2005 Annual Review

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Dear Friends:

Every year brings new challenges and rewards, and 2005 was no exception. Highlights of the year included defending one of the world’s leading treatments for severe mental disorders, advising a client on a merger that helped it become one of the largest real estate investment trusts in the nation, and participating in one of the most significant legal debates affecting public education in decades.

We’d like to share the details of several engagements from this past year, not just in celebration of the successes our clients gained in 2005, but because these stories get to the heart of what makes Pepper Hamilton special.

The founders of our firm knew that to be a success, they would need to rely on experience, teamwork, imagination, integrity, and above all, a commitment to serving their clients and their communities. While much has changed in the worlds of law and business in the ensuing 115 years, one thing has not – our commitment to those enduring values.

In the following pages, you will find examples from the past year that show how we incorporate those values every day in what we do. These stories also illustrate the dedication of our people. More than 400 lawyers and hundreds of support staff in 10 offices throughout the country work hard to deliver outstanding results and superlative service to our clients. We are pleased and proud to show our values and our people in action, and mindful that we would not have the opportunity to do so without the trust and confidence of our clients. We look forward to working with you in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Barry M. Abelson, Chairman, Executive Committee

Robert E. Heideck, Executive Partner
Pepper’s team representing Eli Lilly and Company is led by partner Nina M. Gussack (inset photo). More than 20 other Pepper lawyers are on the team, including (from left) associate DaQuana L. Carter, partners Barry H. Boise and Andrew R. Rogoff, and associates Hyung P. Steele, Allyson Lane Baccini and Matthew E. Brown.
Eli Lilly and Zyprexa®

In any litigation, we work with clients to resolve the matter consistent with their strategic goals, especially when the litigation involves currently marketed products. Our experience in helping clients define the best result has been put to the test in handling several thousand claims made against a client’s life-saving medication.

During the last several years, we put our 50 years of experience in complex pharmaceutical litigation to work for long-time client Eli Lilly and Company. We serve as Lilly’s national counsel in the complex litigation involving its prescription medication Zyprexa®, which millions of people use worldwide to treat life-threatening schizophrenia and bipolar disorders.

Unlike most pharmaceutical mass tort litigation in which the medicine has been withdrawn from the market, Zyprexa® remains an important and vital tool for doctors in the battle against disabling mental illness. According to a government study, mental illness is the leading cause of disability in the United States, Canada and Western Europe. Across the world, schizophrenia, bipolar disorders and other severe mental illnesses cause devastating personal losses as well as billions in economic losses. Until recently, no effective long-term treatments were available for such disorders. At the time of its approval in 1996, Zyprexa® was the first of a new generation of medications, called atypical antipsychotics, approved for long-term treatment of schizophrenia and acute bipolar mania. It has proven to be remarkably effective, helping 19 million patients and their families in 84 countries regain control of their lives in the last decade alone.

A change in product labeling in 2003 – along with medical literature that suggested an association between Zyprexa® and an increased risk for diabetes-related conditions in a small percentage of patients – triggered several hundred lawsuits in federal and state courts throughout the country. The federal court actions are consolidated for pretrial purposes through a multi-district proceeding in the federal court in New York. Other cases remain in the state courts.

More than 10 partners in Pepper’s Health Effects Litigation Practice Group are directing the litigation, working with a score of associates and affiliated counsel around the country and Canada. A settlement of a substantial number of the claims was reached in 2005 on terms favorable for Eli Lilly; however, many cases remain unresolved.

Working to resolve the claims made against a lifesaving medication, we strive to free Eli Lilly to focus on what it does best – providing answers, through medicine and education, to solve the world’s urgent medical needs.
Brandywine Realty Trust is a major presence in the Philadelphia region. Its 2005 merger with Prentiss Properties Trust has greatly expanded its profile in the Mid-Atlantic region, Texas and California. Corporate practice chairman Michael H. Friedman (center) led the Pepper team that assisted Brandywine with that transaction. The team also included (from left) tax counsel Joan M. Roll, tax practice chairwoman Joan C. Arnold, employee benefits practice chairman Andrew J. Rudolph, and corporate associate Ilan Katz. Not pictured are team members J. Bradley Boericke and Kelly R. Bryan.
Going National with a Major Merger

Brandywine Realty Trust

Becoming one of the largest office real estate investment companies in the nation is no easy task. Neither is handling the intricacies of a $3.3 billion merger.

