogue Institute, where she provides training to campuses across the nation that allows students to explore race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexual identity, religion, age, ability status and other topics.

Wagner earned a bachelor's in international studies from Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa, in 2003 and a master's in counseling and student development from Kansas State University in 2005. She is currently working on her doctorate in intercultural communication at SIU Carbondale.

Client specialist named at Ameriprise

Ameriprise Financial Services Inc. in Swansea has announced the hiring of Broc Losing as a client service specialist.



Losing

He earned his BS in Administrative Management from Missouri State University and is currently studying for his licenses. Losing will be responsible for client service and new business processing, meeting preparation and many other aspects of the practice, said Doug Wilks, of Wilks and Associates, a private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services Inc.

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