

Company News

NAME CHANGE

Kaplan & Frank PLC has changed its name to **Kaplan Voekler Cunningham & Frank PLC**, effective Jan. 3. The name change is a result of Tom Voekler and Chip Cunningham joining the law firm as equity partners after leaving Hirschler Fleischer. The law firm focuses on capital markets, mergers and acquisitions, real estate development and investment, bankruptcy and creditors' rights, litigation and general business representation. It is based in Richmond, with an office in Alexandria.

GENERAL NEWS

Crimson Informatics Inc., a Henrico County-based company that provides drivers with data-capture devices and statistical analysis of that data, raised \$1.8 million in financing from two investors late last month.

The money will be used to expand Crimson's technology and bolster sales and marketing.

The company received \$1.7 million from **Safeguard Scientifics Inc.**, a venture capital fund that provides growth capital and operational support to entrepreneurial and innovative life sciences and technology companies.

QED Investors, an early stage investor in big data companies, also participated in the financing round.

AWARDS

The **Urban Land Institute Richmond 2011 Vision Awards** recognize firms, organizations, local governments, projects and individuals in the Richmond area who are leaders in advancing the mission of its work. The winners are:

◆ **Lincoln Mews**, for **Best Overall Project**. The Better Housing Coalition took the rundown 300-unit Lincoln Manor apartment complex off North Avenue in North Richmond and rebuilt it into 245 energy-efficient units with open spaces for walking and playing,

and renamed it the Lincoln Mews. The winner is noted for conserving natural resources, minimizing the environmental impacts, using energy-efficient features, using eco-friendly landscaping, incorporating rain gardens and using designs that encourage social interaction and a sense of community.

◆ **Mayor's Pedestrian, Bicycle and Trials Planning Commission**, for the **Transportation/Infrastructure Award**. This award recognizes projects that use sustainable or green design principles, incorporate recycled materials and aim for environmental excellence.

◆ **Lincoln Mews**, for the **Sustainable Development Award**. This award goes to the project that exemplifies the use of sustainable or renewable features, such as walkability, reduced energy demand, sustainable environmental systems, urban infill, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design and cost savings to society.

◆ **Miller & Rhoads mixed-use development**, for the **Most Innovative Project Award**. This award goes to a project that exemplifies resourcefulness in its use of land, materials and energy and an excellence in design, construction and economics.

◆ **Innsbrook Area Study**, for the **Leadership in Public Policy Award**. This award is designed to recognize a public or private entity that through its leadership addressed a public policy issue, considered community needs, engaged the public and with innovative practices promoted a sustainable community.

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