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**COMPANY HISTORY:** Mathis, Marifian & Richter, Ltd., (MM&R) was founded in 1984 to provide businesses and individuals with a better choice in legal representation. The firm’s clients benefit from a broad level of experience, knowledge and skill, while working with a team that has deep roots in the local community and a commitment to personalized solutions and services. Over the past two decades, that combination has enabled MM&R to emerge as one of the most respected and trusted law firms in the Southern Illinois and St. Louis Metropolitan areas. MM&R employs 44 people and has offices in Belleville, Edwardsville, Nashville and St. Louis.

**ECOMOMIC IMPACT:** In 2011, MM&R merged with Coffey and McCracken Law Firm in Edwardsville, combining the talents of some of the most respected and capable attorneys in the region. MM&R is devoted to helping the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon area thrive and prosper. Pat Mathis has counseled and participated hands-on to develop the Ed/Glen Chamber’s new ACCELERATE initiative, which is designed to build and solidify the region’s vibrant future workforce. Additionally, MM&R is active with the IL Metro East Small Business Development Center. Most recently, the firm sponsored the SBDC’s InnovateHER competition; later in 2016 MM&R and IL Metro East SBDC will co-sponsor a Business After 5 event with the Ed/Glen Chamber.

**COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT:** MM&R prides itself on giving back to the Southern Illinois region. The firm is a proud supporter of Edwardsville’s Art Fair, along with multiple other community outreach initiatives across the region. The MM&R Foundation provides funding to numerous organizations throughout the Metro East such as the Salvation Army, the Red Cross and Christian Activity Center. Shareholders established a Law Scholarship in 1999 that provides select exemplary students with $1,000 toward their education. Throughout the past year, the firm has been a sponsor of the Get To Know M.E. campaign to help promote the Metro East.

**WORKFORCE COMMITMENT:** MM&R provides continuing legal education to their attorneys, hosting a staff appreciation week annually, and each year hosts a summer picnic and holiday party for their employees and family. Employees are given an annual bonus for their dedication throughout the year. Birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions are celebrated through recognition and treats.

**INNOVATION:** The MM&R team prides itself on the firm’s individualized approach to the practice of law, working closely with clients and advisors to address specific legal needs. The collective depth of knowledge shared by the firm’s attorneys enables them to develop and implement creative solutions to meet individual client needs through quality, effective representation.

**LEADERSHIP:** MM&R attorneys are closely involved in their hometowns, taking active roles in community and civic organizations, school boards, religious and philanthropic organizations, charitable events, local sports teams and working with their neighbors to build stronger communities. Gregory Coffey has a long history of community service and currently serves or has served on the governing boards or in other capacities for the following: Anderson Hospital, City of Edwardsville Plan Commission, EGHM School District #7 Foundation, Edwardsville Community Foundation, I-55 Corridor Development Project Team, Rotary Club of Edwardsville, United Way – Southwest Illinois Division, and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Foundation. Deanna Litzenburg is on the education committee and serves as the financial secretary of her church in Highland. Sandra Tatoian is an active member of Junior Service Club of Edwardsville/Glen Carbon and serves on the board of directors for the Edwardsville Arts Center. Beth Flowers serves as a board member for Faith in Action and Goshen Rotary.

**EXCELLENCE:** MM&R was named one of the ‘2015 Top 5 Law Firms in St. Louis’ by St. Louis Small Business Monthly magazine, and most recently awarded ‘Best in Quality’ by the publication. MM&R was also voted Fortune Magazine’s ‘Top Ranked Law Firm’ for 2016. In addition, MM&R’s attorneys hold more than just their J.D. – many of their business attorneys are CPAs and hold an LL.M. in taxation in addition to their law degrees. The firm has a thorough reporting system which tracks all client activity for a streamlined, accurate approach.

**CHARACTER:** The attorneys and staff at MM&R value their clients, who have placed their trust and confidence in them.

**FUTURE FOCUS:** In January, MM&R added Barry Dix to the firm in an ‘of counsel’ position; Barry brings many years of estate planning and transactional experience to the firm. The firm is always looking to expand, especially in Edwardsville/Glen Carbon. MM&R is always looking to grow, whether in a physical capacity or with new employees. The MM&R team looks forward to being a key player in all potential opportunities to help grow the area.
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We would like to recognize the many Ed/Glen Chamber investors who are celebrating membership anniversaries in the month of April. This monthly feature spotlights members for their ongoing support of the Ed/Glen Chamber. We offer our sincerest thanks to each of the following business for their continued membership!

