

BUSINESS

Business People: Former 3M assistant general counsel Laura Hammargren joins Greenberg Traurig

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OF NOTE

Greenberg Traurig announced the addition of **Laura Hammargren** to its Minneapolis office. Hammargren previously served as assistant general counsel at **3M**.



CLUTCH, a Minneapolis ad and marketing consulting agency, announced that **Kelsey Gunderson** and **Greta Bierbaum** have joined the firm as client success directors. Both are experts in the agribusiness space.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

MEDA, the **Metropolitan Economic Development Association**, Minneapolis, announced the hiring of **Jacqueline Posley** as corporate communications and grant writer, and **Alivia Boddie**, volunteer accelerator network manager.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Stearns Bank, St. Cloud, announced that **John C. Sizer** and **Lea Márquez Peterson** will join its board of directors. Sizer is retired as a senior audit partner at **Deloitte**; Márquez Peterson served as president/CEO of the **Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce** from 2009 until November 2018.

HONORS

MSR Design, a Minneapolis architecture firm, announced that **Metropolis Magazine** has honored it with two **Planet Positive Awards: RIDC's Mill 19** in Pittsburgh receiving the **Best Adaptive Reuse Innovation Award**, and firm associate **Christopher Wingate** has been honored with the **Planet Positive Rising Star Award**. ... **Housing First Minnesota**, a residential builders trade and lobbying organization, announced it has recognized Sen. **Eric Lucero**, R-St. Michael, and Rep. **Shane Mekeland**, R-Clear Lake, as its 2023 **Legislators of the Year**. ... **Homes for Heroes**, a Minnetonka-based network of real estate and mortgage professionals servicing veterans, announced that founder and CEO **Ruth Johnson** has been selected by **HousingWire** as one of its **2023 Vanguard Award** honorees, representing the top executives in the U.S. housing industry.

LAW

SiebenCarey, Minneapolis, announced that attorney and partner **Paul K. Downes** has been named to the **American Board of Trial Advocates**.

... **Fredrikson**, Minneapolis, announced that attorney **Jennifer T. Smith** has

MANUFACTURING

Velocity, a Forest Lake-based designer and maker of precision components and tools for industry, announced the promotion of **Rich Patraw** to vice president of operations. Patraw previously led the company's operations team in Brooklyn Park and also has held operational leadership roles at **Boston Scientific**.

NONPROFITS

The **American Land Title Association Good Deeds Foundation** announced that **Wendy Ethen**, president and owner of **Guaranty Commercial Title** in Minneapolis, had been appointed to its board of directors. The ALTA Good Deeds Foundation was launched in 2020 to bolster the charitable efforts of ALTA members.

ORGANIZATIONS

The **Minnesota Cable Communications Association**, a St. Paul-based trade and lobbying association, announced **Melissa Wolf** as its executive director, effective Nov. 1. Wolf previously was with **Midco**, a cable association member company, where she was responsible for federal, state, and local government relations. ... **The Nature Conservancy**, a global environmental advocacy group, announced it has added **Catherine Gunsbury, Solhem Cos.; Jessica Hellmann, University of Minnesota; George Hicks, Värde Partners**, and **William Rahr, Rahr Corp.**, to its board of trustees overseeing the organization's work in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.

RETAIL

Vista Outdoor, an Anoka-based parent company of 41 brands of sporting and outdoor lifestyle products, announced that **Jung Choi** will serve as general counsel and corporate secretary for **Revelyst**, Vista Outdoor's planned separation of its Outdoor Products segment into a standalone public company.

SERVICES

Marsden Services, a St. Paul-based provider of janitorial and other facilities services to business, announced the hire of **Derrick Gorden** as president of its Integrated Facility and Mechanical Services divisions. Gorden previously was with **Lifetouch**, most recently as the vice president of Sales, Operations and Photography. ... **IWG**, a national provider of hybrid co-working spaces, announced the planned openings next year of four Twin Cities locations: **MoZaic Spaces**, 1330 Lagoon Ave., Minneapolis; **Bloomington Regus**: 4470 78th Street Circle; **Brooklyn Center Regus**: 6160 N Summit Drive, and **Minneapolis Regus**: 120 S. Sixth St.

TECHNOLOGY

Total Expert, a St. Louis Park-based provider of customer engagement software and services for financial institutions, announced that **Josh Jabs** has joined the company as chief technology officer. Previously, Jabs held the role of CTO with **Calabrio**.

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