

• Industry Briefs

ACCOUNTING

• **Rocky Mountain Advisory LLC**, a Salt Lake City forensic accounting firm, has named **Matt Connors** as a shareholder. Connors helped create Rocky Mountain Advisory in March 2010 and has worked closely with its shareholders since 2002. As an equity owner, he will continue to lead the firm's business and intellectual property valuation practice. Connors is a CPA and holds an MBA.

ASSOCIATIONS

• **MountainWest Capital Network** has chosen **Todd Pedersen**, founder and CEO of **Vivint**, as its **2013 Entrepreneur of the Year**. Pedersen will accept the award Feb. 21. Pedersen founded APX Alarm in Utah County 1999. It later became Vivint, one of the largest home security and automation companies in North America. As CEO he was instrumental in obtaining credit agreements with Goldman Sachs in 2006 and 2009 to facilitate ongoing growth. This set the stage for a \$2 billion acquisition by The Blackstone Group in late 2012.

BANKING

• **America First Credit Union** has distributed \$17,500 through its **Community Assistance Program (CAP)** to seven organizations that help the hungry, homeless and survivors of domestic and child abuse. Each of seven entities received \$2,500 from the credit union's annual fund, which receives donations from members and employees throughout the year. The groups receiving financial assistance are the northern Utah's St. Anne's Shelter, Catholic Community

Services, the SHARE food bank, Christmas Box International, and Your Community Connection. In Salt Lake City, the Cathedral of the Madeleine and the Assistance League received funding. Outside of Utah, Safe Nest in Las Vegas, Nev., was supported by America First's CAP.

• **Zions Bank** has promoted **Cory Gardiner** to manager of its Women's Financial Group, the region's first specialty banking center for women. Gardiner joined Zions Bank in 2004 as an Ogden branch manager. She moved to the Women's Financial Group in 2010 as a vice president and garnered recognition as the bank's top Small Business Administration loan lender in 2011.

• Ten companies from Utah were named the "**Zions Bank 'Speaking on Business' Top Businesses for 2012.**" They were honored by Zions Bank President and CEO Scott Anderson at a luncheon Feb. 7 in Salt Lake City. The honorees were Armor Active, Sandy; Dowdle Folk Art, Lindon; EK Ekcessories, Logan; JDH Group, Ogden; Les Olson Co., Salt Lake City; OpsGear, North Salt Lake; Profire Energy, Lindon; RAM Co., St. George; SME Steel, West Jordan; and Stein Eriksen Lodge, Park City. Since its launch in 1997, the "Speaking on Business" radio program has highlighted some 4,000 diverse businesses throughout Utah and Idaho. The program airs weekdays on KSL 102.7 FM at 7:25 a.m., 11:47 a.m. and 5:25 p.m. along the Wasatch Front.

COMMUNICATIONS

• **TriTel Networks Inc.**, a Murray-based provider of unified communications and technol-

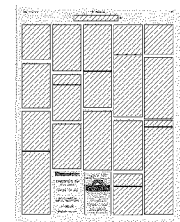
ogy management services, has launched a **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) management service**. TriTel helps organizations scan a device to make sure it's not bringing with it security risks, and establish proper security measures for access control levels, including the separation of employees from guests. TriTel can identify which devices are using the lion's share of an organization's bandwidth, and make infrastructure changes to accommodate the changing needs of the BYOD user.

CONSTRUCTION

• California-based **Psomas**, a consulting engineering firm, has appointed **Travis Perry** as associate in the company's Salt Lake City office. With 13 years of experience in the civil engineering industry, Perry's areas of expertise include site design, watershed management, storm drain design, land development, project management and development reviews. His recent project experience includes site design and project coordination with UTA, UDOT and various municipalities.

• **Spectrum Engineers**, Salt Lake City, has been awarded **LEED Gold certification for its headquarters office**. The certification is established by the U.S. Green Building Council and verified by the Green Building Certification Institute. LEED is the nation's preeminent program for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. Spectrum Engineers achieved LEED certification for energy use, lighting, water and material use as well as incorporating a variety of other sustainable strategies.

• **Bob Reed of Cameron Construction** has been appointed chairman of the board of governors for the **South Salt Lake City**



Chamber of Commerce. He will serve for one year. Reed currently works as the business development representative for Cameron Construction, a commercial contractor celebrating 40 years in business.

- **Jackson & LeRoy Remodeling**, Salt Lake City, has been recognized on a national scale as one of “America’s Top Remodelers” for 2012 by *ProfessionalRemodeler* magazine and is the only company in Utah to be selected.