That’s why Brandywine Realty Trust relied on Pepper’s corporate team for its merger with Prentiss Properties Trust. From its start in 1994 with four properties in the Philadelphia region, Brandywine has skillfully charted a robust course for growth. Pepper has helped Brandywine along the way with advice on corporate transactions, securities and other finance matters, leasing, employment and benefits, litigation and other matters.

After completing the merger, Brandywine owns and manages a portfolio of more than 49 million square feet of space throughout the Mid-Atlantic region and in Washington, D.C., California and Texas, giving the company an extraordinary footprint and a great position for further growth.

To help bring the deal to completion smoothly, Pepper assembled a team of corporate and securities, finance, tax, real estate and employee benefits lawyers from multiple offices (including one partner living in London) to advise Brandywine on the many aspects of such a sprawling transaction.

Both sides were delighted with the merger, which also included a spin-off of more than $750 million in assets to an institutional investor. Pepper’s team worked with Brandywine to finalize the deal in January 2006.
Advent International is one of the world’s largest private equity firms. In 2005, Pepper’s team helped Advent close 11 deals – from acquisitions to equity offerings – worth more than $2 billion. Team leaders include: (front row, from left) associate P. Thao Le, and partners Julia D. Corelli and James D. Epstein, and (back row, from left) partners Cary S. Levinson and J. Bradley Boericke. More than 40 additional lawyers from Pepper’s corporate, finance, tax, benefits and other practice areas have worked on Advent matters.
Advent International Corporation

Since the early 1990s, Pepper has represented Advent International Corporation, a global private equity firm based in Boston, in its acquisition and growth investment activities.

During 2005, teams of Pepper lawyers from several disciplines – including private equity and M&A, finance, tax and employee benefits – represented Advent and its portfolio companies, helping to close 11 transactions with an aggregate value in excess of $2 billion. These transactions included acquisitions and dispositions, leveraged recapitalizations and later-stage venture capital investments.

Consistent with Advent’s strategy of investing in market-leading businesses with international expansion opportunities and significant growth potential, many of the transactions involved global operations, sophisticated multi-jurisdictional tax planning and state-of-the-art financing packages. Pepper lawyers worked with Advent’s in-house professionals and its other advisors to structure and negotiate these arrangements, including the first “certain-funds” financing with a U.S.-based lending syndicate.

Examples of transactions closed in 2005 include:

- the acquisition of Anglo American plc’s global mining and drilling services business
- the disposition of RedPrairie Corporation, a U.S.-based enterprise software company with overseas operations
- the leveraged acquisition of National Bankruptcy Services, Inc., the leading U.S. provider of bankruptcy monitoring and processing services to secured lenders
- the acquisition of Synventive Molding Solutions, a global designer and manufacturer of hot runner systems to the injection molding industry
- the leveraged recapitalization of American Radiology Services, Inc., a Maryland-based manager of state-of-the-art medical imaging services.
Leading the Pepper team helping Oxford Automotive emerge from bankruptcy were (above, from left) partners I. William Cohen, Barbara Rom and Dennis S. Kayes. The team representing the trust benefiting creditors of the Fleming Companies was led by (inset photo, from left) partners David Murphy and Robert S. Hertzberg.
Oxford Automotive/Fleming Companies

Much more than money was at stake when Pepper helped Oxford Automotive Inc. and its U.S. subsidiaries file for Chapter 11 protection in Detroit. Oxford and its subsidiaries were leading international manufacturers of specialized metal-formed systems, modules, assemblies, components and related automotive products. In addition to jeopardizing $360 million owed to secured and unsecured creditors, a failure to continue operations would have significantly disrupted U.S. automobile manufacturing and caused approximately 1,200 workers to lose their jobs.

The debtors’ Chapter 11 plan contemplated the sale or liquidation of all of the remaining operations of the debtors in North America and Mexico, and retention of the European operations of non-debtor foreign subsidiaries of the debtors. Although the Chapter 11 cases were not based on a pre-arranged agreement with unsecured creditors, Pepper negotiated a consensual plan resulting in a distribution to unsecured creditors, payment in full of priority creditors, and distribution of stock in the European subsidiaries to the secured note holders. The restructured companies emerged from bankruptcy in March 2005.

