

Moss & Barnett News





Nick Tautges during deployment; Phil Rush, Controller, with gift from Vice Admiral William E. Gortney

Welcome Home Nick Tautges!

We are pleased to report that **Petty Officer First Class Nick Tautges**, an employee in our accounting department, has safely returned home from active duty in Bahrain where he was part of the Navy Reserve's Operational Support Office. The firm recently received recognition from Vice Admiral William E. Gortney, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, in appreciation of our "Outstanding Services as a Civil Employer" during Nick's deployment. Every month, Moss & Barnett employees sent a care package filled with cookies, movies, magazines, books, office supplies, toiletries, and other items, to Nick and his fellow service members.

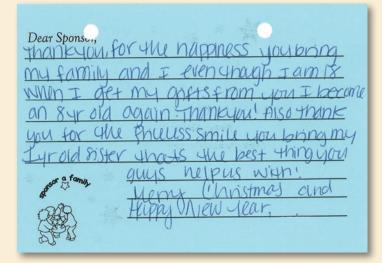
Welcome home, Nick, and we thank you for your service to our country!

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Lori O'Donnell, Facilities Manager

Moss & Barnett Goes for the Green!

Moss & Barnett has been designated a GREEN OFFICE® by Wells Fargo building managers, Hines, in a program implemented by Hines entitled HinesGO®. The HinesGO® program helps tenants identify and implement no-cost and low-cost alternatives to operating in a standard indoor office environment. Moss & Barnett is the first tenant in all of the Minneapolis-based Hines buildings to be awarded a GREEN OFFICE®.



Moss & Barnett received this thank you note from one family member

Holiday Spirit

Moss & Barnett employees participated in Sponsor-A-Family, a holiday project of Catholic Charities, for the 19th year. Participating family members prepare a list of desired items (e.g., clothing, household goods, toys), and Moss & Barnett employees donate time and money to purchase the listed items, as well as a grocery gift certificate. Cash contributions are also used by Catholic Charities to help other families in need. This year, we were able to purchase all of the gifts our family requested, and also contribute extra grocery gifts cards for other families in need.

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Best Wishes and Congratulations to Bill Haug, Ed Blomme, and Ann Turner

Three of our long-time team members retired at the end of 2009. **Bill Haug** came to the firm in 1969 and was a member of our real estate practice area. **Ed Blomme** joined the firm in 1975 and was a member of our business law practice area. Both Bill and Ed practiced law with Moss & Barnett their entire legal careers. **Ann Turner** was part of our team for 30 years, serving as our front desk receptionist – or, in current parlance, our customer relations manager.

All of us at Moss & Barnett salute Bill, Ed, and Ann for their many years of outstanding service to our clients and our firm – and we wish them much continuing joy!





From left to right: Ann Turner, Ed Blomme, CEO Tom Shroyer, and Bill Haug

Two New Attorneys Have Joined the Team

Issa K. Moe has joined our creditors' remedies and bankruptcy practice area. Issa received his law degree, *cum laude*, from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 2007. He has experience representing individual and commercial debtors, unsecured and secured creditors, and other parties-in-interest in bankruptcy proceedings and in litigation, both inside and outside the bankruptcy forum. Issa is licensed to practice in all state and federal courts in the State of California.

Valerie M. Means has joined our regulated entities practice area. Valerie received her law degree from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1993. She has 16 years of experience as a civil litigator and for the last four years has served as an Assistant Attorney General representing the Minnesota Department of Commerce/Office of Energy Security.



Issa Moe and Valerie Means

Election News

Dave Senger and **Tom Shroyer** were recently re-elected to three-year terms as members of the firm's board of directors. Dave chairs the board and our wealth preservation and estate planning practice area. Tom is the firm's president and chief executive officer. They will each continue practicing law on a full-time basis in addition to handling their management responsibilities. Dave and Tom join returning directors, **Rick Johnson**, **Susan Rhode**, **Kevin Busch**, and **Brian Grogan**.

Joe Maternowski, chair of our environmental law practice area, and **Mark Peterson**, a member of our business law practice area, have been appointed as adjunct directors for 2010. Adjunct directors are shareholders who serve as non-voting members on our board of directors for one year. The adjunct director program is intended to train future leaders of the firm.



From left to right: Tom Shroyer, Joe Maternowski, Dave Senger, and Mark Peterson