by Daniel A. Cirucci

Andrew A. Chirls, Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association, has announced the results of the Association’s investigation into the qualifications of candidates for the Court of Common Pleas and candidates for Municipal Court in the May 17 primary election. The investigation was completed by the Association’s Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention.

Chirls noted that the list of “Recommended” and “Not Recommended” candidates is still incomplete and said additional names and ratings will be announced as investigations are completed on the remaining candidates.

He said that the ratings provide the results for all of the candidates who are on the ballot who submitted to the Association’s evaluation process by the Bar’s Dec. 15, 2004 deadline.

“The deadline enabled us to release these ratings in time for party leaders and other opinion leaders to consider the results as they make their endorsement decisions. We wanted to get these names and ratings out as soon as possible and invite people to learn about these candidate ratings. They can do so by Jeff Lyons

U.S. Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr. (D-Del.), former chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, will address the Association at its Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon on Monday, April 11. The event begins at noon at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, 12th and Market Streets.

Also at the luncheon, the Association will honor Immediate-Past Chancellor Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua in an annual tradition with the presentation of a gold box. The box is a replica of the one given to Andrew Hamilton for his successful defense of printer John Peter Zenger. The box, which is given only to former Chancellors, is inscribed, “Acquired not by money, but by character.”

Sen. Biden is also the former chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, where he currently serves as ranking minority member.

Sen. Biden was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1972 at the age of 29, becoming the fifth-youngest person ever to serve in the Senate. He was re-elected in 1978, 1990, 1996 and 2002. He is currently serving his sixth term.

He was born in Scranton and grew up in New Castle County, Del. He graduated from the University of Delaware in 1965, and from the Syracuse University College of Law in 1968. Prior to his election to the Senate, Biden practiced law in Wilmington and served on the New Castle County Council from 1970 to 1972. Since 1991, Sen. Biden has been an adjunct professor at Widener University School of Law, where he teaches a seminar on constitutional law.

Sen. Biden has been instrumental in crafting federal crime laws over the past two decades, including the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. He is also the author of the continued on page 21

Sen. Biden to Address Bar April 11
Finding out who shipped what where and how can take all day. Or all of five minutes.

Managing shipping expenses can be a time-consuming task, particularly when your company spans multiple offices. Fortunately, UPS® gives you an easier way.

It starts with UPS® CampusShip™. This free online application lets you decide who can access UPS® international, overnight and ground services. And helps you ensure that each shipment is charged to the proper department and client code.

So employees can ship independently as needed, while you stay in control the whole time.

Control is essential during billing reconciliation, too. That's where UPS® Flat File Bill comes in. This weekly e-mail contains all the details of your shipping activity and can be easily analyzed using the UPS® Flat File Bill Tool. You can sort changes by data, office or client code. Any incorrectly billed shipments can be quickly identified and costs can be easily reallocated to the proper client or department.

Used together, these tools can help you reduce overhead, recover lost revenue and improve productivity. Not to mention your chances of leaving work on time.

UPS.com®/smart 1-800-PICK-UPS®
1.

Tell Us What You Think!

The Philadelphia Bar Reporter welcomes letters to the editors for publication. Letters should be typed. There is no word limit, but editors reserve the right to condense for clarity, style and space considerations. Letters must be signed to preserve anonymity.

ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY/ETHICS MATTERS

Representation, Consultation and Expert Testimony in Matters Involving Ethical Issues and/or the Roles of Professional Conduct Pennsylvania and New Jersey Matters No Charge for Initial Consultation

JAMES C. SCHWARTZMAN, ESQ.

Schwartzman & Associates, P.C.
1760 Market St., 12th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103
(215) 563-2233

Former Chairman, Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of PA; Former Chairman Continuing Legal Education Board of the Supreme Court of PA; Former Federal Prosecutor AV Rated

“A lawyer who represents himself has a fool for a client.” —Abraham Lincoln

Visit the Philadelphia Bar on the Web at www.philadelphiabar.org • Look for Bar Reporter Online e-newsbrief every Monday morning
Lawyers Urged to Form Partnerships With Minority Media

by Jeff Lyons

Public interest law agencies and attorneys can reach out to minority and immigrant groups by producing public service announcements or partnering with newspapers to educate their readers, a panel of minority and ethnic journalists said recently.

