# Shuaib Ahmed, Managing Attorney, ASA Law Group, LLC



Shuaib Ahmed is an owner and managing attorney with ASA Law Group, LLC based in Oak Brook, IL. ASA Law Group, LLC concentrates in the areas of workers compensation defense and third-party litigation. Prior to forming ASA Law Group, LLC, Mr. Ahmed served as a Partner with one of the bigger workers compensation defense firms in Chicago, IL aggressively defending self-insureds. While Mr. Ahmed enjoys representing clients in Court and at the Commission, be is

While Mr. Ahmed enjoys representing clients in Court and at the Commission, he is actively involved both in the legal and business community. Notably, he serves on

the Illinois Business Advisory Board for the Illinois Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Employment Law Council for the Chamber. Mr. Ahmed has authored numerous articles for the Illinois State Bar Association and the Illinois Business Leader while serving as faculty member where he is a frequent lecturer in the areas of workers compensation and employment litigation.

Mr. Ahmed was selected as an Emerging Lawyer for 2015, 2016 and 2017 by Leading Lawyers. This selection is based upon nominations from other practicing Attorneys and Judges who recommend lawyers based upon exceptional character, outstanding aptitude for the practice of law, ethics and experience. This honor is given to the top 2% of attorneys in the State of Illinois.

"Our clients deserve more than just a competent attorney, they deserve an attorney who is an advocate for their business inside and out of the courtroom."

# Shana L. Margolis, MD, Attending Physician, Shirley Ryan AbilityLab



Shana L. Margolis, MD is an attending physician at the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab formerly known as the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. She is also an instructor of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation in the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine.

Dr. Margolis received her medical degree from Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine in 2003. She completed her Internal Medicine internship at Loyola University in 2004. She completed her residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Texas Health Science Center in 2007 where she

served as chief resident. She completed her fellowship in Sports and Spine Rehabilitation at the Sports and Spine Rehabilitation Center in 2008. Her primary clinical work is in sports medicine, musculoskeletal medicine and chronic pain management. She also specializes in spasticity management, and specializes in pelvic pain as well as pain in pregnancy and postpartum.

Dr. Margolis provides sports medicine coverage for the Chicago Marathon annually. She also has an interest in medical education and serves as an oral board exam proctor and oral board vignette writer for the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. In addition, Dr. Margolis serves as a reviewer for various rehabilitation and pain journals.

In addition to seeing patients at the Pain Management Center on Superior Street, Dr. Margolis also works out of the Northshore Outpatient Clinic and the Alexian Rehabilitation Hospital locations in Elk Grove Village, IL.

## Sen. Jason Barickman, (R-Bloomington), Illinois Senate



Senator Jason Barickman was elected to the Illinois State Senate in 2012, and represents the 53rd Legislative District. He currently serves as the Senate Assistant Republican Leader, Co-Chair of the Legislative Audit Commission, Minority Spokesperson on the Judiciary Committee, and is a member of the Criminal Law, Education, Executive, and Labor committees. Barickman attended Illinois State University, graduating with Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. After graduation Jason attended the University of Illinois College of Law. Currently he is an attorney with the firm of Meyer Capel, where his practice focuses on real estate and business law. Senator Barickman is active in real estate investment and development, and is frequently an Adjunct Faculty

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#### Kevin McEwan, Attorney, ASA Law Group, LLC California



Kevin spearheads the workers compensation division for ASA Law Group, Inc. in California. Prior to joining ASA Law Group, Kevin attended Pepperdine School of Law where he earned his Juris Doctorate and certificates in alternative dispute resolution, entrepreneurship and technology law. Upon graduating law school and being admitted to the bar, Kevin practiced civil business litigation and, thereafter, spent numerous years defending self-insured employers in California on workers compensation cases. Outside of the courtroom, Kevin enjoys auto racing and scuba diving.

#### Steve Murdock, Partner, Inman & Fitzgibbons, Ltd.



Steve Murdock is Vice President and Director of Operations at Inman & Fitzgibbons, but also continues to actively handle the defense of workers' compensation claims for clients in Illinois and in Missouri. He has been with the firm for almost 22 years. He attended the Northern Illinois University College of Law. He enjoys volunteering and fundraising for local charities, playing golf and weekends with his family.

#### Jynnifer Cotharn, Partner, Inman & Fitzgibbons, Ltd.



Jynnifer Cotharn has been with the firm since 2007 and practices in the areas of workers' compensation defense and general liability. Her practice includes client consultation on reporting and investigating claims as well as advising on strategic measures to reduce risk and liability for employers and insurance carriers. She represents clients at the arbitration, Commission and Circuit Court levels. Jynnifer received her Juris Doctor from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.

# Amy Bilton, Esq., Shareholder, Nyhan, Bambrick, Kinzie & Lowry



Amy E. Bilton, Esq., is a shareholder, Medicare Secondary Payer professional, and workers' compensation defense trial attorney at the Chicago law firm of Nyhan, Bambrick, Kinzie & Lowry. She received her B.A. from the University of Michigan and J.D. from DePaul University College of Law. She also has her Medicare Secondary Payer Consultant certification (MSCC) through the International Commission on Health Care Certification and Certified Medicare Secondary Payer Fellow (CMSP-F) certification.