EDUCATION/TRAINING

- **InsideOut Development**, a South Jordan professional services firm specializing in individual and organizational performance improvement, has been named a **Top 20 Leadership Training Company** by *TrainingIndustry.com*. This is the second consecutive year InsideOut has been recognized in the Top 20. TrainingIndustry.com compiles its list through extensive research, interactions with companies around the world, and thorough analysis of the capabilities, experience and expertise of hundreds of learning organizations.

- The **Utah Board of Regents** has approved the Utah System of Higher Education’s **first Homeland Security and Emergency Management associate of applied science (A.A.S.) degree at Salt Lake Community College**. The degree was developed in partnership with the Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration, the Unified Police Department of Greater Salt Lake, various medical institutions and other regional agencies and employers. Students will be able to complete the program in four semesters. Resident tuition and

fees are projected to be approximately \$6,100 to complete the program. Salt Lake Community and Utah Valley University (UVU) have a full articulation agreement, so that students can transfer their classes and A.A.S. degree to UVU to pursue a bachelor of science in emergency services administration.

- **The Living Planet Aquarium**, Sandy, announced that 2012 marked the **record for highest attendance** since opening its doors in 2004, with 457,619 visits. This is an increase of 14 percent from the previous 392,135 record in 2010. This not only marks the highest annual attendance in The Living Planet’s history but it is also the highest annual percentage increase among all aquariums in the United States. General admission attendance includes school visits, birthday parties and special event rentals.

FINANCE

- **David Hoopes** recently joined **CBIZ MHM LLC** and **Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.** in Salt Lake City as managing director at CBIZ MHM LLC and a shareholder of Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. Hoopes brings more than 25 years of experience to CBIZ and MHM. He has served as an expert witness in many large broker/dealer financial institution disputes. Hoopes has also provided specialized accounting and consulting services to multinational corporations, privately held companies and partnerships. In addition, he has served as a lead advisor on several significant SEC filings.

GOVERNMENT

- The **Utah Department of Commerce’s Office of Property Rights Ombudsman (OPRO)** has launched a **website designed**

to help the public access information. The site, www.propertyrights.utah.gov, now offers a searchable database of the OPRO’s Advisory Opinions by topic or keyword, a “Find the Law” section where property rights laws can be searched by topic, and a layout designed to be accessible by phone or mobile device. The OPRO was created by the Utah Legislature to protect the property rights of citizens when state and local government ‘condemns or regulates private land. Its mission is to educate the public and government agencies about private property rights and land use laws, advocate for fairness and compliance with state and local laws and ordinances, and assist individuals and government agencies in resolving property disputes fairly in accordance with existing law.

INTERNATIONAL

- **Harvey Scott** has been appointed director of the **International Trade and Diplomacy Office** within the Governor’s Office of Economic Development (GOED). Scott has been the office’s regional director of the Americas since June 2012, a role he will continue. He has 11 years of experience working internationally; has lived in England, China, Japan, Australia, Senegal, Uruguay and Canada; and has worked in dozens of other countries. Scott spent most of his career at Rolls-Royce Plc, where he worked in supply chain management, corporate development and mergers and acquisitions. He also spent a year on a U.K. trade and investment assignment with the British Foreign Office at the British Embassy in Tokyo, Japan.

LAW

- **Fabian, Attorneys at Law,**

Salt Lake City, was recognized in the 2013 edition of *Benchmark Litigation* as among the highest-ranked law firms in Utah. In addition, "Local Litigation Star" recognition was awarded to **Kevin N. Anderson** for general commercial litigation and energy and environmental litigation and **P. Bruce Badger** for construction and real estate litigation while **Jason W. Hardin** received recognition as a "Future Star." In addition, **Mark H. Anderson** and **Neil R. Sabin**, formerly with Nielsen & Senior P.C. have joined the firm's Salt Lake City office. Anderson, a shareholder in Fabian, has over 35 years of experience in a practice centering on local districts and special service districts. He is general counsel for the Utah Association of Special Districts and represents a number of local districts. Sabin has joined Fabian as "of counsel." He has more than 40 years of experience in corporate, estate planning, real estate and securities law. His corporate experience includes formation of business entities, negotiating and writing contracts, mergers and acquisitions and representing start-up companies. Also, **Sara M. Montoya** has joined the firm

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as an associate. Montoya comes to Fabian at the start of her legal career and is embarking on a practice focusing on litigation. Prior to joining Fabian she clerked at the U.S. Attorney's Office, the University of Utah Office of General Counsel and a private firm.

