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People ... for the week of Feb. 23

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The following are new hires, promotions, awards and professional notices announcements in the Feb. 23 issue of CityBusiness.

Accounting

Bourgeois Bennett has promoted **Leslie Rast** to senior accountant in the class action consulting department and has named **Ashlea Comeaux**, **Julie Walsh** and **Deana Rose** staff accountants in the audit department, **Michelle Huck** a staff consultant in the consulting services department, **Richard Rodriguez** a senior accountant in the tax department and **Thu Dinh** a staff accountant in the tax department.

Wegmann Dazet & Co. has promoted **Jonathan P. Koenig**, **John D. White** and **Anita M. Zimmer** to senior managers and **Valerie L. Lowry** to manager. **Shaun Prestige**, **Brent Toca**, **Roy Viger** and **Jacque Williams** have been hired as staff in the audit and assurance department and **Brooke Boudreaux**, **Heather Chapron**, **Gretchen Ockman** and **Sara Petitto** as staff in the tax department.

Advertising

Deveney Communication has promoted **Lisa Fedele** to vice president.

Architectural firms

Eskew+Dumez+Ripple has promoted **Jenifer Navard** and **Kurt Hagstette** to associate directors and hired **Randy D'Amico** as a designer, **Aaron Pexa** as an intern architect and planner and **Magen Gladden** as marketing coordinator.

Awards

Donald R. Abaunza, a partner with Liskow & Lewis, has received the 2008 New Orleans Bar Association Distinguished Maritime Lawyer Award.

Dr. **S. Tahseen Rab** has been selected as North Oaks Health System's physician of the year for 2008.

Dr. **Huijing Xia**, a postdoctoral research associate in the department of pharmacology at LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans, has been selected by the American Physiological Association to receive a Research Recognition Award from the Central Nervous System Section.

The Louisiana Assistive Technology Access Network awarded **Sue Drecktrah** of Ergonomics First with a citizen award and the state Rep. **Karen Carter Peterson** of New Orleans with a legislator award at its 2008 Champions of Freedom Through Assistive Technology awards luncheon.

Banking

Fidelity Homestead Savings Bank has promoted **Kelvin Rousseve** to senior vice president and controller.

Economic development

The St. Tammany Development District has named **Peter Link** chairman, **John Smith** vice chairman and **Dave Anderson** treasurer. Other members of the district board are **Nixon Adams, Dawn Sharpe Brackett, Jean Champagne, Chad Collings, Irma Cry, Stella Helluin, Marty Mayer, Donna O'Daniels, Daniel Schaus, Bill Oiler** and **Brenda Reine-Bertus**.

Education

The Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center New Orleans has named Dr. **Jay K. Kolls** professor and chairman of the department of genetics.

Elections

Attorney **Tammy Stewart** has announced her candidacy for judge of Orleans Parish Juvenile Court Section B.

Health care

The Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority has named **Albert F. Majeau Jr.** a member of its board of directors.

St. Tammany Parish Hospital has named Dr. **Sean Roberts** chief of staff, Dr. **Hamid Salam** vice chief of staff, Dr. **Katherine Williams** secretary and treasurer and Dr. **Philip Gardner** medical staff representative to the STPH Board of Commissioners for 2009.

Law

Jones Walker has named **Stephen D. Ridley** special counsel in the firm's labor and employment practice group.

Sessions, Fishman, Nathan & Israel LLP has named **Richard R. Stedman II** an associate.

Flanagan Partners LLP has named **Sean P. Brady** an associate.

Blue Williams LLP has named **John Henry, Tara Nunez Smith, Erin Boyd, Pam Noya, David Parnell, James Vitrano** and **Eric Pope** partners with the firm.

The New Orleans Bar Association has named the following committee chairs for 2009: **M. Nan Alessandra, Conrad Meyer, Jaye A. Calhoun, Juan J. Lizarraga, Susan G. Talley, Justin I. Woods, Darleen Peters, Judge Joe Giarrusso Jr., John Y. Pearce, Carmelite M. Bertaut, Alona Croteau, Gregory P. Eveline, Joseph P. Guichet, Stewart F. Peck, Joseph P. Tynan, Phillip A. Wittmann, Bernadette D'Souza** and **Thomas K. Foutz**.

Nonprofits

New Orleans American Cancer Society staff member **Cheryl Fourcade** was recognized as a top-performing member of the society's Mid-South Division.

The New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity has named **Rob Worley** president, **Chimene Connor** vice president of community relations, **Mike Flores** vice president of special projects, **Bill Wright** vice president of finance and **Andy Lee** secretary of its 2009 board of directors. New board members include **Taylor Beery, Katie Crosby, Katherine Harmon, Rose Lo** and **Phoebe Roaf**.

The Legacy Donor Foundation has named **Anne Flower Redd** chairwoman, **Clinton Smith Jr.** vice chairman, **Celeste Flower Eustis** treasurer and **Darryl Berger Jr.** secretary of its board of directors. New board members are **Jeremy Head, Elise Kiser, Machel Payne, Pamela Senatore** and **Robert Steeg**.

Vanessa Claiborne of Chaffe & Associates, **Keith Crawford** of the Loftin Group, **Michael Hecht** of Greater New Orleans Inc. and **Tony Toups** of Advantage Capital Partners were New Orleans area representatives named to the 2009 board of advisers for the Louisiana Coalition for Capital.

Real estate

The New Orleans chapter of the Commercial Real Estate Women Network has elected **Rose LeBreton** president, **Donna Taylor** president elect, **Valerie Marcus** secretary and **Jo Anna Cotaya** treasurer for 2009. New board members are **Susan Talley**, **Sabine Teijelo**, **Ellen Mullins** and **Angela O'Byrne**.

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