

CONSTRUCTION

Richmond American Homes hired **Mike Lilly** as division president for Jacksonville. Lilly was division president for Southwest Florida at Standard Pacific Homes and has more than 20 years' homebuilding experience. He earned a bachelor's in economics from Florida State University and is working toward a master's in business administration from Webster University.

Browning, president; **Joseph Camerlengo**, vice president; **Mark Calvin**, secretary; **Katherine Erickson Loper**, **Richard Alexander**, **W. Holt Harrell**, **Eric Block**, **David Dunlap** and **Richard Watson**, board members.

Holland and Knight LLP hired **Dan Coffman** as attorney of counsel in its labor, employment and benefits practice group. Coffman was a founding partner at Coffman, Coleman, Andrews and Grogan and has more than 40 years' experience.



Coffman

Rogers Towers PA hired **Scott A. Padgett** as an associate in its litigation department. Padgett was in the State Attorney's Office in Florida's Fourth Judicial Circuit. He earned a bachelor's from the University of Florida and a juris doctorate from the Florida State University College of Law.



Padgett

Fowler White Boggs Banker hired **Eric J. Holshouser**, **Timothy B. Strong** and **Heather M. Gwinn** as labor and employment lawyers. Holshouser was a shareholder at Coffman, Coleman, Andrews and Grogan and has 28 years' experience. He earned a bachelor's and a master's in labor and industrial relations from

SPOTLIGHT

Inside experience

Barbara Christie Johnston worked in the mergers and acquisitions department of McGuireWoods LLP for five years before she made the move to general counsel at Florida Rock Industries Inc., where she earned firsthand knowledge of what a merger is like from the client's perspective when Florida Rock merged with Vulcan Materials Co.

Now that she's back with McGuireWoods as managing partner of the mergers and acquisitions, securities and corporate services department, she said she'll put that experience to good use.

"It was an education you can't pay for. Now I can tell our clients exactly what it's like to go through a merger. Being on the inside will help me advise our clients."

Johnston has been a lawyer since 1978, starting as a federal law clerk for Judge Susan Black.

Black was "a role model when there were few role models for women. Today, graduating law classes are probably 50 percent women. When I graduated, it was closer to 20 percent. Is it unique for me to be in this position as managing partner? I think it's probably not unique in the industry anymore, but it shows great progress has been made for more opportunities for women.

"When I started as a lawyer, people would say 'woman judge' or 'woman lawyer.' They don't say that anymore. They don't make that distinction."

As managing partner, Johnston said her biggest challenge will be one that faces all law firms — and most businesses in general: diversification.

"Our goal is to provide our clients with the best service for what they need and what they need changes, so we change to fit their needs in this economy. We feel our Jacksonville office is a full-service office. We're not dependent on any one segment."

Johnston said she is most looking forward to helping the firm figure out how to achieve sustained growth and helping to determine which areas the firm should take on next.

"It's finding those niches where we do well and then we'll enhance those areas through measured growth in the areas our clients need."

In her free time, Johnston and her husband, Charles, who is also a lawyer, like to spend time with their two sons, David, 22, and Daniel, 19, going hiking or on family vacations.



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affairs at Fidelity National Financial Inc. He earned a degree in political science from Florida State University.

Merry Cobb and **Lisa Cooke** as real estate agents.

NONPROFIT

The Sanctuary on 8th Street and **the Lynn Philips Sanctuary School** hired **Kristen Booth** as program director.

The Rotary Club of South Jacksonville named its 2008-2009 officers: **Vicki-Lynne Gloger**, president; **Lee Mercier**, president-elect; **R. Dean Scott**, vice president; **Harlan Bost**, treasurer; **Carolyn Gentry**, secretary; and **Dan Appelo**, sergeant-at-arms.

Women Business Owners of North Florida named its board of directors for 2008-2009: **Kim Knapp**, president; **Barbara Tolliver-Haskins**, vice president; **Kathryn Murphy**, secretary; **Katherine B. Ashley**, treasurer; **Suzi Lemen**, **Hope Ferguson**, **Anne Urban**, **Anna Brosche**, **Sharon Reichert**, **Sandra Brooks**, **Janice Donaldson**, **Deborah DeAngelo**, **Patsy Underwood**, **Kerstin Chelius**, **Sgt. Teresa Meares**, **Bill Lynch**, **Pixie Larizza**, **Bonnie Arnold**, **Connie Pegrarn**, **Dea Sims**, **Vicky Zelen**, **Barbara Jane League**, **Michelle Chance-Sangthong**, and **Karen Mathis**, members.

TRANSPORTATION

RailAmerica Inc. and **Florida East Coast Railway** named the executive team for their combined organization: **Paul Lundberg**, senior vice president of strategic relations; **Dave Novak**, senior vice president and chief administrative officer; **Charles Patterson**, senior vice president and chief commercial officer; **Clyde Preslar**, senior vice president and chief financial officer; **David Rohal**, senior vice president and chief operating officer; and **Scott Williams**, senior vice president and general counsel. Lundberg has more than 35 years' transportation experience. He earned a bachelor's in communications from Northwestern University and a master's in business administration from Northwestern's Kellogg Graduate School of Management. Novak has more than 36 years' transportation experience. He earned a bachelor's and a master's in business from Indiana University. Patterson has more than 27 years' transportation experience. He earned a bachelor's from Davidson College and a master's in business administration from the University of Virginia. Preslar has more than 28 years' experience in corporate finance. He earned a bachelor's from Elon College and a master's in business administration from Wake Forest University. Rohal has 22 years' transportation experience. He earned a bachelor's in

American studies from Yale University and a master's in transportation, marketing and finance from Northwestern's Kellogg Graduate School of Management. Williams has 22 years' experience in the railroad industry. He earned a bachelor's from Yale University and a juris doctorate from Vanderbilt University School of Law.



Elkins

EDUCATION

Chappell Child Development Centers hired **Sherrie Boger** as a program specialist.

FINANCIAL

Fidelity Investments promoted **Jennifer Chapman** to community affairs director. Chapman was the senior manager of public affairs.

GOVERNMENT

The Neptune Beach City Council appointed **Patrick W. Krechowksi** to the Neptune Beach Code Enforcement Board. Krechowksi is an attorney with Lewis, Longman and Walker PA.

LEGAL

The Jacksonville Justice Association announced officers for the 2008 term: **Steven**

of the University of Illinois and a juris doctorate from Duke University. Strong was a partner at Coffman Coleman and has 23 years' experience. He earned a bachelor's from the University of South Florida and a juris doctorate from the University of Florida. Gwinn

earned a bachelor's from Wittenburg University and a juris doctorate from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

MANUFACTURING

Soler & Palau Ventilation Group North America hired **Marty**



Schmitz

Schmitz as manager of commercial products

MARKETING

The Fiorentino Group hired **Joe Mobley** as vice president of the Jacksonville office. Mobley was assistant vice president of legislative



Knapp

REAL ESTATE

The Vanguard GMAC Real Estate Team hired **Dan Clark**, **Trish Janke**,