

TALK of the TOWN

AWARDS - ANNOUNCEMENTS - PRESS RELEASES - PROMOTIONS



Michael J. Walker

► **Carlock, Copeland & Stair, LLP** is pleased to announce that **Michael J. Walker** has joined the firm as of counsel in their Atlanta office. Before joining Carlock Copeland, Michael served as in-house counsel for Atlanta Public Schools for five years providing daily advice and counsel and representing the school district in federal, state, and administrative litigation matters.



James J. McGinnis

► **Warner, Bates, McGough & McGinnis** partner **Jim McGinnis** has been named to the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation board of directors.

► **Boyd Collar Nolen & Tuggle, LLC** is pleased to announce the appointment of its partner **Kathleen (Katie) B. Connell** to the Georgia Commission on Child Support. Connell was appointed by Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal to serve on the commission for a four-year term, beginning May 1. "I'm extremely honored and humbled to be asked by Gov. Deal to serve in this capacity," said Connell. "I look forward to contributing my time and family law experience to benefit our state."



Scott Hobby



Charles F. Hollis III



Sean D. Christy



Derek C. Johnston

► The international law firm **Bryan Cave LLP** (www.bryancave.com) announced the addition of four new partners and five other legal professionals to the firm's Atlanta office. The new group, led by partners **Scott Hobby**, **Charles F. Hollis III**, **Derek C. Johnston**, and **Sean D. Christy**, will join Bryan Cave to continue a pre-eminent international practice focusing on outsourcing.

Atlanta is one of Bryan Cave's largest offices, with more than 110 lawyers practicing in the areas of banking, business and finance, employment, real estate, and litigation. The office has a long and established history of working with large and mid-sized international organizations, providing a wide range of services to clients in the world's leading business and financial markets. The addition of this new group of attorneys specializing in outsourcing will further reinforce Bryan Cave's strong presence

in the region and around the world.

"We are very pleased to welcome Scott, Chuck, Derek, Sean and their colleagues to the Atlanta office," said Tom McNeill, managing partner of Bryan Cave's Atlanta office. "The Atlanta market is very important to Bryan Cave and our clients, and we are committed to continue strategically growing this office."

► **Baker Donelson** hosted a successful **Atlanta Emerging Company Capital Conference** for emerging market businesses and angel investors. The conference brought together successful entrepreneurs, angel investors and legal and accounting professionals from throughout the Southeast for the benefit of the emerging company community.

"This conference provided the opportunity for company representatives and angel investors to meet others from the Southeast region to see what's happening in their respective markets and to network with new contacts," said Justin Daniels, a shareholder in the emerging companies team in the Atlanta office of the law firm of Baker Donelson. "To our knowledge, no law firm has leveraged its relationships on a regional basis to host such an event."

Twenty-three emerging companies were selected to attend through submission and review of an executive summary by a panel that included angel investors. The companies were from Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky and Louisiana. Eight selected companies were chosen to pitch their company to a panel of angel investors (from Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee) who provided anonymous feedback. The winning pitch, by Santiago Venegas, president of TradeRocket, will receive 15 hours of legal services pro bono from Baker Donelson, valued at \$5,000, and the opportunity to hold further discussions with the angel investor panel.

Attendees learned about making a company capital-friendly, handling success and failure during the start-up phase and presenting to angel investors.

"This conference, part of the firm's regional Boot Camp series, provided entrepreneurs in the Southeast the information they need to position their company for long-term success by connecting with the right investors," says Clint Crosby, a shareholder in the emerging companies team in Baker Donelson's Atlanta office.



The Angel Investors meeting and deciding on the winner.



(left to right) Mark Carlson, Clint Crosby, Joe Delgado, Jonathan Geisen, Chris Sloan and Justin Daniels



(left to right) Clint Crosby; Winner, Santiago Venegas; and Justin Daniels

To submit FREE content for next month's
TALK of the TOWN

Contact us at (404)229-0780 • Email: : BMcGill@attorneyatlawmagazine.com

Appropriate content for the "Talk of the Town" section includes:

- New firm associate announcements
- New firm partnership announcements
- Industry-related awards, achievement or recognition
- Industry events
- Office openings
- Career promotions or retirements
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Charity or nonprofit industry events
- Civic or community industry related activities
- New firm ownership/name changes
- Firm expansions or renovations
- Information from professional associations
- Employee anniversaries