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2016 Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber Golf Challenge
Friday, June 24 at Sunset Hills Country Club

Deadline for registration is June 17. No refunds after June 17. Payment must accompany registration.

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Please fax this completed form to the Chamber office at 618.656.7611 or mail with payment to:
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Tournament Includes
• 18 holes of tournament golf with cart at Sunset Hills Country Club
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• Late lunch provided (post-play)

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6am Registration & Driving Range Open
7:30am Shotgun Start
12:30pm Late Lunch in Banquet Room

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Promote your business to more than 100 golfers including Chamber members & area community/business leaders!

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| Chairman’s Circle | $2,500 | • Exclusive event sponsor with tournament naming rights  
| | | • Welcome message at reception  
| | | • 1 team (4 players plus carts)  
| | | • Separate corporate logo display  
| | | • Table available to advertise, pass out gifts & interact with participants  
| | | • 3 tee sponsorships  
| | | • Full-page color ad in event program  
| | | • Certificate for full-page color ad in Common Ground (chamber newsletter)  
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| | | • Tables available to advertise, pass out gifts & interact with participants  
| | | • 1 tee sponsorship  
| | | • Half-page color ad in event program  
| | | • Certificate for quarter-page color ad in Common Ground (chamber newsletter)  
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| | | • Company logo on four cart signs  
| | | • Logo listing in all event programs, website & Common Ground  
| | | • Eight-page color ad in event program  
| | | • Certificate for quarter-page color ad in Common Ground (chamber newsletter)  
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| | | • Use as opportunity to pass out golf balls or visit with golfers  
| | | • Honor the winning prize for low score in putting contest during awards ceremony  
| | | • Eighth-page color ad in event program  
| | | • Certificate for quarter-page color ad in Common Ground (chamber newsletter)  
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National Workplace Management Firm Extra Help, Inc. Rebrands As HireLevel to Reflect Expanded Services

Extra Help, Inc., one of the region’s largest Women Owned Business Enterprise (WBE) Suppliers, announced today it has rebranded and, effective immediately, will become HireLevel.

The name HireLevel is aligned with the workplace management company’s longtime mission as well as future growth plans. HireLevel is committed to supporting its clients and taking their business to the next level, whether supporting staffing needs, payroll or developing comprehensive workforce management solutions.

This is expressed visually with a modern and progressive aesthetic using clean lines and the moniker, “Hi, We’re HireLevel,” to reintroduce the company to existing clients and open a new dialogue with prospective partners. The new color palette includes bold red and blue as well as complementary colors to create a fresh brand experience.

“Our new brand was designed to reinforce our ongoing commitment to partner with our clients and consistently deliver high caliber talent,” President and Chief Executive Officer Teresa Katubig said. “Our goal is to build on the strength of our current brand while updating it to reflect the company’s expanded capabilities in a rapidly changing business environment.”

The company developed the new name in partnership with Simply Strategy and engaged B/C Designers to align business goals with their new brand. The new website (www.HireLevel.com) is designed with the end-user in mind and features a host of custom and interactive elements with a focus on ease of use. This seamless user experience of the site reflects what clients and job seekers can expect working with HireLevel.

“We went through a thoughtful process to ensure our new brand embodies the best of Extra Help, Inc., capturing the value proposition we have offered customers for more than 20 years as well as our expanded service offerings,” Katubig said. “HireLevel, while a new name, is built on a reputation we have earned over time of delivering results, which will always be core to our company brand.”

HireLevel, formerly Extra Help, Inc., celebrated its 20-year anniversary in 2015 and is a WBE and a regional leader in contingent workforce management solutions, specializing in employment and payroll services. With approximately 1,000 employees between its corporate and regional offices and contract employees and nearly $30 million in revenue, Extra Help, Inc. was selected by Enterprising Women Magazine as a 2016 Enterprising Women of the Year Award winner, an annual tribute to the world’s top women entrepreneurs. Over the past two decades, the female-owned company has grown from one office in Johnston City, Illinois to eight locations throughout the United States.