Pepper also is experienced on the creditor side of restructurings – experience that paid off in the reorganization of Fleming Companies, Inc. and its subsidiaries, the largest multi-tier distributor of consumable package goods in the United States. Pepper initially served as counsel for the official creditors’ committee. The debtors and the committee filed a joint plan of reorganization in 2005 that established a trust for the benefit of creditors, which was authorized to pursue a large number of claims to recover preferences and other voidable transfers, accounts receivable and other causes of action owned by the debtors. Using special procedures approved by the bankruptcy court, we helped evaluate more than 3,000 potential claims in less than four months, and quickly prosecuted more than 1,700 of them, resulting in significant recoveries for the trust.

Others on the Pepper team assisting Oxford were partners Joseph J. Serritella and Susan Katz Hoffman, associate Hannah J. Mufson, senior staff attorney Donna J. Lebl and paralegal Mary-Ellen Alexsy. For the Fleming Companies trust, partners David M. Fournier and Henry Jaffe also played a critical role.
The trial team that helped Pilkington North America win an environmental contamination case and craft a solution that protected Pilkington’s neighbors included (from left) partner Nicholas M. Kouletsis and associates Jeffrey A. Carr, Anthony J. Destribats and Melissa A. Chuderewicz. Not pictured are partner Marc D. Macblin and of counsel William J. Walsh, who were critical members of the Pilkington team.
A Win for Our Client – and the Community

Pilkington North America

Litigation – especially a case that goes to trial – almost inevitably results in winners and losers. But in a recent environmental contamination class action case, Pepper helped secure a victory not only for our client, but for the community in which the plaintiffs reside.

The lawsuit by residents of Naplate, Illinois sought relief from arsenic contamination in the soil and groundwater around a sheet glass plant operated by Pilkington North America, the U.S. arm of one of the world’s largest manufacturers of glass and glazing products for the building and automotive industries. For about 60 years before Pilkington bought the plant, a former tenant had used arsenic in its manufacturing processes, and some of that arsenic had leaked into shallow groundwater under the plant and portions of the community. Based on environmental studies, however, Pilkington firmly believed that the residents in Naplate had not been harmed and that the contamination could be contained. The company also knew it had not contributed to any additional contamination of soil or drinking water.

A team from Pepper’s Princeton and Washington offices set to work on an aggressive defense, and quickly obtained dismissal of the plaintiffs’ request for a court-supervised environmental investigation and cleanup plan. At the outset of a four-week jury trial, Pepper succeeded in dramatically limiting and countering the plaintiffs’ expert testimony, and made clear that no contamination resulted from our client’s actions. The result? A verdict in favor of our client on all counts.

To help ensure the health of the community, however, and to resolve the inevitable post-trial appeals, Pilkington agreed to work with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on monitoring the site, and provided a fund to ensure that the community drinking water remains safe.
For Pepper partners Eric Rothschild (left) and Stephen G. Harvey, the “intelligent design” trial was the case of a lifetime — a chance to defend freedom of religion and public education. They argued that teaching intelligent design in public school science classes entangles government with religion, a clear violation of the First Amendment. Under cross-examination, Dover school officials were caught in what the court later described as an attempt to “conceal the blatantly religious purpose” behind their support of including intelligent design in the curriculum.
Taking on “Intelligent Design”

Case Attracts Worldwide Attention

In 2004, the Dover Area School District in central Pennsylvania became a flashpoint in a national controversy after the school board voted to require high school science classes to present “intelligent design” — the assertion that life is so complex that an intelligent, supernatural entity must have guided creation — as an alternative to the scientific theory of evolution. Pepper, along with the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania and Americans United for Separation of Church and State, represented 11 parents seeking to overturn the Dover policy as a violation of their religious liberty.

Not since the famous 1925 “Scopes Monkey Trial” had the debate over teaching evolution in public schools captured so much national and international attention. Hundreds of reporters descended on a Harrisburg federal courtroom for a trial many called “Scopes II.” At the trial that began in September 2005, the Pepper team argued that intelligent design is an inherently religious argument that has no place in the science curriculum. Teaching about intelligent design in public school science classes entangles government with religion, a clear violation of the First Amendment, the Pepper team argued. Of Pandas and People, the intelligent design book touted to students by the Dover policy, was written by advocates of so-called creation science and published by a Christian think tank that supports preaching “the Christian Gospel and understanding of the Bible.” Dover school board members also publicly stated that their religious beliefs motivated their vote on the policy.

