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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO STATUTE OF

LIMITATIONS TABLED

In our last issue, we reported that the State Legislature was preparing to hold hearings on Senate Bill 403, legislation to add additional lien filing restrictions. Under the proposed amendment to the statute of limitations, medical providers would be required to file their liens within one year from the date the employer or carrier sent an explanation of review.

Nancy Roberts, Boehm's chief counsel, attended the hearing and spoke out in opposition of the bill. She urged the Legislators to consider the impact on WCAB offices: if medical providers were compelled to file their liens within a year from the date the employer or carrier sends an explanation of review, providers would have no alternative than to file a lien or initiate a case where the injured worker has not filed a WCAB action. Ms. Roberts emphasized that a big part of the problem with lingering liens is employers and carriers who do not respond to providers' bill review appeals. After the Legislative committee discussed the bill, and it was clear that there were not sufficient votes to move the bill forward, the author, Senator Benoit, decided to table his proposal to allow time for compromise and revision.

We are pleased to announce the addition of two new staff members.

Elke Herath has joined our legal staff as a Hearing Representative in our Glendale office.

Coney Buban has joined our Client Services Department as a Client Services Liaison/Project Manager in our Alameda office.

Welcome aboard, Elke and Coney!

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We would like to congratulate Vicki Bogdanos who on June 13 reached her thirtieth year at Boehm & Associates. Vicki is Boehm & Associates' Operations Manager who does an excellent job of keeping the company operating smoothly. Congratulations, Vicki!