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"BJC Medical Group" generally refers to BJC Medical Group of Missouri, BJC Medical Group of Illinois and BJC Medical Group of Sullivan, all of which are well-established physician organizations.
Anderson Hospital Foundation Welcomes Hortica’s O’Saben As New Foundation Board Director

The Anderson Hospital Foundation is proud to add Joan E. O’Saben, MBA, CPA, CPCU, to their leadership team as a Foundation Board Director. O’Saben, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Senior Vice President at Hortica Insurance & Employee Benefits in Edwardsville, Illinois, brings a wealth of expertise to the Foundation. She is an active community member with volunteer service to the Land of Goshen Rotary, Edwardsville YMCA, SIUE School of Business, United Way of Southwestern Illinois and other not for profit organizations.

“I am humbled to be asked to serve on the Anderson Hospital Foundation Board,” said O’Saben, “and, as with any undertaking that comes my way, I will strive for success in advancing the Foundation’s mission. As a native of our community, I have both the desire and responsibility to serve in efforts to better it. And, because Anderson Hospital is a cornerstone here, my response to the Board’s generous invitation was a resounding ‘yes.’ I am honored for the opportunity to learn and do more for the Hospital.”

The Anderson Hospital Foundation enables longevity of a donor gift and offers donor opportunities such as endowments, planned giving, charitable gift annuities, grants, memorials, bequests, naming rights, annual campaigns, and future capital campaigns. A governing Board of Directors focuses solely on contributions, prospecting and obtaining new donors, while making certain sound planning investments are made for the foundation, all creating an increase of income revenue for the hospital.

Anderson has been making a difference in the healthcare of Madison County residents since 1977. We are an independent, not for profit hospital dedicated to creating a health care setting in which quality of life and service excellence are experienced by our patients, their families, our staff and the community. In an effort to recognize Anderson Hospital as a charitable organization within our community, the Anderson Hospital Foundation was established in 2011.
The Bridge is a special event series designed to be a vehicle for networking, fun and professional development.

"Thank you for making such a quality event available at no charge to business women in our community."

See more examples of what other women are saying about The Bridge at bswllc.com/thebridge.

Save These Dates For Our Next Events!
May 10
October 27
Regional Image Campaign Touting the Metro-East Launches for the Second Year

The “Get to know m.e. - The Metro-East. I live here. I love it.” campaign was launched in 2015 to help everyone in the Metro-East get to know their community better, embracing the people who live and work here and the many attractions that we all share and enjoy. A group of area businesses and organizations joined to help the regional image campaign highlight the many reasons people love living and working in the Metro-East.

“This campaign was launched to give something positive back to the community,” said project manager of the campaign, Carol Bartle. “This is a chance to get people involved in making the community an even better place to work, live and raise a family. In 2015 we were able to show support to our schools through a scholarship program, wrapped a MetroLink train and designed steel benches with our Get to know m.e. message, developed a quality of life video, participated in area parades and events to spread positive word about the campaign’s initiative and so much more. That was just the beginning. For 2016 we hope to dedicate even more resources to projects that improve community living and education that showcase our area as a great place to live and visit.”

As the campaign enters its second year, more businesses stepped up as host sponsors. Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce members sponsoring the campaign include: Ameren Illinois, TheBANK of Edwardsville, Lindenwood University, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Mathis Marifian & Richter Ltd., Tourism Bureau ILLINOISouth, Hospice of Southern Illinois, Anderson Hospital, Robert “Chick” Fritz Distributing, Gori Julian & Associates P.C., Strano & Associates Real Estate, Belleville News-Democrat and Cork Tree Creative Inc.

Do you want to get involved? The community is invited to help spread the word about the “Get to know m.e.” campaign by following the effort on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn, and sharing information with family and friends.

Area residents and businesses are encouraged to give testimonials on why they “live here and love it” at www.get2knowthemetroeast.com/i-live-here-i-love-it.
Gori Julian’s Mathews Named to Executive Committee in Daily Fantasy Sports Class Action

D. Todd Mathews, who heads up Gori, Julian & Associates’ mass tort and class action litigation departments, has been named to the executive committee in the In re Daily Fantasy Sports Litigation by United Stated District Judge George A. O’Toole, Jr. of the United States District Court of Massachusetts.

