

The North Carolina Jaycees, a civic service organization, named **Melissa Dewey Brumback** general counsel. Brumback joins the Jaycees from N.C. firm Ragsdale Liggett, where she served as a partner.



Cambridge Display Technology, a developer of polymer light emitting diode technology, appointed **Hilary Charles** as general counsel. Prior to joining Cambridge, Charles served as general counsel for nCipher, a U.K.-based technology company.

Lutheran HealthCare named **Barbara Katz Arky** executive vice president and general counsel. Arky previously was a partner in the law firm Manatt, Phelps & Phillips.



Atlanta-based RARE Hospitality International Inc. appointed **Cathy D. Hampton** as the company's vice president, general counsel and secretary. Hampton was most recently vice president and assistant general counsel for EarthLink Inc. and general counsel and corporate secretary for EarthLink's PeoplePC subsidiary.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) appointed **Jane C. Luxton** as general counsel. Luxton has been a partner at Washington, D.C. firm King and Spalding since 1999. Luxton replaces **James R. Walpole**, who stepped down in May.



DaimlerChrysler Canada Inc. named **Lorraine (Lori) J. Shalhoub** vice president and general counsel — external affairs and public policy. Shalhoub, who joined DaimlerChrysler Canada in 1997,

most recently served as director for external affairs and public policy. She succeeds **Stephen R. Rose**, who left the company in January.

San Francisco-based Sunesis Pharmaceuticals Inc. appointed **Valerie L. Pierce** senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary. Pierce most recently served as general counsel for the Institute for OneWorld Health, a non-profit pharmaceutical company.

The Chicago Bears promoted **Cliff Stein** to general counsel. Stein joined the Chicago Bears in 2002 as the director of player contracts and legal affairs.



Bethesda, Md.-based RapidAdvance, a provider of merchant cash advance services, named **Joseph Looney** general counsel. Prior to joining RapidAdvance, Looney was a partner and member of the management committee at financial services law firm Hudson Cook.

Southfield, Mich.-based AlixPartners appointed **John Collins** as a managing director and general counsel. Prior to joining the company, Collins was senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary of Champion Enterprises Inc.



Pennsylvania-based Ametek Inc. named **Robert S. Feit** senior vice president and general counsel. Feit joins the company from Oracle Corp. where he was vice president, legal, associate general counsel and assistant secretary.

The Journal Register Co. promoted **Edward J. Yocum** to senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary. Yocum has been with the com-

## CAREER ADVICE

### The Unemployment Stigma

BY MIKE EVERS

So, your company has gone bankrupt, been acquired or relocated to the Moon. These are good explanations for being between jobs. Nonetheless, a negative perception attaches to your résumé when you are unemployed.

When facing this situation, think about the outside law firms you have engaged as more than service providers. Talk with law firms about the mutual benefits of parking there during your job search. Agree upon an appropriate hourly rate for any work you might perform for the firm. Your main objective is to simply have an office in a name-brand law firm, along with your profile on the firm's Web site. Let them call you *counsel* or *special counsel*.

Unlike conducting your search from an outplacement office, you will interact daily with people who will keep you sharp. More importantly, the stigma of unemployment is removed. For the firm, this arrangement is a way to say thank you for the business you provided from your previous position. Of course, the law firm will reasonably hope that you land in a new position that will lead to a new client engagement for them. It's a win-win scenario that more in-house counsel should consider.

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