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Thomas H. Prol, a partner at Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP, in Sparta, was recently nominated to serve as president-elect of the New Jersey State Bar Association. He is slated to take office for a one-year term at the NJSBA's Annual Meeting to be held at the Borgata Resort & Conference Center in Atlantic City on May 13-15.

The NJSBA's nominating committee, made up of 15 senior leaders from across the state bar membership, conducted a rigorous review of candidates for leadership openings and selected Prol for the association's second highest office. With this selection, Prol is slated to automatically ascend to the presidency of the state's largest attorney organization in May 2016, becoming only the third attorney from Sussex County and the first openly gay person to do so in the organization's 117-year history.

"I am honored and humbled to have been selected to this important leadership role and look forward to working to better our system of government as president-elect of the New Jersey State Bar Association," said Prol. "I will continue to stand up and speak out on the vital issues important to defending liberty and pursuing justice. I am immensely grateful to the senior bar association members who have chosen me for leadership."

Prol, who is currently serving as the first vice president of the NJSBA, concentrates his legal work in environmental and real property law, public entity representation, and commercial litigation. He has taught at Rutgers University and New York Law School. Prol has been recognized for his advocacy of New Jersey's landmark anti-bullying bill of rights, marriage equality and other civil rights measures.

Lauren Fraser, a partner at Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP, in Sparta, will begin serving her term as New Jersey State Bar Association county trustee, representing Sussex County, in May.

"I am so honored to be nominated as trustee of the New Jersey State Bar Association," Fraser said. "I realize the importance and sentimentality of this position as it was once held by Brian Laddey of our firm."

County trustees are elected from among the membership of NJSBA. At least one sponsoring section or committee within the NJSBA's governing body must endorse the candidate for nomination.

"Lauren adheres to the highest standards of fairness, professional responsibility and civility," said Paris Eliades, president of the New Jersey State Bar Association. "Her nomination to this position was an obvious choice."

Since joining Laddey Clark & Ryan in 2004, Fraser has been recognized on the New Jersey Monthly magazine Super Lawyers list for personal injury. The National Trial Lawyers Association has awarded her a position as one of the Top 100 Lawyers in New Jersey. Fraser has also been honored as one of Sussex County's "20 under 40" for her outstanding business and community involvement. In 2012, Fraser was recognized as a New Leader of the Bar "50 under 40," by the New Jersey Law Journal.

Fraser is a member of many associations including the National Association of Professional Women, the New Jersey State Bar Association and the New Jersey Association for Justice. She is also the founding member of Women's Entrepreneurial Network (Team WEN). In addition, Fraser has spoken nationally on trial preparation and presentation and teaches legal education courses on these topics.

Lynn Reilly, Realtor associate, has earned the Extra Mile Award, announced Catherine Kut, Realty Executives Sparta Branch office manager.

According to Kut, "Lynn recently had a buyer client looking for a large property in Sussex County. Upon realizing that there was nothing on the market that met her client's needs, she began contacting unlisted property owners. After considerable efforts on the phone and literally knocking on doors, Lynn found an owner that was interested in selling and put the deal together. It was the largest sale of the year in Sussex County selling at \$1,700,000. We applaud her



perseverance and professionalism. Lynn has demonstrated that she goes above and beyond for her clients."

Reilly is a member of the National Association of Realtors, the New Jersey Association of Realtors, and the Sussex County Association of Realtors, Real Estate Open Networkers E-Real Estate Social.com and the Realtor Referral Network.

Danielle Storms, of Matamoras, Pa., has joined the Belle Reve Senior Living team as memory care director. Her responsibilities include overseeing the Daybreak Neighborhood, providing personalized activities for the residents, meeting with families and providing quality care.

Storms brings 11 years of experience in health care delivery to Belle Reve. Prior to joining Belle Reve, Storms worked at Progressive Health of PA, where she was a House CSC (community service coordinator). While there, she worked on reaching personal goals for the clients, talking with families, taking clients out into the community for leisure and appointments, as well as working hand-in-hand with some of the best brain injury specialists.

She is taking courses through the University of Phoenix to obtain her BSHA in Health Administration and Management. In addition, she is a certified dementia practitioner (CDP), from the International Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners and holds a certification as a nursing assistant.

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AmyLinn Nemeth, a RE/MAX Town & Valley agent, was awarded for the first-rate service she provides to her clients with membership into RE/MAX of New Jersey's Executive Club. As an accredited buyer representative and short sale and foreclosure resource, Nemeth has been licensed for six years and with RE/MAX since January 2012.

Nemeth credits her success to the clients she has served. "Thank you to all my wonderful clients that have helped me achieve this award, I wouldn't be where I am in my career if not for them," said Nemeth.

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Doug Radford, president of Realty Executives Exceptional Realtors, has announced that the following Realtors in the Realty Executive Sussex County branch offices have each been selected as New Jersey Monthly Magazine 2014 Five Star Real Estate Agents.

In the Byram Branch office, Broker Associate Mike Tufaro has been awarded; in the Sparta Branch Office, both Broker Associates Therisa Campbell and Catherine Kut have been awarded; and in the Vernon Branch Office, Realtor Associate Kim Loizzi has also been selected for this impressive award.

Accord-ing to Radford, "We are extremely proud of Mike, Therisa, Cathy and Kim for being chosen for this prestigious award. They are all outstanding professionals and provide their clients with a superior level of service. We congratulate all of them on this well deserved recognition."

The 2014 New Jersey Monthly Magazine Five Star Award was given to New Jersey Realtors who through an extensive research survey are evaluated by their clients as well as other real estate industry professionals. The award is based on customer service, integrity, market knowledge, communication and negotiation skills, closing preparation, helping you find the right home, marketing the home being sold and overall satisfaction.

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Paul W. Richartz has been appointed director of strategic projects and marketing communications at the New Jersey Innovation Institute, an NJIT corporation that applies the intellectual and technological resources of the state's science and technology university to challenges identified by industry partners.

Richartz will direct projects central to the mission of NJII and will develop marketing communications programs encompassing public relations, controlled print and electronic media, social media and collateral in support of business objectives.

Prior to joining NJII, Richartz served as president of Upstart Brand Communications, a company he formed in 2006. He was also executive director of marketing and public information for Sussex County Community College in Newton.

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