Allegations have been made that DraftKings and FanDuel have participated in and allowed their employees to participate in on-line daily fantasy sports, with ‘insider information’ and therefore are in violation of a number of State and Federal regulations. These allegations were made a result of a DraftKings’ employee announcing to the world that he was able to win by playing on the FanDuel site with information only employees of a daily fantasy sports company would have access.

“Having the court place their faith in me and the others appointed to oversee this litigation is a huge honor and responsibility. I certainly plan to honor the court and the hundreds of thousands of individuals who have been taken advantage of, by working hard and doing everything in my power to see that justice prevails.” said Mathews.

As a member of the executive committee, Mathews will be working to prepare the cases for trial through conducting discovery, participating in depositions and presenting arguments to the court. Additionally, Mathews will continue to work with clients in attempting to hold the Defendants responsible for the alleged wrongdoing.

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Board Chair Betty Renth Honored For
60 Years Of Service With Scott Credit Union

A simple request from a co-worker has turned into a lifetime of helping people for Scott Credit Union Chairman of the Board Betty Renth. Renth, who was asked by her co-worker at the time to join SCU’s board, was honored recently for her 60 years of volunteer service on the board of directors of Scott Credit Union. Renth, who lives in New Baden, was presented with a lifetime achievement award recently to mark her years of service as a leader.

“Our Chairman Betty Renth has served on our board of directors since 1955 and has been a driving force in SCU’s growth and developments for 60 years,” said Scott Credit Union President and CEO Frank Padak. “That is 60 years of dedication and volunteerism that has made Scott Credit Union what it is today.”

Renth was working in the Scott Air Force Base Civilian Personnel Office when she joined the SCU Board in 1955. “The base employees didn’t have direct deposit. So, one of the board members had to go to the Base to endorse all the checks,” she recalled. “The credit union just had a room at the base. The treasurer basically ran the credit union out of the trunk of his car taking all the funds and records to the designated room each time there was credit union business. The location of the room changed quite often making it confusing for members to know where to go.”

“The credit union kept growing, adding field of membership for civilian employees and eventually expanding to a community charter,” she noted. Renth has been SCU chairman of the board since 1971 and has received national and state recognition for her dedication and service to SCU and the credit union industry.

In 1988, she was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the National Association of Credit Union Chairmen. In 1997, Betty was awarded the Spirit of Service Award and named Volunteer of the Year by the Illinois Credit Union System. She was inducted into the Illinois Credit Union Hall of Fame in 2002.

In 2005, Betty was honored during the national annual convention of the National Center for Credit Unions as a second runner up for the Director of the Year Award. The award was a national contest to acknowledge the work of the top three credit union directors in the nation, Padak noted. In 2006, Betty was inducted into the Defense Credit Union Council Hall of Honor. The Hall of Honor was established to acknowledging individuals whose exceptional contributions over the years have made a significant difference in the defense credit union community. “This coveted award highlights the outstanding accomplishments of people like Betty for their unfailing efforts and endless support of the credit union movement and DCUC’s philosophy of ‘Serving Those Who Serve Our Country’,” Padak added.

Renth said that her family was always dedicated to helping people financially, starting with her father and brother. She followed in their footsteps. “It just fit with my background and job working in the personnel office,” Renth added. “I could embrace the credit union industry’s ‘People Helping People’ philosophy.” Renth has always had a passion for helping people be financially successful. “You see people who can be foolish with their money and get in debt,” she added. “I have always liked helping people get out of debt. I really like how friendly the credit unions are with their members.”

In 2012, Scott Credit Union’s new state-of-the-art Home Office building was named the Betty Renth Building. This was another way she was honored for her years of tireless service to Scott Credit Union. “What a tremendous honor,” she said. “I don’t know too many people who have a building named after them.”

Renth is also proud to have recruited other long-time directors to the Scott Credit Union board. “I met a lot of people in the personnel office and invited people who had a good background and a passion for the SCU mission,” she noted. But Renth’s service to Scott Credit Union for 60 years is really about helping people. Helping people was something she embraced in her personal life as well. That help extended beyond just finances. “I would always help my elderly neighbors,” she noted. “One neighbor had to go to the county welfare office in Carlyle. So, I took her there.” Renth’s service to Scott Credit Union has set a standard of excellence and dedication that will likely be unmatched. “It’s a good feeling inside knowing how many people I have helped,” Renth said.

