

Stoel Rives lawyer No. 1

AWARDS

Thomas R. Page of **Stoel Rives LLP** was named **2009 Oregon Real Estate Lawyer of the Year** by **Best Lawyers in America**. Four leaders in Oregon's organic trade were honored with **Awards for Excellence** by the **Oregon Organic Coalition** at the close of the Organicology conference held in Portland and sponsored by OOC member organizations. Winners were selected in four categories: **Farmer (Crops): Charles Duryea, Grateful Harvest Farm, Junction City; Farmer (Livestock): Jos and Deanna Poland, Poland Farms, Madras; Retailer: First Alternative Co-op, Corvallis; and Organic Policy Analyst U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore.**

Five prominent women who have served Oregon in extraordinary ways earned public recognition from **Marylhurst University** at a special awards luncheon attended by more than 350 regional leaders at the Multnomah Athletic Club in Portland. Marylhurst President **Judith Johansen** presented the university's seventh annual **"Women of Distinction"** awards to **Eloise Damosch**, executive director of the **Regional Arts and Culture Council**; **Joan Austin**, co-founder and board chairwoman of **A-dec Inc.**; **Cecilia Ranger**, co-director of the university ministry at Marylhurst University; **Jill Ginsberg**, founder of **North by Northeast Community Health Center**; and **Nancy Wilgenbusch**, president emerita of Marylhurst University.

Two **NAI Norris, Beggs & Simpson** brokers have been recognized by **NAI Global** for their work during 2008. Vice President **John Medak**, an office broker, and Vice President **Steve Dodds**, an industrial broker, were named to the **NAI Global Elite**, a group comprised of the organization's top performers and top producers. Both qualified as Top Producers based on production in 2008.

Three local contractors have won regional honors in the **Contractor of the Year Awards** for outstanding residential remodeling projects. They include **Mac-Bo LLC, Metke Remodeling & Woodwork** and **Neil Kelly Design/Build Remodeling**. The awards program is held annually by the **National Association of the Remodeling Industry**.

Training magazine named **Northwestern Mutual** to its 2009 **"Training Top 125"** list in its February edition, recognizing the financial security company's excellence in training and leadership development. The Portland company ranks 23rd overall and first in its industry. The annual survey of employer-sponsored training and leadership development programs is based on many factors including financial commitment, training programs offered, workplace surveys and retention.

GIVING BACK

Employees at the **University of Oregon** gave a total of \$257,760 in 2008 to the **Oregon Employees**

Charitable Fund Drive, a 7.29 percent increase from 2007.

Morton's Restaurant Group Inc.'s steak houses raised \$374,000 for the **Make-A-Wish Foundation** through a yearlong campaign that was the single largest charitable initiative in Morton's 30-year history.

Dutch Bros. Coffee's 14 Portland-area locations collected 4,316 pounds of food for the **Oregon Food Bank** during its Feb. 14 "Dutch Luv Day" Cans for Coffee drive.

BOARDS

The **Metropolitan Business Association** installed board members and officers for 2009. **Jan Bender**, owner of **Avista Chiropractic**, was elected president. **Kerry Glass** of **Kadel's Auto Body** is vice president; **Cat Buhayar** of **Synotac** is treasurer; and **Beth Levich** of **Cruise Holidays of Portland**, is secretary. **Darin Christensen** of **Bullivant Houser Bailey** joined the board as legal counsel. New to the 15-member board of directors are **Art Fortuna**, owner, **Vibrant Table Catering**; **Bradley Boland**, owner, **O'Neill Transfer**; **Fred Graetzer**, store manager, **George Smith Appliance Warehouse**; **Michael Ashe**, president, **Wilhelm's Portland Memorial Funeral Home**; and **Jerry Kearney**, owner, **Moss Masters**.