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Patrick Guida Joins Firm As A Partner

(November 2007) We welcome Patrick A. Guida as a partner in our Business Law group. A seasoned banking and real estate practitioner with more than two decades of experience, Mr. Guida will continue to represent banks, non-bank lenders, real estate developers and other business clients in a wide range of sophisticated transactions and financings. Mr. Guida holds the Martindale Hubbell rating AV, the highest rating given to attorneys, as well as several notable professional awards and distinctions.

Michael Sweeney Featured Speaker At Bar Association Business Event

(October 2007) Michael Sweeney recently served as a speaker on business law and national trends that impact business for the Rhode Island Bar Association's "Recent Developments in the Law" day-long program. Mike is a regular speaker/moderator at RIBA forums on business law. He is the past chair of the Business Organizations Committee of RIBA where he led the three-year initiative to enact the new Rhode Island Business Corporation Act, which took effect on July 1, 2005. *For complete PowerPoint presentation, [click here](#).*

Charles Henderson Joins Litigation Team

(October 2007) We welcome Charles Henderson, III, to Duffy Sweeney & Scott as a litigation associate. Chad concentrates his practice in business and commercial litigation including intellectual property. Chad spent five years at the New York City law firm of Quirk and Bakalor where he represented clients in commercial, intellectual property, product liability, and general liability disputes. Prior to law school, Chad spent six years at the United States Senate in the Office of the Sergeant at Arms. He is a graduate of Northeastern University School of Law, American University and Choate Rosemary Hall.

Five Partners At Firm Recognized in Best Lawyers in America

(September 2007) Four partners at Duffy Sweeney & Scott were recently selected for the 25th anniversary edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®. *Best Lawyers* uses exhaustive and rigorous peer-review surveys comprising more than 2 million confidential evaluations by top attorneys in the country. Because no fee or purchase is required, being listed in *Best Lawyers* is considered a singular honor. Robert Duffy was recognized for the specialty of Commercial Litigation, Michael Sweeney for Corporate Law, and Craig Scott and Roger Hood for Intellectual Property Law. Firm attorneys have been recognized in *Best Lawyers* for the last four years.

Christine Rossi Joins Duffy Sweeney & Scott Team of Business Attorneys

(September 2007) We are pleased to announce that Christine Rossi has joined the firm, handling general corporate law and commercial transactions as well as a wide range of real estate matters. With six years of business law experience, Ms. Rossi is admitted to practice in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree, *cum laude*, from Providence College, her law degree, *cum laude*, from Suffolk University Law School, and her MBA from the Suffolk University School of Management. *For full biography, [click here](#).*

Five Attorneys Recognized By Chambers USA in 2007 America's Leading Lawyers for Business

(August 2007) Partners Robert Duffy, Michael Sweeney, Craig Scott, and Christine Bush as well as senior associate Ralph Gaboury were recognized as leading attorneys in Rhode Island by world-renowned *Chambers and Partners' 2007 America's Leading Lawyers for Business Directory*. All attorneys named won strong endorsement from clients and peers. Some of this year's comments from clients included "never happier with a law firm" and "six mental steps ahead of everyone else" and "terrific negotiators with phenomenally perceptive people skills." *For full press release, [click here](#).*

Partner Stacey Nakasion Wins Case of First Impression In Wickford

(July 2007) Rhode Island Superior Court Associate Justice Judith Savage broke new legal ground by adopting a standard for what constitutes a "willful or knowing" violation of the Open Meetings Act. "The Court's recent decision is the first in Rhode Island to address the standard for proving a willful or knowing violation of the Open Meetings Act," said Duffy Sweeney & Scott's Stacey Nakasian. The decision came in phase two of the action *Ohs v. North Kingstown School Committee, et al.* After the first trial, Judge Savage found that the School Committee and its Superintendent violated the notice provisions of the Open Meetings Act when it voted in May 2005 to close the historic Wickford Elementary School. *For complete press release, [click here](#).*