

NEWS & NOTES

Jorden Burt Client Successes

Swift Resolution to Redomestication Transactions:

Jorden Burt attorneys represented Templeton Funds Annuity Company (TFAC), a subsidiary of Franklin Resources, Inc., in obtaining necessary regulatory approvals to redomesticate their life and annuity insurance company from Florida to the State of Minnesota. The application for redomestication was filed with the Minnesota Department of Commerce on September 22, 2006, and approved on December 15, 2006. Although the Minnesota statute allows for a much longer review process, Jorden Burt attorneys were able to obtain approval in less than 90 days.

South Florida Agency Ordered to Obtain Federal Clean

Water Act Permit: Jorden Burt trial lawyers assisted the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida in achieving a significant victory in an environmental case under the Clean Water Act. In the case of *Friends of the Everglades v. South Florida Water Management District*, after a six week trial, the U.S. District Court ordered the Defendant South Florida Water Management District to obtain a federal Clean Water Act permit for discharging polluted canal water into Lake Okeechobee.

Appellate Court Rules for Jorden Burt Client: In a dispute over arbitration of claims for fraudulent billing, breach of contract, and libel, the Florida Third District Court of Appeal adopted Jorden Burt's arguments and ordered that the entire dispute be resolved in court because the opposing party, by initiating and pursuing a court case, had waived the right to arbitrate any aspect of the dispute.

Speeches

Rick Ovelmen served as Panel Moderator at the Practising Law Institute's *Communications Law Conference*, November 9-10, 2006 in New York City, NY. His session examined the topic of access in the legal profession.

Richard Simring and **Bob Shapiro** lectured at the Marcus Evans *Reinsurance Regulation, Arbitration and Litigation*



Seminar, October 17-18, 2006 in Miami, FL. Mr. Simring discussed "Post Award Procedures and Collection Issues," and Mr. Shapiro provided a "Critical Update on the Use of Captives for Insurance and Reinsurance."

Joan Boros co-chaired the Practising Law Institute *Understanding the Securities Products of Insurance Companies*, held January 8-9, 2007 in New York, NY.

Ms. Boros also spoke at the *2006 Society of Actuaries Annual Meeting and Exhibit* in Chicago, IL, October 15-18, 2006 on "Indexed Products: Distribution and Suitability."

Publications

Joan Boros authored "How Variable Products are Responding to Retirement Uncertainties" in the September 4, 2006 issue of *National Underwriter/Life & Health*.

Mike Valerio is the author of "Putnam Fiduciary Trust Company: A Seaboard Report For Regulated Entities," which appeared in the *Investment Lawyer*, June 2006.

Jorden Burt Sponsors 33rd Annual ABA TIPS Symposium

Jorden Burt was a sponsor of the 33rd annual "Midwinter Symposium on Insurance, Employment and Benefits," of the American Bar Association's Tort Trial & Insurance Section, which was held January 11-14, 2007 in Laguna Beach, CA. **Irma Solares** participated on the panel "Litigation Trends in Class Actions," while **Shaunda Patterson-Strachan**, 2007 Chair of the Section's Life Insurance Law Committee, moderated "When Can We Shred This? Ethics and Issues in Document Retention and Destruction."