

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

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ARCHITECTURE / DESIGN

FitzGerald, Chicago

Steve Wasilowski, chief operating officer, has announced his retirement from FitzGerald Associates Architects effective July 31. Under his leadership, FitzGerald improved internal controls, weathered the great recession, and expanded into new markets. He has been instrumental in positioning the firm for a great future as it approaches its centennial celebration in 2019.



ARCHITECTURE / DESIGN

Gensler Chicago, Chicago

With over 25 years in the industry, **Luigi Franceschina** returns to Gensler Chicago as a Design Manager. He is charged with leading teams and delivering experiential ideas for local and global clients by bringing a collective design solution to workplace environments, hotels, retail, mixed-use projects, building lobbies, and public spaces. Gensler Chicago turns 20 years old this year.



BANKING

First Bank of Highland Park, Northbrook

As one of the five largest privately held banks in Chicago, First Bank of Highland Park is pleased to welcome **Charles Gitleas** as SVP/Commercial Banking. He is responsible for supporting the Bank's growth in Middle Market business development and relationships. Charles' 25+ years of experiences include working as SVP at both MB Financial Bank and American Chartered Bank.



CONSTRUCTION

BUILTECH SERVICES LLC, Schaumburg

Jonathan Frank, who recently returned to Chicago after a five year stint in China, has joined the Builtech organization as Vice President. In his role as VP, Jon will lead the firm's business development initiatives, and help to spearhead the growth of the firm's burgeoning Critical Services practice. Mr. Frank holds a BA from Brown University and an MBA from Harvard University.



CONSTRUCTION

Pepper Construction Company, Chicago

Russ Pande is a seasoned industry leader with more than 20 years of construction and business leadership experience across all market types including mixed use, retail, residential and institutional projects. Russ is a key addition to Pepper's growing Milwaukee team. Pepper's Milwaukee office is located in the Third Ward.



EDUCATION

LEARN Charter School Network, Chicago

Michelle Pierre-Farid, Ed. D has joined LEARN Charter School Network as the new Chief Schools Officer. Most recently the Chief Academic Officer at Cleveland Metropolitan School District, Ms. Pierre-Farid will provide leadership to LEARN's 4,100 scholars. She is a proven leader bringing 20 years' experience in the public education sector to LEARN.



FINANCE

CapX Partners, Chicago

Jeffrey Armstrong has joined CapX Partners, a provider of middle market equipment leasing and finance, in the newly created position of Director, Bank Markets and Syndications where he will manage the company's commercial bank referral network and launch a Syndications Desk to manage the operations of buying and selling equipment lease and loan products.



EDUCATION

Loyola University Chicago, Chicago

Loyola University Chicago announces the election of two new members to its Board of Trustees: **Sr. Margaret Mary Cosgrove, BVM**, Director of Client Services at Great Lakes Advisors; and **Mark A. Hoppe**, president and CEO of MB Financial Bank. Cosgrove has served as professor and administrator at Clarke College and Loras College and in numerous roles advising religious orders and nonprofits. Hoppe joined MB when it merged with Cole Taylor Bank, where he was President and CEO. From 1981-2007, he served as an executive at LaSalle Bank. Hoppe serves on the Board of Directors of the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago and on the Board of Advisors and Executive Committee of Catholic Charities.



HEALTH CARE

MedSpeed, Elmhurst

MedSpeed, the U.S. market-leading provider of healthcare intra-company logistics, has named **Craig Ross** as Chief Customer Officer. Ross brings over two decades of health care leadership experience to this new position and will help continue to enhance the MedSpeed customer and patient experience with a focus on loyalty, satisfaction and retention.



INFO TECHNOLOGY

Prescient Solutions, Schaumburg

Prescient Solutions, a leading IT consulting firm, is pleased to announce the hiring of two new Sales Consultants, **Steve Solano** and **Chris Ford**. Mr. Ford, who has built a diverse sales background in the last decade, is responsible for new revenue growth for Prescient products and services in Southwestern Chicagoland & Indiana. In conjunction with these new hires, Prescient has also expanded with a new office in Wisconsin, which will be led by experienced industry leader and U.S. Army Veteran, Mr. Solano. Steven is responsible for sales in the Wisconsin territory.



LAW

Thompson Coburn LLP, Chicago

Mark Belongia has joined Thompson Coburn LLP as a business litigator in Chicago. Mark focuses on advising and defending banks and thrift organizations in regulatory, litigation and transactional matters. He works with banks of all sizes, ranging from major ones headquartered in the nation's money centers to regional and small community financial institutions.



LAW

Thompson Coburn LLP, Chicago

James Inendino has joined Thompson Coburn LLP as a partner in the firm's real estate practice in Chicago. Jim represents clients in real estate finance and development, workouts, and restructurings. He has represented financial institutions and borrowers in lending transactions and assisted all types of developers with construction, financing, and leasing.



PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

West Monroe Partners, Chicago

West Monroe is proud to announce **Zach Jones**, 38, director of finance, will be appointed to CFO on August 1. Zach has played an integral role in the firm's financial success since he came to West Monroe in 2011. In 2012, he was instrumental in the firm's move to an Employee Stock Ownership Plan, which he administers today. As leader of the firm's finance team, he spearheads an array of initiatives that enable strong sustained growth and financial performance at a 35% CAGR since 2002. Zach has more than a dozen years of broad financial management experience that spans all facets of professional services. Zach succeeds Holly Kay, West Monroe's CFO since 2006.



REAL ESTATE

The Laramar Group, Chicago

The Laramar Group, a national real estate investment and property management company, announces the hiring of two Senior Vice Presidents of Operations: **Ms. Jeanne Schwab** and **Ms. Stacy Valentine**. With over 20 years of real estate experience, Ms. Schwab returns to Laramar after positions at Forum Real Estate, The Irvine Companies and Cortland Partners; and is responsible for Joint Venture, Affordable and Client Service/Third Party platforms. Ms. Valentine, comes to Laramar with 20 years of real estate experience, most recently with Forum Real Estate Group, and will oversee "Local by Laramar" which is the firm's growing Urban Neighborhood platform. "Jeanne and Stacy bring vast experience, strong leadership, and incredible enthusiasm to our team. They are an exciting duo to lead our national operations organization" said Scott McMillan, CFO, Laramar Group.



REAL ESTATE

Franklin Partners, Chicago

Franklin Partners welcomes **James Cleary** as Portfolio Project Manager, a role that includes Chief Engineer management responsibilities across the firm's Illinois buildings. Prior to joining Franklin Partners, Cleary served as chief engineer in multiple high-profile Chicagoland office buildings, in positions with Franklin Partners and JLL's Property Management Group.



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