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Consulting Game

William (Bill) Sweeney, the new president and CEO of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems, has "been involved with the democracy movement since the beginning." He has served as an official elections observer in Jamaica, Nicaragua, the Philippines, and Russia.

Sweeney succeeds **Jean-Pierre Kingsley** at IFES, a nonprofit that provides technical advice and the tools to run democratic elections, after serving on the board of directors from 1993 to 2001 and as chairman from 1999 to 2000.

Before joining the organization, Sweeney spent 18 years with EDS, which Hewlett-Packard acquired in 2008. He started out as director of congressional affairs for EDS and last served as vice president of global government affairs, a job that involved managing relations with governments and policy organizations around the world.

Earlier, Sweeney founded Washington Resources and Strategy, a public-affairs management company. He also served as deputy chairman of the Democratic National Committee and as executive director of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

Outside of the office, Sweeney, 58, enjoys reading history, biographies, and thrillers, and playing golf.--**Winter Casey**

Lobby Shops

Heath Weems is leaving the National Association of Manufacturers to cruise to Bermuda with his wife. He will be taking the trip -- and doing some scuba diving as well -- before starting his new job as manager of government relations for the Educational Testing Service at the end of the month.

Weems, 31, served as NAM's director of human-resources policy, and in his upcoming gig he is looking forward to again focusing on education policy. Weems previously worked for Rep. **Buck McKeon**, R-Calif., both in his personal office and on what was then the House Education and the Workforce Committee while McKeon was chairman. He also served as the legislative director for then-Rep. **Cass Ballenger**, R-N.C., and worked for then-Sen. **Pete Domenici**, R-N.M.

The Texas Tech graduate grew up in southeastern New Mexico.--**W.C.**

Former Indianapolis Mayor **Bart Peterson** is joining Eli Lilly as senior vice president of corporate affairs and communications. He will be based in Indianapolis but expects to

make frequent trips to Washington. **Joe Kelley**, vice president of government and public affairs for the company, heads Lilly's 20-member government-affairs team in D.C. In his new position, Peterson will oversee the efforts of Kelley and a corporate-affairs group of about 440 employees worldwide that focuses on issues ranging from anti-counterfeiting to health information technology.

Peterson says he is excited about working for Lilly because "a job has to be about a mission or a cause," and he believes that he will be doing something to benefit people. Peterson, 51, was the president of the Precedent Cos., a commercial and residential real estate development and financial services firm.--**W.C.**

Around the Agencies

Family values, religion, and government service intersect in the appointment of **Max Finberg** to serve as director of faith-based and neighborhood partnerships at the Agriculture Department. The son of a Christian mother and Jewish father, Finberg said that reading the Bible in high school spurred his interest in hunger issues and in helping others. His religious views "don't fit neatly into a box," but he is a "follower of Jesus with an interest in understanding his Judaism, as well as how it exists today, to pass on to my kids." Finberg attends Anglican and other Protestant churches and meets with a rabbi regularly to study the Torah. On Friday nights, he celebrates Shabbat with his family.

Finberg most recently served as director of the Alliance to End Hunger. He has also worked as a special assistant to the ambassador at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture in Rome, and as a senior legislative assistant to then-Rep. **Tony Hall**, D-Ohio, focusing on domestic hunger and poverty issues. Finberg, who earned a master's degree in social ethics from Howard University's School of Divinity, was the founding director of the Mickey Leland-Bill Emerson Hunger Fellows Program at the Congressional Hunger Center.

He says that the Obama administration wants to help faith-based and neighborhood groups benefit from the economic recovery package, as well as promote responsible fatherhood and healthy families; support maternal and child health care and reduce the need for abortions; and encourage interreligious dialogue and cooperation. In his new job, the 38-year-old Finberg will connect faith-based and neighborhood groups with USDA programs with the goal of ending child hunger by 2015.--**W.C.**

At the Bar

Hill Wellford knows about monopolies. He has joined Bingham McCutchen as a partner in the firm's antitrust and trade regulation practice. Wellford, who most recently served as chief of staff for antitrust at the Justice Department, says that the Obama administration's antitrust policy is going to build on groundwork laid during the Bush and Clinton presidencies.

Wellford, 39, said he doesn't expect overall antitrust enforcement to change significantly under **President Obama**, but he does anticipate a "correct focus" on criminal cartels, which he believes are the "most dangerous item for competition and deserve the greatest focus of the enforcement effort." In terms of civil antitrust, he foresees an increased emphasis on "some of the single-firm conduct questions in the U.S., and further exploring some single-firm conduct overseas."

Outside of work, Wellford enjoys rowing, playing classical guitar, and spending time with his 11-month-old son.--**W.C.**

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Chad Miller is leaving his post as a staff member for the House Education and Labor Committee to join the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools as a manager of federal policy. "I think charter schools are an issue that has gained broad support [from] both sides of the aisle," Miller says. "I thought it would be a good time to go back to advocating for school reform." An immediate focus will be trying to get the federal government to provide incentives for states to remove barriers for charter schools, he adds.

Miller, 35, previously worked on education policy for the Education Committee and was director of operations for the Education Leaders Council. The Knoxville, Tenn., native says he enjoys doing a lot of "fun kid activities" with his 21-month-old son.--

W.C.

Shorts

Hail to the Chief ... Rep. **Connie Mack**, R-Fla., has promoted his legislative director, **Francis Gibbs**, to chief of staff. Gibbs, who has worked for Mack since 2005, earlier served as legislative counsel to Rep. **Ander Crenshaw**, R-Fla. He hails from Fernandina Beach, in Florida's northeast. Gibbs earned bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Florida in Gainesville. He succeeds **Jeff Cohen**, who is now an executive vice president at Direct Impact, the grassroots public-affairs shop and subsidiary of Burson-Marsteller.

In Chambers ... The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has named two well-known former Justice Department officials to its National Chamber Litigation Center board. **James Comey**, a deputy attorney general under **George W. Bush**, will serve as board chairman. **Paul Clement**, the solicitor general during Bush's second term, is a board member. Clement is with the D.C. office of King & Spalding. The Wisconsin native attended Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and Harvard Law School. Earlier in his career, Clement clerked for Supreme Court Justice **Antonin Scalia** and Judge **Laurence Silberman** of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Today's the Day ... Jones Day has hired **Lily Fu Claffee** as a partner in the law firm's government regulation practice in D.C. Claffee has plenty of executive branch experience: She's a former general counsel at the Commerce Department and was deputy general counsel at the Treasury Department. Claffee also served as a deputy in the associate attorney general's office at the Justice Department. Earlier in her career, she worked at law firm Mayer Brown. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin and a law degree from the University of Minnesota.

Peace Talk ... Lauren Sucher is now director of public affairs and communications at the U.S. Institute of Peace, after serving in an acting capacity. She's a former staffer to Rep. **Jane Harman**, D-Calif., and has also handled media relations for the Environmental Working Group. Sucher holds M.A. degrees from Emerson College and Brandeis University.--**Gregg Sangillo**

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