Ms. Bilton is a frequent lecturer in workers' compensation and all aspects of Medicare Secondary Payer compliance, as well as in the intersection of the opioid epidemic with both of these areas of law. She serves on the boards of: the National

Alliance of Medicare Set-Aside Professionals, for which she is the current vice president and co-chair of the Evidence-Based Medicine committee; the International Commission on Healthcare Certification, for which she serves on the Board of Commissioners for the Medicare Set-Aside Consultant Certified (MSCC) certification; and the Illinois Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Advisory Board. She is also a member of the Chicago Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association, Illinois Workers' Compensation Lawyers Association, American Bar Association, California Coalition on Workers' Compensation, DRI and the National Council of Self-Insureds.

ess of Chamber members at the Illinois capitol. In addition, he is the editor of the Chamber's weekly Government Affairs Report. Tyler comes to the Illinois Chamber of Commerce from the Senate Republican staff where he was a legislative analyst. Tyler graduated cum laude at Southern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science.

#### Shawn Biery, Partner, Keefe Campbell Biery & Associates



Shawn R. Biery is a veteran workers compensation and employment defense litigation attorney who utilizes lifetime background including Marine Corps experiences conducting desert warfare training to determine strategies for overall general litigation defense. Shawn graduated from Montana State University and the Thomas Jefferson School of Law before beginning practice in Chicago in 2001. Shawn was a founding attorney with the firm of Keefe, Campbell, Biery & Associates in 2003. The firm continues in efforts to provide the most cost effective approach to aggressive litigation defense and maintain clear lines of

communication with clients to achieve favorable outcomes.

#### John Campbell, Partner, Keefe Campbell Biery & Associates



John Campbell has an undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and Law Degree from Chicago Kent College of Law. John has practiced insurance defense for employers throughout the State with focus on workers' compensation defense litigation since 1999. He is a founding partner of Keefe, Campbell, Biery & Associates, in Chicago. John is a frequent author and lecturer in the industry and is an adjunct professor at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago.

#### Bradley Smith, Partner, Keefe Campbell Biery & Associates



Brad Smith began his legal career practicing as a bankruptcy attorney for both individuals and businesses throughout Chicago and the surrounding suburbs. Subsequently, at Kluever & Platt, LLC, Mr. Smith managed staff and attorneys in default and contested commercial litigation cases. Mr. Smith was also entrusted with handling complex commercial matters at all stages of litigation. More recently, at

The Law Offices of Eugene K. Hollander, Mr. Smith regularly participated in all levels of employment, commercial, and personal injury litigation in various Illinois counties and the Northern District of Illinois.

Mr. Smith also contributed to all facets of multi-plaintiff and multi-defendant state and federal lawsuits. While at The Law Offices of Eugene K. Hollander, Mr. Smith routinely handled charges of discrimination in both the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Illinois Department of Human Rights. Mr. Smith's practice at Keefe, Campbell, Biery & Associates, LLC involves a similar range of practice areas, with a particular focus on general liability defense, employment law, product liability, and contract disputes. Mr. Smith has been recently selected as a Rising Star Superlawyer by SuperLawyers.com.

# Jim Mecham, MSIE, OTR/L, CPE, Chief Operations Officer, OccuCare Injury Prevention



Jim is the Owner and Chief Operating Officer of OccuCare Injury Prevention Company. He has provided employers with injury prevention services since 1996. Jim holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Therapy and Master of Science in Industrial Engineering. He is a board-certified ergonomist and has been awarded the certification through the Board of Certification in Professional Ergonomics. Jim has performed thousands of ergonomic and injury prevention assessments at companies around the world. He is also a sought-after teacher nationwide for courses in ergonomics and industrial physical rehabilitation.

## Anthony K. Savino, MD, Illinois Bone & Joint Institute



Dr. Anthony Savino is a board-certified neurologist with fellowship training in sports neurology. He specializes in the treatment of concussion, neurological disorders in athletes and maintenance of long-term brain health. Dr. Savino's interests include management of acute concussion, autonomic dysfunction in concussion, treatment of post-concussion syndrome, and postconcussion headache. "Treatment needs to be personalized to each patient, it is less about a protocol and more so a process."

During his fellowship he collaborated on a long-term research study of head trauma in youth and high school football players. This study examined the potential sequelae of repetitive hits to the head over time through

measurements of head impacts by helmet sensors and extensive brain function tests before and after each football season.

Dr. Savino completed his residency in Neurology at Boston University Medical Center, serving as Chief Resident during his final year of training. He obtained his medical degree from Rush Medical College in Chicago and completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Dr. Savino is a member of the American Academy of Neurology (AAN), Sports Neurology Section and the American Medical Association (AMA).

# Mary Ann Howe, Assistant Regional Administrator, Occupational Safety and Health Administration



In January 2012 Mary Ann Howe was appointed Assistant Regional Administrator for Whistleblower Protection Programs in Region V, Chicago, overseeing all aspects of Region V's Whistleblower Protection Program. Mary Ann has over 20 years working for OSHA in either a State Plan Program or Federal Enforcement Program.

Mary Ann has served the Agency in other capacities, including several detail assignments in the Directorate of Whistleblower Protection Programs and as the Deputy Director in the San Francisco Regional Office.

Mary Ann holds a Master Degree in Financial Fraud Examination and Management from Saint Xavier University, Chicago, Illinois and a Bachelor Degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix, Lansing, Michigan.

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Over 20 years of workers' compensation claims experience in Claims Adjuster and Senior Claims Specialist and Claim Manager positions. Areas of concentration in Illinois, Michigan, Kentucky, Wisconsin and Indiana jurisdictions. Worked as an Account Executive with duties including program implementation, problem solving, business retention and overall management of a national program. Responsibilities included ensuring the consistent delivery of claims service throughout the country.

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