With what The New Yorker described as “cheerful mercilessness,” Pepper partner Eric Rothschild cross-examined leading intelligent design proponent Michael Behe, forcing Behe to acknowledge that the plausibility of the argument for intelligent design depends upon the extent to which one believes in God, that every major scientific organization has concluded intelligent design is not a scientific theory, and that no peer-reviewed publication has supported the concept. Dover school officials, under cross-examination by Pepper partner Stephen G. Harvey, were caught in what the court later described as an attempt to “conceal the blatantly religious purpose” behind their support of including intelligent design in the school curriculum.

On December 20, 2005, Judge John E. Jones III handed the plaintiffs and the Pepper team a sweeping victory. He ruled that teaching intelligent design clearly violates the First Amendment’s Establishment Clause and blistered the Dover school board for its “breathtaking inanity” in pursuing a course of action that “poorly served” the district’s students, parents and teachers.

Also on the trial team (not pictured) were of counsel Thomas B. Schmidt III and Alfred H. Wilcox, paralegals Katherine E. Henson and Hedya Aryani, associates Eric J. Goldberg, Stacey I. Gregory, Christopher J. Lowe and Benjamin M. Mather, and most of the support staff in the Harrisburg office.
Pepper Hamilton has more than 400 lawyers and hundreds of other professionals in 10 offices. The firm’s practice areas encompass nearly all aspects of commercial law, litigation and dispute resolution, and governmental regulation. Our clients range from Fortune 500 companies to emerging businesses, entrepreneurs and individuals. We also represent a number of governmental bodies and nonprofit institutions.
Pepper handled thousands of other matters for clients in 2005. Below is a sampling of just a few of them.

In 2005 Pepper:

- represented Kenexa Corporation, a leading provider of services to help employers recruit and retain employees, in its IPO of 5 million shares of its common stock.
- successfully defended a leading automobile finance company against a purported class action lawsuit alleging the company had a policy of charging higher automobile finance rates to African Americans. Pepper’s client was the last defendant in the industry to be sued – and the only defendant to win.
- defeated a lawsuit claiming that a major retail employer’s policy for screening potential employees for criminal convictions amounted to race discrimination.
- helped an employer institute changes in policies, training and management that helped defeat an organizing campaign by the United Steelworkers of America – even though 80 percent of workers in the company had already signed union authorization cards.
- favorably settled a lengthy $600 million arbitration claim involving the construction of a petroleum refinery in Venezuela, while allowing the project owner to complete construction with a minimum of delay and disruption.
- successfully completed a seven-year representation of Indiana Harbor Coke Company involving litigation and arbitration claims over the construction of a $180 million coke-making facility. In addition to numerous mediation and arbitration hearings, Pepper lawyers appeared before three courts to resolve disputes, allowing our client to continue successful operations and development of its proprietary, environmentally friendly cokemaking technology.
- counseled a leading financial services company in the conversion of a $7 billion mutual fund master feeder structure with 55 portfolios to a more traditional series of mutual funds. The process was approved by the client’s board of directors in January and completed by June 30, 2005 – an almost unheard of turnaround. Moving quickly enabled our client to begin a new fiscal year without messy conversion costs or additional audit, regulatory and printing fees – saving money for shareholders.
- represented Thornburg Mortgage, Inc. in doubling its $5 billion commercial paper program, and representing Thornburg’s home loan business in establishing a $300 million warehouse loan facility with Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Capital LLC.
- counseled a number of investment companies and advisers in complex deals, including Princeton Advisory Group, Inc. in two, $1 billion-plus financing transactions; other clients in creating or retooling more than a dozen hedge funds; and assisting in the creation of two, new registered NASD broker-dealers.
- represented an international diversified manufacturing company against claims of patent infringement on a “super glue” product. Pepper quickly established that our client’s product did not infringe and claims were withdrawn within six months of commencement.
Clearing Up Tangled Titles

In low-income neighborhoods in Philadelphia and other cities, families frequently need help to prove they own their homes. Many times, a home may have been in a family for generations, but title has not passed to the current occupants. In others, a “sale” occurs, but an oversight or fraud prevents title from transferring properly. Without title to their homes, these low-income families cannot qualify for grants to repair heating or plumbing problems. And should tax problems arise, they cannot negotiate with the city for reasonable payment terms. Too often, these families are forced into homelessness.

In response, Pepper formed a group of lawyers to handle such “tangled title” cases. The group handled more than two dozen cases in 2005, including helping a woman who had lived in her home for more than 30 years without clear title, and a disabled man whose house was slated for sheriff’s sale for failure to pay taxes when Pepper stepped in and helped save his home.