• **Prince Yeates & Geldzahler** attorney and president **John Chindlund** has been selected as a "2013 Top Rated Lawyer in Labor & Employment" by the **American Lawyer Media** and **Martindale-Hubble**. Chindlund

practices labor and employment law, representing employers in all issues pertaining to the employer-employee relationship. He handles matters involving the National Labor Relations Board, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the United States Department of Labor, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Utah Anti-Discrimination and Labor division.

• Shareholders at **Parsons Behle & Latimer**, Salt Lake City, have elected **Raymond J. Etcheverry**, **Hal J. Pos**, **Laura S. Scott**, **Michael R. Kealy** (Reno office) and **Michael P. Petrogeorge** to the 2013 board of directors. Etcheverry will continue serving as chairman of the board, president and CEO. Pos continues as vice-chairman, vice president and treasurer. Scott and Kealy continue as vice presidents. Petrogeorge continues as vice president and secretary.

• **Jones Waldo** has added **Jess Griffiths** and **Allison Griffiths** to its Park City office. Both will be joining the firm's Healthcare Law Practice Group, with Jess Griffiths as the leader of the group. Jess Griffiths has more than 20 years of experience and represents healthcare, technology and other clients with complex and strategic issues including start-ups, strategic partnering and negotiations, compliance, brand and rights protections and business-threatening litigation. Jess Griffiths owned a boutique healthcare and intellectual property law firm in Hawaii for 15 years prior to relocating to Park City. Allison Griffiths brings a decade of experience advising clients on a variety of regulatory health care matters. She also assists clients in asserting and resolving

medical liens, and with drafting health care contracts, benefit guides and summaries, notices and agreements.

NATURAL RESOURCES

• **Questar Corp.**, Salt Lake City, has made three executive promotions in two of its subsidiaries. **Barrie L. McKay** has been promoted to vice president of state regulatory affairs for Questar Gas. McKay has been serving as the utility's general manager of regulatory affairs and energy efficiency. He is responsible for managing regulatory activities and energy-conservation programs in Utah and Wyoming. Prior to joining Questar Gas in 1993, he worked 10 years in the electric industry for Utah Power/PacifiCorp. Two Wexpro Co. managers have also been promoted. **Brady Rasmussen**, formerly general manager of accounting, has been promoted to vice president of administration for Questar's natural gas development and production arm. Rasmussen has been with the company for 18 years in various accounting, supervisory and management positions. **Justin C. Woody** has been promoted to Wexpro's vice president of engineering and geoscience, after managing those functions for Wexpro for the past two years. Woody came to Wexpro from EOG Resources in 2007, and has held several engineering and management positions with Wexpro.

REAL ESTATE

• The Landing, an iconic apartment building formerly named the Charleston Apartments near the University of Utah, has been sold. The 12-story building, constructed in 1950, is located on the corner of 500 South and 1300 East in Salt Lake City and consists of 129 units. The property was sold by 1300

East BRE LLC and purchased by **University Communities** of Denver, Colo., which specializes in apartment complexes near universities for student housing. Kip Paul of Commerce Real Estate Solutions and Renaldo Hunt of RH Brokerage represented the buyer and seller. Paul said the new owners have significant renovations planned for the property moving forward.

RESTAURANTS

- **The Knot**, operator of www.theknot.com, an online wedding resource, has named **Log Haven Restaurant**, Salt Lake City as the **Best Ceremony and Reception site in Utah**. The list of winners is derived from ratings and reviews from recent brides. Log Haven, winner of *Salt Lake* magazine's "Best Romantic Restaurant," Zagat-listed for Top Romance and winner of multiple "Most Romantic" and "Best Place to Take a Date" awards from Best of Utah and *City Weekly*, has long been considered a premier destination for romantic dining and is a favorite for proposals, engagement parties and weddings.

RETAIL

- **Gordmans Inc.**, a Nebraska-based apparel and home décor retailer, continues its rapid growth across the country with the **opening of two additional stores in Utah**. The new 50,000 square foot stores, located in American Fork and Midvale, will open March 14. The retailer entered the Utah market in March 2012. With the opening of these new stores, Gordmans will operate five stores in the state.

- **Q Clothing** a women's clothing and accessories boutique at 215 E. Broadway in Salt Lake City, is under the **new ownership** and management of Kellie Michaelis and Amy Leininger. They plan on carrying a handful of each piece so their customers can be assured there will not be 10 people with the same outfit. Michaelis is also a jewelry designer who has sold her pieces at several boutiques in Salt Lake, Park City and Sun Valley. Leininger has a business degree from Westminster College as well as background in the retail and customer service industry.