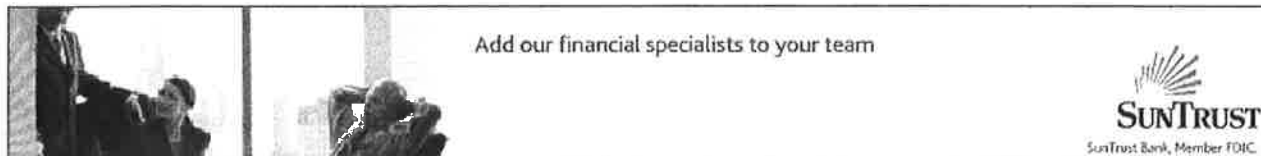


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Donald H. Beskind, of counsel with Twigg, Abrams, Strickland & Trehey in Raleigh, was inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers at the organization's annual meeting in

Philadelphia. A Duke law graduate and co-author of *North Carolina Evidentiary Foundations*, in addition to his practice, Beskind teaches Evidence and Trial Practice at Duke....

President Bill Clinton appointed Raleigh lawyer **Sam Poole** to serve as his representative on the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, responsible for rebuilding the Kosovo province in Yugoslavia and promoting harmony between the Serbs and Kosovars. Poole, a former chairman of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors, took an indefinite leave of absence from his Raleigh law practice, according to the *Charlotte Business Journal*....

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Harry J. Stathopoulos has joined the Charlotte office of Nexsen Pruet Jacobs & Pollard as a partner. With both an MBA and law degree from the University of South Carolina, he will

concentrate his practice primarily in the areas of corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, commercial real estate and commercial finance. Stathopoulos has served as president of the UNC-Charlotte alumni association and as a member of other boards and committees at the school. Nexsen Pruet is headquartered in Columbia, S.C....

Pauline Hankins has opened her own law office in the Brunswick County town of Bolivia. She was formerly with Ramos & Lewis in Shallotte....

David C. Smith has been named partner in Kilpatrick Stockton's Winston-Salem office. His practice is concentrated on securities, employment, environmental and construction law....

In Oxford, the law firm of Edmundson & Burnette has named **James T. Duckworth III** as a partner. A 1992 UNC law graduate, he was in private practice in Oxford before joining the firm in 1995....

Chuck Cloninger of McGuire, Wood & Bissette has been elected vice-mayor of Asheville by his fellow city council members....

Statesville lawyer **Anthony Privette** and his wife Renee were the parents of the first child born in Iredell County in the new year, a girl they named Lauren. As winners of the *Statesville Record & Landmark's* 61st annual new baby contest, they received gifts ranging from dinners for two to a free diaper bag, car seat and diapers....

Raleigh lawyers **Robert Zaytoun** and **Stacy Miller** have formed a partnership. Zaytoun, who practiced with Fuller Becton until he went on his own in 1996, focuses primarily on plaintiffs' medical malpractice work. Miller, who was a Raleigh city councilman, started his own criminal defense practice in 1997....

1987 Campbell law graduate, **G. Edward Story**, has been promoted to assistant director in the office of research contracts at the Research Triangle Institute. **Lisa J. Gilliland** has been promoted to the new position of senior director of contracts and legal affairs, and **J. Scott Merrell** is heading a new office of commercialization and intellectual property to help commercialize the RTI's research and development projects....

Raleigh lawyer **Jim Cain** has been appointed president and chief operating officer of the Carolina Hurricanes professional hockey team. Previously the team's lawyer, Cain will continue as a partner in Kilpatrick Stockton, where he concentrates in sports and entertainment law....

David E. Inabinett and **Stephen D. Barnhill** have become partners at the Lexington firm of Brinkley Walser....

Former Morehead City lawyer and Carteret County Economics Development Council official **Donald A. Kirkman** has taken over as president and CEO of the Piedmont Triad Partnership, an organization founded in 1991 to deal with issues common to cities and counties in 12-county organization....

Asheville native **Lyman J. "Greg" Gregory III** has opened his law practice in the Asheville Office Park. With a law degree and master's degree in city and regional planning from UNC, he will work in environmental and land-use law, as well as a general practice....

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