The Tangled Title Group is only one of the pro bono practice groups Pepper has formed this year. The Homeless Advocacy Group helps homeless people with issues such as social security payments, veterans’ benefits. The Child Advocacy Group helps abused and neglected children secure social services and find alternative homes, and also represents them in court proceedings.

Pro Bono and Community Service

From pro bono cases on behalf of the poor, the disabled and the disadvantaged to lending a helping hand to communities devastated by natural disaster, we work to improve the places where we work and live. Below is a sampling of pro bono and community service projects in 2005.

- won summary judgment on behalf of Sports Media Technology Corporation, rejecting an attempt to enforce trademark rights to the color yellow as applied to the virtual first-down line in Monday Night Football broadcasts.
- counseled AmerisourceBergen on outsourcing all IT operations, including transferring application development and maintenance to India. Our lawyers helped to develop service levels and payment structures, and to protect intellectual property ownership issues. One concern was that long-term employees of the client transferred to the outsourced vendor could potentially distribute trade secrets outside of our client – particularly to competitors.

Staffers Erin Hammel and Luanne Francis received the firm’s William R. Klaus Community Service Award in part for their work with Habitat for Humanity, which built 30 homes in Detroit this past summer. Partner Thomas E. Zemaitis won the William R. Klaus Award for his volunteer work with the Support Center for Child Advocates and the Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program.
Notable Pro Bono Cases of 2005

Equal Rights for All
In November 2004, Michigan voters approved “Proposal 2,” which amended the state constitution to provide that “the union of one man and one woman in marriage shall be the only agreement recognized as a marriage or similar union.” Shortly afterward, Gov. Jennifer Granholm removed benefits for domestic partners from negotiated contracts between the state and state workers, claiming such benefits were under a “legal cloud” due to Proposal 2. After the state attorney general issued an opinion stating that all public employers were banned from providing domestic partner benefits under Proposal 2, the City of Kalamazoo also suspended its domestic partner benefits for employees. Along with the ACLU of Michigan, Pepper represented 21 couples affected by these decisions in seeking a court order holding that Proposal 2 did not prohibit domestic partnership benefits offered by public employers.

The lawsuit noted that a government employer providing health insurance to domestic partners is simply providing a benefit to attract and retain good employees. The legal team also asserted that the state’s interpretation of Proposal 2 would abrogate the equal protection and contract provisions of the Michigan constitution. In late September 2005, a Michigan judge ruled that public employers may provide domestic partner benefits, primarily health insurance, to same-sex partners of employees and that voluntarily providing such benefits does not violate Proposal 2.

In another civil rights case, Pepper won a complete victory for the City of Allentown, Pennsylvania, in its defense of an ordinance prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations based on a person’s sexual orientation and gender identity. A group of small business and rental property owners had sued to have the ordinance declared invalid, both as preempted by state law and as beyond Allentown’s home rule authority. The trial court held that the ordinance was beyond Allentown’s home rule authority, and was invalid. Pepper lawyers appealed to the Commonwealth Court, which reversed the trial court, finding that the ordinance was a valid exercise of Allentown’s authority.

Community Contributions
The firm donated more than $1 million to local charities in the communities where it has offices, ranging from the American Cancer Society to the YMCA. Of particular note in 2005, in response to the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina to the Gulf Coast of the United States, the firm donated $75,000 to the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army and Episcopal Relief and Development, and matched an additional $75,000 contributed by individual lawyers and staff, for a total Pepper contribution of $225,000.
Adding to Our Talent

Pepper is committed to building a diverse and rewarding work environment. In 2005, we expanded our practice and welcomed the following partners and of counsel to our firm:

- William J. Brennan IV – Partner
  Practice Area: Health Effects Litigation
  Office: Philadelphia

- April M. Byrd – Of Counsel
  Practice Area: Health Effects Litigation
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- Victor M. DiBattista – Of Counsel
  Practice Area: Financial Services
  Office: Pittsburgh

- Ralph A. Finizio – Partner
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- Howard S. Goldberg – Partner
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- Michael S. Green – Of Counsel
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- Howard S. Goldberg – Partner
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- Michael S. Olsan – Partner
  Practice Area: Insurance
  Office: Philadelphia

- Gay Parks Rainville – Partner
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- M. Kelly Tillery – Partner
  Practice Area: Intellectual Property
  Office: Philadelphia

- Michael A. Rule – Partner
  Practice Area: Corporate and Securities
  Office: Orange County

- David S. Smith – Of Counsel
  Practice Area: Intellectual Property
  Office: Pittsburgh
The following new partners and of counsel were elected in 2005, effective on January 1, 2006. All had been associates or of counsel with the firm:

**Christopher J. Camp** – Of Counsel  
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**Christine Waldmann Carmody** – Partner  
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**Raymond L. DeLuca** – Partner  
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The oldest and largest of our offices, Philadelphia is involved in all areas of our practice and is home to more than 220 lawyers. In 2005, the office grew by more than 33 new lawyers. These additions were spread among the firm’s litigation and commercial practices, which are among the largest in the region.

