

# People in Business

## Sandifer is newest attorney at The Gori Law Firm

The Gori Law firm has welcomed attorney Thomas Sandifer to the Edwardsville location. Sandifer's primary area of practice is asbestos litigation, and he looks forward to practicing alongside The Gori Law team.

Sandifer received his education from Greenville University in Greenville, Ill., and Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio. Upon graduation, Sandifer received licenses to practice in both the Illinois and Missouri Bar. A former municipal judge, Thomas Sandifer is an active member of his community. He previously served on the Board of the Chesterfield Community Development Corporation and as the Vice-Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

## SIUE's Snipes recognized as ACPA Diamond Honoree

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville's J.T. Snipes, Ph.D., assistant professor of educational leadership, has been honored as one of the American College Personnel Association's Diamond Honorees Class of 2023. The honoree program recognizes dedicated individuals who have an outstand-

ing and sustained commitment to higher education through student affairs and student development. He has worked in higher education administration for 15 years and his previous research interests focused on religion and spirituality in higher education, African American collegiate students and critical race theory in education. He currently is pivoting his research focus toward affect, abolition and pedagogy. Snipes was nominated for the Diamond Honoree Award by Candace Hall, EdD, assistant professor and co-program director of higher education and student affairs in the department of educational leadership at SIUE.

## Denise Korte joins Knoebel Construction as HR director

Denise Korte has joined St. Louis-based general contractor, Knoebel Construction, as director of human resources. In this role, Korte works closely with the entire Knoebel team to create a positive, efficient work environment with an emphasis on fostering professional development and growth. To help the firm achieve its overall goals and objectives, she develops and administers strategic initiatives to increase team effectiveness and performance as well as increase employee engagement.

Korte brings 18 years of experience as a strategic human resources profes-

sional and holds a bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership from Greenville University. She also received her Professional in Human Resources (PHR) certification from the HR Certificate Institute (HRCI) and is a Society for Human Resource Management-Certified Professional (SHRM-CP).

## Stremming named interim executive officer of HBRMEA

Jared Stremming has stepped into the role of Interim Executive Officer for the Home Builders & Remodelers Metro East Association (HBRMEA) following the recent resignation and departure of Tracy Butler, who served as the organization's Executive Officer for the past 13 years. Stremming has been a part of the organization for the past year and a half.

## Judge Gleeson elected to fourth two-year Chief Judge term

Chief Judge Andrew J. Gleeson was recently elected by the unanimous consent of his colleagues to a fourth, two-year term as Chief Judge of the 20th Judicial Circuit for the State of Illinois, which comprises Monroe, Perry, Randolph, St. Clair, and Washington counties. Judge Gleeson presides over major civil jury and bench trials. He has been Chief Judge since November 2016. Presently he

is also Chairman of the Article V Committee of the Illinois Supreme Court. Gleeson has served as a Judge since 2003, first appointed as an Associate Judge then elected as a Resident Circuit Judge in 2012.

## AMH presents Chairman's Award to Dr. Andrew Chu

Andrew Chu, MD, medical director of the Alton Memorial Hospital lab, was recently announced as the winner of the 2022 Alton Memorial Hospital Chairman's Award. Dr. Chu won based on nominations submitted by employees and his fellow physicians. He was presented the award by Gary Ayres, chairman of the AMH board of directors. The Chairman's Award recognizes a member of the AMH medical staff for the contribution the physician makes to the hospital and community, active participation in hospital and medical staff departmental affairs, and the promotion and practice of outstanding customer service with hospital patients and staff.

Dr. Chu is triple board-certified in anatomic pathology, clinical pathology and hematopathology, having completed his training at Baylor University Medical Center and UT Southwestern. He is a graduate of Saint Louis University School of Medicine.



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