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based on actions of Tucker's co-counsel in the case, Tucker and his co-counsel successfully argued against those motions, resulting in a February order from the trial judge upholding the complete defense win.

DANIELLE BANKS



BANKS

Danielle Banks is a partner with Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, where she focuses her practice on representing companies and individuals in employment law matters, including claims brought under Title VII, Section 1981, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Family Medical Leave Act and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act. She also represents clients in other complex litigation matters, including class actions, commercial lending disputes and contract disputes.

While keeping a busy practice, Banks has also carved out a significant amount of time for promoting diversity in the profession.

Banks recently stepped down as one of the co-presidents of the Philadelphia Diversity Law Group, a role she held from 2010 to 2012. She also serves as chairwoman of Stradley Ronon's diversity group. From 2011 to 2012, she was chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association's

Justice Sonia Sotomayor Diversity Award Committee.

PHILIP YOON



YOON

Philip Yoon, a veteran of the court who recently took over as its chief staff attorney.

He is no rookie to the state's frontline appeals court, or the appellate system in general, for that matter.

A graduate of Washington and Lee University School of Law, Yoon started as a clerk for now-President Judge Corrae F. Stevens. He went on to serve as chief clerk for Judge James J. Fitzgerald, with whom Yoon clerked after Fitzgerald was appointed to the Supreme Court, as well. Immediately before assuming the chief staff attorney role, Yoon was the assistant to the president judge, Stevens.

Yoon and his staff are responsible for guiding a court that, in 2011, accommodated 7,675 new appeals, according to the most recent data available from the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts. The court concluded 7,939 appeals that same year.

Yoon is also scheduled to be on the

host committee for the American Bar Association's young lawyers division national conference, which is scheduled to be held in Pittsburgh in 2014.

CARLTON L. JOHNSON



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school.

Johnson, co-chair of the firm's civil rights and government relations practice groups, played a key role in the creation of the Diversity Scholarship Program at Temple University's Beasley School of Law, a collaborative effort between Archer & Greiner, the city of Philadelphia and Temple Law. The goal of the program is not only to provide financial assistance to minority students at the school — it also offers two students paid work experience at Archer & Greiner and in the Philadelphia Law Department.

Johnson was key in getting Philadelphia City Solicitor Shelley R. Smith, Temple Law Dean JoAnne Epps and key players from Archer & Greiner to the same table in planning the program and was then responsible for executing its components and bringing it to fruition.

That program's inaugural class performed work for both the law firm and the city last summer.

In honor of his devotion to diversity in the legal profession, Johnson was honored with a diversity award by the Black Law Students Association at Temple Law, his alma mater, in 2012.

Prior to switching to private practice, Johnson spent more than two decades with the Philadelphia Law Department.

ISLA L. LONG



LONG

much about accommodating the "internal client" as it is keeping those clients on the outside happy.

By "internal client," Long was referring to the senior associates and partners to whom young attorneys report. Refining this skill, Long wrote, helps a young attorney claim high-quality and challenging assignments, which, coupled with a positive attitude, lay the bricks on the path to success.

Long's done alright at it, herself. When the former head of Pepper Hamilton's commercial litigation practice group left, Long assumed the

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responsibility for that partner's major clients, including two long-term clients that have big engagements (including multimillion-dollar trials) with the firm.

In 2012, the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity named Long a fellow. The program was formed to increase diversity in the profession by helping diverse attorneys sharpen their networking skills and expand their networks. Long is also a regular contributor to Pepper Hamilton's diversity newsletter, *Diversity Matters*, and she serves on the firm's hiring and diversity committees.

STELLA M. TSAI



TSAI

Archer & Greiner business litigation partner Stella Tsai, the 2012 chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Diversity in the Profession Committee, has a pretty diverse resume, herself.

In her private practice, Tsai has represented multi-national businesses in litigation, transactional and regulatory matters. She has also handled products liability cases, litigated RICO matters and represented insurance companies over coverage disputes.

Her area of expertise expands beyond business litigation, though, perhaps most

notably through her work as chair of the engagement committee on the city Zoning Code Commission, a position for which she was handpicked in 2008 by Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter. While working for the commission, Tsai helped rewrite the city's dated zoning code to modernize future developments and ensure sustainable growth.

RAHAT N. BABAR



BABAR

American Bar Association of Pennsylvania.

Babar, who also serves as co-chair of the bar association's community outreach committee, worked closely with the Pa. Voter ID Coalition last year on outreach programs designed to educate the community on the voter ID law requirements.

His work included holding community workshops to educate voters, ensuring pamphlets were translated into several Asian languages and taking part in press conferences. Babar is currently leading the committee in addressing issues impacting the local Cambodian community.

Prior to joining Bayne Law Group, Babar, who earned his law degree from Widener University School of Law in Wilmington, Del., served as a New Jersey deputy attorney general.

TSIWEN LAW



LAW

Tsiwen Law, head of Law & Associates in Philadelphia, is one of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Pennsylvania's founders. As a member of the bar association's community outreach committee, Law penned an amicus brief regarding the voter ID laws. In March, Law received the A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award during the 25th annual Pennsylvania Bar Association Minority Attorney Conference.

Law, a University of Pennsylvania Law School alum, is a former member of the Pennsylvania Board of Governors and former chairman of its civil and equal rights committee. Law is also a former member of the Philadelphia Bar Association's board of governors and former chairman of both its civil rights committee and public interest section.

LAURA E. KRABILL

Laura Krabill is a partner at Ballard



KRABILL

Spahr in Philadelphia, where she focuses her practice on general commercial and intellectual property litigation, including securities fraud, patent infringement, contract disputes and class actions. Krabill heads up the Equality Ballard: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Lawyers and Friends affinity group, which aims to provide business and professional development opportunities to the LGBT community. She also sits on Ballard Spahr's diversity council, which works to help the firm meet its diversity goals. Krabill is also a member of the American Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Association and American Inns of Court.

JASON E. HAZLEWOOD



HAZLEWOOD

Jason Hazlewood focuses on complex commercial litigation as an associate in Reed Smith's commercial litigation group in Pittsburgh, but he has recently given exceptional pro bono service in a prisoner's civil rights

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