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The Washington, D.C., office is home to 35 lawyers and plays host to a multitude of events. In 2005, Washington hosted an presidential inaugural event attended by several members of the House of Representatives, and a reception for foreign attorneys who attended the annual IUSLAW summer program. Of counsel Donald H. Green also hosted the International Association of Women Judges in March, who honored International Women’s Day and two pioneers in International Human Rights, the Hon. Marzia Basel, founder and director of the Afghan Women Judges Association, and the Hon. Zakia Hakki, the first woman judge in Iraq, active in reconstructing the new Iraqi constitution. The office also devoted considerable time and talent to the BIO IT Coalition and Tomorrow’s Business, a weekly radio show hosted by partner Steve A. Mandell, which has been offering information about the latest business trends since 1996.

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Barbara Rom became partner-in-charge of this 32-lawyer office on February 1, 2005, succeeding of counsel Richard A. Rossman. Barbara was recognized by Crain’s Detroit Business in its “Who’s Who in Detroit” issue. The office concluded its year-long 25th anniversary celebration,
marked in part by $35,000 in contributions to local civic and charitable organizations. The Detroit office continues to be the center of one of the largest SBIC practices in the country. The office also was deeply involved in the activities of the Host Committee for Super Bowl XL.

In 2005, our Pittsburgh office celebrated its 10th anniversary. The office has grown from just seven lawyers and four staff members to more than 100 employees, including 46 lawyers. Such growth has made Pittsburgh the second largest office in the firm. Lawyers in Pittsburgh focus on corporate and securities law, commercial and construction litigation, banking and financial services, environmental law, intellectual property, labor and employment law, municipal and project finance, real estate, sports and tax matters.

In July 2005, Berwyn welcomed a new partner-in-charge – William A. Scari Jr. He assumed the leadership role from Jeffrey P. Libson, who stepped down after eight years to focus on expanding his role as head of our Life Sciences Practice Group. Under guidance from both Jeff and Bill, the office grew its life sciences, private equity, and mergers and acquisitions practices, and added seven new associates and one senior staff attorney. For the fourth year in a row, the Berwyn office sponsored our Annual Back to School Supply Drive – an initiative to collect new school supplies for children who could otherwise not afford them.
Office Update

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The Harrisburg office has been representing clients before the Pennsylvania Legislature and regulatory agencies for more than 35 years. Many lawyers in the office have served in various capacities in state government and bring their insight to client needs. In 2005, nearly every member of our Harrisburg office provided support to the Dover intelligent design case (described more fully on page 13).

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With the addition of partner Michael A. Rule, the Orange County office is on track for continued growth. The office focuses on providing legal services in conjunction with the technology needs of large and mid-size companies, including the acquisition, use and protection of technology, and efficient outsourcing contracting. Lawyers in the office also focus on corporate mergers and securities, and intellectual property and trademark maintenance.

2005 marks the 22nd year of Pepper's Wilmington office and the arrival of 3,200+ adversary actions, which were filed and served out of Wilmington on behalf of The Post Confirmation Trust for Fleming Foods. The Wilmington office has continued to be at the center of this multi-office effort. Attorneys in Wilmington focus their practices on corporate and commercial law, banking and financial services, bankruptcy and reorganization, real estate, corporate and commercial litigation, and alternative dispute resolution.

We maintain a presence in New York to serve our clients, particularly with litigation needs. We look forward to expanding our presence there in the future.
Pepper continues to expand its client services. Our practice areas include:

- antitrust
- banking and financial services
- bankruptcy and reorganization
- business transactions
- construction
- corporate
- employee benefits and executive compensation
- energy
- environmental
- family business
- government contracts
- government regulations
- government relations and legislation
- health care services
- health effects litigation
- housing and community development
- information technology
- insurance and reinsurance
- intellectual property
- international trade
- investment management
- labor and employment
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