

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

ELECTED AND APPOINTED

Michael M. Mustokoff, a partner in **Duane Morris'** Philadelphia office, has become a fellow of the **American College of Trial Lawyers**. Mustokoff was formally inducted at a ceremony held during the 2009 fall meeting of the college in Boston.



MUSTOKOFF

The college strives to improve and elevate the standards of trial practice, the administration of justice and the ethics of the trial profession.

Mustokoff's practice covers a broad range, including white-collar criminal defense and complex civil litigation.

Rhonda Hill Wilson, a Philadelphia personal injury and nursing home negligence attorney, was recently appointed to serve on the governing board of the **Philadelphia Regional Port Authority**. The 11-member board of



HILL WILSON

regional business leaders is appointed by the governor, the state Legislature, the mayor of Philadelphia and the large counties surrounding the port.

An independent agency of Pennsylvania, PRPA focuses on the enhancement of waterborne trade and commerce. As a board member, Hill Wilson will support the organization's commitment to economic development and job creation.

Patti O'Hara has joined **Adaptive Solutions Inc.** as the chief information officer.

Adaptive Solutions provides support and consulting services for law firms and corporate legal departments.

Prior to joining Adaptive Solutions, O'Hara was CIO with Wolf Block.

HONORED

McNees Wallace & Nurick was named ninth in the category of companies with 25-250 employees at the "Best Places to Work in Pennsylvania" annual awards dinner Dec. 1. This is the fourth consecutive year that the firm has been named to the list.

The program to identify the best places of employment in Pennsylvania is organized by **Team Pennsylvania Foundation**, the **Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development**, the **Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry** and the *Central Penn Business Journal*.

SPEAKERS

Robert C. Clothier, a partner in the Philadelphia office of **Fox Rothschild**, participated in a conference titled "Religion & Free Speech in the Schools: Where Do Courts Draw the Line?" at the 32nd annual meeting of area school superintendents Dec. 9.

Clothier discussed the First Amendment rights of students in an online world and provided an overview of constitutional limitations on school discipline and policy. **Deborah M. Lauter**, director of civil rights for the **Anti-Defamation League**, joined Clothier as a presenter.

Clothier, co-chairman of the firm's media,

Baker, Penn Law Professor, Dies at 62

C. Edwin Baker, the Nicholas F. Gallicchio professor of law and communication at the University of Pennsylvania Law School and a leading scholar in the fields of constitutional law, communications law and free speech, died suddenly Dec. 8 in New York City, where he had lived for the past 20 years. He was 62. He collapsed while exercising and could not be revived.

Baker was considered one of the country's foremost authorities on the First Amendment and on mass media policy. Most recently, he focused his work on the economics of the news business, political philosophy and jurisprudential questions concerning the egalitarian and libertarian bases of constitutional theory.

"Ed Baker was a brilliant scholar, a dedicated teacher and a wonderful friend," said Penn Law Dean Michael A. Fitts. "Generations of students and lawyers benefited from his insights, his high expectations and his caring approach to everyone around him. His death is a great loss for the Penn Law community as well as for the larger community of academicians and practitioners focused on free speech, the media and human rights."

His work was read and respected by policymakers and students in the United States and internationally. This past summer, he taught a course on communication policy, freedom of speech and freedom of the press at Communication University of China in Beijing. Earlier this year, Baker told a congressional subcommittee that "huge actual layoffs of journalists as well as threatened closures of towns' only daily are a major threat to democracy. When

workshop on the subject of "Private Power and Human Rights" in Israel, and he was working on his fifth book at the time of his death. His first book, "Human Liberty and Freedom of Speech," published by Oxford University Press in 1989, defends interpreting First Amendment freedom of speech as concerned primarily with individual freedom and autonomy rather than the more traditional understanding of it being about a marketplace of ideas. "Advertising and a Democratic Press" became a leading critique of the impact of advertising on media's non-advertising content and "Media, Markets and Democracy" explores why the free market predictably fails to provide the media that consumers want or citizens need. His most recent book, "Media Concentration and Democracy: Why Ownership Matters," evaluates economic and democratic reason to oppose media concentration.

Baker joined Penn Law in 1981 and focused his teaching on constitutional law, mass media law, the First Amendment and jurisprudence. Since 2007, he has held a joint appointment in the Annenberg School for Communication at Penn. He began his career as a staff attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union and held teaching positions at eight universities prior to joining Penn Law.

"There was no scholar so committed, passionate, disciplined and wise in thinking through the relationship between the media and the political system," said Monroe Price, the director of the Center for Global Communication Studies at Penn's Annenberg School. "He was a quiet and persistent missionary for his own very