

In the news

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Don Strickland was recently elected to the board of directors of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. Strickland, also recently inducted as a fellow in the International Society of Barristers, is a partner at Twigg, Strickland & Rabenau in Raleigh.

Mel Garofalo, managing partner of Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe & Garofalo in Charlotte, has been elected as a member of the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel. Since beginning his practice in 1978, Garofalo has tried in excess of one hundred jury trials to verdict and handled over forty appeals.

Rogers Townsend & Thomas said **Nina Shor** has joined the Charlotte office as special counsel, and will also serve as the Columbia-based firm's city executive for Charlotte. Shor previously served as general counsel for Crescent Resources.

H. Mark Hamlet, formerly of Williams Mullen, has started Hamlet & Associates in Wilmington. Joining him in the new litigation and mediation practice are **Patricia Cowart-Coughlan**, **Rebecca Scherrer** and **Nicole Slaughter**.

Moore & Van Allen said **Neill G. (Mac) McBryde** and **Danielle Gier** have joined the Charlotte office's financial services practice group. McBryde is a Duke University School of Law graduate, and Gier earned her degree from Charlotte School of Law.

Daniel R. Taylor Jr., a business litigator with Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton in Winston-Salem, has been named to the Wake Forest University Law Board of Visitors. His three-year term will begin on July 1, 2012.