Panelists for the “Meet the Minority and Ethnic Media” program on March 2 included Shonda McClean-Hill, magazine editor of The Philadelphia Tribune; Diego Castellanos, producer of “Puerto Rican Panorama” on WPVI-TV; Dr. Frank Tian Xie of New Tang Dynasty TV and Epoch Times newspaper; David Bo H. Lim, president and publisher of the Korean Daily Tribune and Dong-A-Daily News; Madelyn Madary, co-editor and publisher of El Hispano; and Matt Peterson, publisher of the Far Northeast Citizen-Sentinel (English and Russian editions).

Castellanos, who has been producing “Puerto Rican Panorama” for 35 years, said the show is broadcast in English because “we don’t want to talk to ourselves. Most members of the Hispanic community are bilingual to some extent, and doing the show in English allows us to get guests like the mayor, district attorney and chief of police,” he said.

Castellanos said the issues that are important to his viewers don’t seem all that important to the mainstream media. “A lot of times, our concerns don’t make it into the paper or the TV news,” he said.

Castellanos added that the biggest problem facing his community is ignorance of the law. “The bulk of our community is very poor and our people don’t understand the law. Even though Puerto Ricans are American citizens, there are some out there who are ignorant of the law,” he said.

McClean-Hill said her readers are concerned with general problems in the criminal justice system and the Bar Association could help get her readers to know what to do and how to prepare themselves better when dealing with the system.

Dr. Xie said the Association could work “to help educate our community” about the law, noting that new members of Philadelphia’s Asian community have a lack of knowledge about the legal system.

Peterson said the city has just a handful of police officers who can speak Russian and that communication issues should be better accommodated. He added that people in his community are often wary of police because of a history of police corruption in Russia. “It’s critical that lawyers have second or third languages to help all the newcomers in our city,” Peterson said.

“A lot of people call us with their legal questions,” said Madary. “It would be nice if I could tell them where to call. The language barrier is also a concern,” she said.

Chancellor Andrew A. Chirls, who moderated the discussion, said the Association’s Lawyer Referral and Information Service is also available in Spanish and is looking for attorneys with skills in other languages to help out.

“If you can enlighten us on what to do with these legal questions, we’d be more than happy to pass it on to our readers,” Madary said.

Lim said his readers have expressed a frustration with the court system with continued hearings and a communication problem.

Chirls told him the Association is working with the courts and the state legislature to get more interpreters and to have the interpreters available in advance, when possible.
Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham told a packed conference room at a recent meeting of the Women in the Profession Committee that she has been blessed to always be able to speak her mind.

"Nothing is guaranteed," she began. "If someone had told me as a child that I'd be doing this, I would have laughed." She recounted that her formative years were shaped by the experience of watching her father being arrested for illegal gambling. She said someone once told her "You have a big mouth, be a lawyer."

There was just one other woman out of 135 students in her Temple University Law School class, she remembered. After graduation she interviewed with the then-District Attorney Arlen Specter, who offered her a job, after all the large law firms in town had turned her away. She discussed her career, which included time on the Municipal and Common Pleas Court benches and a stint at the redevelopment authority before being elected district attorney in 1991.

Abraham said she has seen many things throughout her long history in the District Attorney's Office. Two of the most disturbing trends she noted are girls becoming more violent and younger children with guns. She also mentioned two proud highlights of her office, the newly created department that handles elder issues and the successful collection of $191 million in child support.

Abraham's love for the city she serves is evident. She encouraged the group to "get in your car, pick a neighborhood, drive up and down the streets and look at the great architecture."

"Philadelphia has great untapped resources. We as a city have a low opinion of ourselves. We're not New York or Washington, D.C. But we don't have to be. We're not big and anonymous," she said.

As for women in the profession, Abraham reminded the committee of her office's diversity and said "women can put up as much a fight as men" when it comes to advocacy.

Up for re-election, Abraham said she takes nothing for granted. "People saw something in me that they liked," she concluded. "I serve everybody."

Women in the Profession Committee meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month in the Philadelphia Bar Association's Board Room on the 10th Floor. The April 26 meeting will feature a presentation on "What Clients Want," featuring a panel of in-house counsel. On May 24, the topic will be stress management. The June 28 meeting will feature a discussion on communication skills and the July 26 meeting will feature women lawyers of distinction.

