

IN THE NEWS

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**Mark R.
Johnson**

**Claudia
Elizabeth
Castro**

**Mary L. Ryan
Norwell**

**Michael K.
Smith**

IN THE LAW FIRMS

McGuireWoods added **Mark R. Johnson** as a partner. Johnson practices on energy regulation and restructuring and has experience in the areas of white-collar crime and antitrust litigation and counseling.

He was previously with Eimer, Stahl LLP.



Odelson & Sterk Ltd. in Evergreen Park added **Claudia Elizabeth Castro**, **Mary L. Ryan Norwell** and **Michael K. Smith** as associates in its municipal, labor, litigation and school sections.

Castro will represent municipalities and school districts. She was previously a Cook County assistant state's attorney and most recently served as chief legal counsel for the Illinois Concealed Carry Licensing Review Board.

Norwell will represent municipalities and school districts and practice on collective bargaining and litigation.

She previously tried bench and jury trials in the felony, juvenile and narcotics courtrooms for the Cook County state's attorney's office prior to joining the Catholic Charities as the director of legal services.

Smith practices in litigation, labor and municipal work. He previously served as deputy chief of police for the Cook County sheriff's department before ending his public service career as chief deputy sheriff.