Padak said that Renth’s service sets an example for employees of the credit union to follow. “Betty truly defines the high level at which we want Scott Credit Union to be held each and every day,” Padak added. “Betty’s service to Scott Credit Union is synonymous with excellence. We are extremely fortunate to have Betty as a leader in our organization. She has been a part of many changes and much growth over the years at Scott Credit Union.”
Whether you are an injured individual or a business defending against civil litigation, the stakes are high. You need to work with a legal team you can trust — one with a record of success. At Mathis, Marifian & Richter, Ltd., our litigation lawyers have successfully represented both plaintiffs and defendants in a wide range of cases, including:

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Ilinois Chamber Amicus Brief Program

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The Illinois Chamber of Commerce has a broad interest in the state’s business climate, and has a heavy interest in civil justice. That is why the Chamber is weighing in on issues before the courts. You won’t find other business groups doing this, so the Chamber is filling that void.

The goal of the Chamber’s amicus program is to provide a consistent, strong voice for the business community in cases before the Supreme and, in the future, Appellate courts via amicus briefs on key business issues. The program’s primary focus is on tort related cases, but we will take up other types of cases when appropriate.

While the Illinois Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors retains ultimate governance for all Chamber activities, this program is overseen by a special Governing Committee (GC) made up of Chamber members and supporters of the program, including representation from CJRG. The GC is responsible for reviewing the work of the attorney committee (described below), prioritizing cases for briefs, reviewing briefs and generally supporting the success of the program. The chairman of the committee is Doug Darch of Baker & McKenzie.

A committee of respected defense attorneys reviews cases on appeal to the Supreme Court and makes recommendations to the GC as to which cases should be considered for amicus. Recommendations from the attorney committee are supplemented by recommendations from the Governing Committee and other Chamber members. The work of this committee is staffed by Keith Staats of the Chamber staff. Briefs will be prepared by the members of the attorney committee on a rotating basis.

In recent months the Chamber has participated in the filing of two amicus briefs accepted by the Illinois Supreme Court, and is in the midst of working with outside counsel to finalize a third amicus.

Carney v. Union Pacific Railroad Company: The Illinois Chamber was the lead filer in a motion for leave to file an amicus brief with the Illinois Supreme Court in Carney v. Union Pacific Railroad Company on October 30, 2015. The court granted the motion and accepted the amicus brief. The case was argued before the Illinois Supreme Court March 16, 2016.

At issue in Carney is whether Union Pacific is liable for an injury sustained by an employee of a subcontractor hired by a contractor hired by Union Pacific. Union Pacific hired the contractor to remove a bridge on its property. The contractor hired the subcontractor for the demolition of the bridge. The circuit court found that Union Pacific was not liable for an injury suffered by an employee of the subcontractor. The appellate court reversed the circuit court determination.

Enterprise Leasing Company of Chicago v. City of Chicago: The Chamber is currently working with outside counsel from Chamber member firm Baker & McKenzie on a motion for leave to file an amicus brief in support of Chamber member Enterprise Leasing Company in Enterprise Leasing Company of Chicago v. City of Chicago. The motion and amicus brief are due by March 30, 2016.

At issue in Enterprise is the validity of a City of Chicago Tax Ruling that requires automobile leasing companies engaged in short term leases, with locations outside the City of Chicago within three miles of the city border, to charge and collect the City of Chicago Personal Property Lease Transaction Tax on rentals to Chicago residents at those suburban locations.

The circuit court ruled in favor of Enterprise finding the Chicago Department of Revenue Ruling unconstitutional on its face by requiring Enterprise to collect the Chicago tax from Chicago residents renting automobiles at suburban locations within three miles of the city border. The City appealed and the appellate court reversed the circuit court. Enterprise appealed to the Supreme Court.

We will keep you updated on these cases. Because civil justice is important to all of you, the Chamber will continually monitor cases before the courts that could impact you and your business. If you’d like to participate in or support this effort, please contact Keith Staats.

Todd Maisch, President & CEO
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