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## Rothman Gordon Sponsors The Pittsburgh 100

Rothman Gordon is proud to be a 2005 sponsor of the *Pittsburgh Business Times* Pittsburgh 100. The Pittsburgh 100 recognizes the fastest growing private companies in Western Pennsylvania. To qualify, companies must be locally owned, for-profit enterprises. Revenue growth is ranked over a three-year period between 2002 and 2004. Gross revenue in 2002 must be \$500,000 or above. Participants must be willing to allow publication of certain information in the Pittsburgh 100 supplement of the *Pittsburgh Business Times*, and be willing to allow independent verification of the financial information on the form.

An overall list of 100 is determined and then top companies are also categorized by these industries: Manufacturing; Retail/Wholesale/

Distribution; Health Care; Service; Technology; Real Estate/Construction/Development; and Environmental/Engineering.

Bill Lestitian, Chairman of the Firm's Corporate Department, is excited about its participation in the Pittsburgh 100 process. "Rothman Gordon has a long history of representing very successful closely-held businesses and their owners. Being the exclusive law firm sponsor of the Pittsburgh 100 will spotlight not only our Firm's representation of this important group of clients, but their individual accomplishments and successes."

Nominations must be submitted by May 27, 2005 and the nomination form is available on our website at [www.rothmangordon.com](http://www.rothmangordon.com).



## Shelley Elovitz Guests on Radio Show

On February 23, 2005, Shelley Elovitz, Chairman of the Firm's Workers' Compensation/Social Security Disability Department, was a guest of Dr. James Winer on the radio show *Health Breakthroughs*. Shelley discussed when you should consult with an attorney regarding a Workers' Compensation claim and things to be aware of that could jeopardize your claim. For example, Shelley suggested that if you are asked to attend an Independent Medical Exam (IME), that you also see your own doctor either shortly before or shortly after the IME. He further clarified that injuries do not have to be one time events, i.e. you slip and hurt your back. The courts now recognize that repetitive injuries also

can result in a Workers' Comp claim. Some examples would be a secretary who types and develops carpal tunnel or an assembly line worker who develops a repetitive injury.

Shelley also briefly discussed social security disability and the reasons to file, including 1) the dollars you give up if you delay filing; 2) you're entitled to a Medicare card; and 3) filing could prevent your account from deteriorating. Every year that you do not work, you are not putting into social security so that by the time you do file, you may only be eligible for a reduced amount. By filing ASAP, you freeze your account and thus the amount you may be eligible for.

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Patrick Regan

**Patrick O. Regan** has joined Rothman Gordon as an associate in the Real Estate Department, where he focuses on commercial, residential and industrial development, including acquisition, financing, land development, planning, zoning, subdivision, and tax assessment appeals.

Patrick earned his B.A. from Boston College and his J.D. from Duquesne University School of Law. He is a member of the Allegheny County Bar Association and Rainmakers of Pennsylvania. Patrick also serves as an Ambassador for The Kiski School and was appointed by Allegheny County Chief Executive Dan Onorato to serve on the Municipal Cooperation Committee of his 2004 transition team. He and his wife, Amy, reside in Glenshaw and recently welcomed a new son, Max.

**Rothman Gordon Stories** is the newest feature on our website. Now that we're into our 51<sup>st</sup> year of practice and our anniversary celebrations are winding down, we wanted to find a way to keep the element of fun that the anniversary pages conveyed on the website last year.



Tom takes the wheel as Ben looks on.

Rothman Gordon Stories will be vignettes of the adventures of people in the Firm. We start off with "Island Adventures with Rothman Gordon and Friends" which follows the exploits of Tom Solomich

and his friends and clients, Ben Sampson, Myles Sampson and Clois Fears as they sail through the Bahamas. Visit [www.rothmangordon.com](http://www.rothmangordon.com) to read the whole story and watch for new stories every few months.

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