

2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

## Sparks joins Beckemeier LeMoine Law as leader of firm’s Illinois office

Beckemeier LeMoine Law was born out of a partnership between Jim Beckemeier and Bryan LeMoine. Building upon



Sparks

LeMoine Law has grown quickly, and is now growing again, adding Carol Sparks of Sparks Law Office as a new member and opening an office in Troy, Ill., effective Jan. 1, 2023.

Raised by entrepreneurs and having actively participated in her family business, Carol understands the importance of a team-oriented approach in advising small businesses. The ability of a team to provide a wide array of legal and strategic services to small businesses is essential to their long-term success and the fulfillment of the owners’ legacies. She is excited to join Jim, Bryan, and the other partners of Beckemeier LeMoine Law – F. Shabnam Nouraie, Andrew Bleyer, and Josh Richardson. Carol plans to continue to offer comprehensive strategic plan-

ning and protection for small business entrepreneurs and their families so that they can grow their business and plan for their future. Her clients will benefit from additional support of the Beckemeier LeMoine Law team in the areas of business law, real estate transactions, estate planning and estate administration, as well as the advice and experience in labor and employment law, pension and benefits issues, and commercial and fiduciary litigation. Together, they will provide a more experienced team of practitioners that are individually and collectively focused on client success.

The Beckemeier Law Firm’s rich history, Jim and Bryan believed they could achieve more for their clients and surrounding communities together in one firm. Since its inception, Beckemeier

Beckemeier LeMoine Law and the Sparks Law Office have spent the last year evaluating this combination to ensure that both firms’ clients would benefit from their shared values and commitment in the way they represent and advocate for their clients. Both firms emphasize common values -- they are intentional, relational, and client-focused. Whether working with businesses, large or small, or with families looking to build a legacy plan or administer the estate of a loved one, they meet each client where they are. Each client receives unrivaled legal services. This coming together represents a strategic investment and commitment by both firms to Missouri and Illinois, and to the communities and individual clients they serve.

## Contegra Construction serves dynamic growth in the distribution industry

There was a time – seemingly ages ago – when the distribution industry was called ware-

housing. Basically, a place to store product for distribution. Then came e-commerce followed by a pandemic that crippled supply chains and innovation born from challenge. The past three years have been dynamic to say the least in the logistics and distribution industry. In that span of time, Contegra Construction has built more than 15 million square feet of highly functional distribution facilities, including cold storage.

These trends are manifest in a variety of facilities built by Contegra this year that fortify the St. Louis area’s e-commerce market. They include:

Our fourth large distribution center completed in the past three years at Northpoint Development’s 600-acre Gateway Tradeport in Pontoon Beach, Ill. near St. Louis. The one-million-square-foot speculative facility is the largest to date at the development and

is now fully leased.

An 800,000-square-foot speculative distribution warehouse built

for EQT Exeter at Gateway Commerce Center in Edwardsville, Ill.

A 210,000-square-foot distribution facility for TriStar Properties for lease to AB-InBev also at Gateway Commerce Center.

A 490,000-square-foot multi-tenant speculative distribution facility for Northpoint Development that just broke ground at Lakeside Logistics Center in St. Peters, Mo.

Contegra will deliver similar projects in 2023. And in the manufacturing sector, we’ll continue to build on this year’s successes which have included a 70,000-square-foot new headquarters and manufacturing facility for automobile LED light maker Diode Dynamics in St. Charles, Mo. and the soon-to-be-completed 35,000-square-foot rebar fabrication facility for Nu-Way Concrete Forms, Inc. in Troy, Ill.



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