For additional information about the Women in the Profession Committee, contact co-chairs Molly Peckman at (215) 981-4265 or via e-mail at peckmanm@pepperlaw.com or Kim Boyer at (215) 373-2707 or via e-mail at kboyer@mdwcg.com.

Gina F. Rubel, Esq. is a member of the Women in Profession Committee. She is founder and president of Furia Rubel Communications, a public relations firm serving the legal industry.
Women Leaders Share Tips for Success

by Mark A. Tarasiewicz and Jeff Lyons

A panel of women leaders from the judiciary, private practice and academia discussed their definitions of success, career and bar association opportunities and personal commitments at a March 4 conference.

The Women in the Profession Mid-Year Conference, held at the CLE Conference Center, was co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Commission on Women in the Profession, the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Women in the Profession Committee and the First Judicial District.

The program was titled “Lessons Learned Along the Pathways to Success: Pearls of Wisdom From Leaders of Our Profession.”

Moderators included Kathleen D. Wilkinson, co-chair of the PBA Commission on Women in the Profession and Philadelphia Bar Association assistant secretary; and Phyllis Horn Epstein, lawyer and author of the book, Women at Law: Lessons Learned Along the Pathways to Success.

In the first session, "Having it All," panelists talked about making partner and making time for family and personal lives.

Marina Angel, a professor of law at the Temple University Beasley School of Law, said some women find it easier to have children while they’re still in law school, rather than taking time off from their careers. As for making partner once they’re out in the professional world, Angel said a lot of women feel blocked. "It can take 15 years to become an equity partner. Young women can take it as failure if they don’t make partner because the deck is stacked against them," she said. Angel cited a New York Times article that said fewer partners are working more hours.

Audrey C. Talley, immediate-past Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association, said young women need to set their priorities out of law school. "First and foremost, you have to become a good lawyer. Focus on becoming the best lawyer you can be while getting involved in Bar Association activities," she said, adding that the contacts made there can often lead to career opportunities and advancement.

In researching her book, Epstein had conversations with women about their lives in the law. She said young women are watching to see “how we do it and how we succeed.”

Women Leaders Share Tips for Success continued on page 11

Panelists gather at the Women in the Profession Mid-Year Conference co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Commission on Women in the Profession, the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Women in the Profession Committee and the First Judicial District.

Superior Information is Your Premier Public Record Information Source.

Superior information, a ChoicePoint® service, has been providing quality public record information to the legal, insurance, investigative and banking industries for years. We perform fast and efficient searches of multiple public record sources to provide the information you need through our intuitive online interface.

We also offer additional services such as data scrubs, list services, bulk data and corporate legal processing services.

- Civil court records
- Superior Alerts
- Liens and judgments
- Certified child support judgments
- Real property data
- USA PATRIOT data
- Bankruptcy records
- Criminal records
- Death records
- UCC OneSearch
- Mortgage and deed information
- Corporation OneSearch

Learn more or access our products at www.superiorinfo.com.

© 2004 ChoicePoint Asset Company. All rights reserved. Superior Information is a service mark and ChoicePoint is a registered trademark of ChoicePoint Asset Company.
Minorities in the Profession Committee

Panel Discusses Ways to Further Bar Involvement

by Sunah Park

Increasing membership not only in the “traditional” bar associations, but also raising the involvement and participation in the minority bar associations are critical issues facing all the organizations. This was the consensus among the presidents of several local minority bar associations and members of the Association’s Minorities in the Profession Committee who met on Feb. 28 to discuss ways to increase the involvement of minority attorneys in the Philadelphia Bar Association.

Michael H. Reed, president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, also attended the meeting to share his thoughts on the issue of increasing minority involvement in the statewide bar association.

Reed shared with the group his attempts at increased involvement by creating opportunities for leadership positions in the PBA for minority attorneys. Ideas and suggestions were exchanged during this initial meeting but it was concluded that the solution is not easy and the dialogue needs to continue. Reed said the Minorities in the Profession Committee serves a great purpose as a liaison between the minority bar associations and the Philadelphia Bar Association.

The meeting was also an opportunity for the minority bar leaders to provide a summary of the activities undertaken by their associations in 2004 and to give notice of upcoming events for 2005. The meeting was a great chance for the individual minority bar associations to learn what the other minority organizations are doing and to see what events the organizations could sponsor jointly. The following highlights some of the events of each organization in 2004 and some upcoming events for 2005.

In addition to its annual Lunar Banquet, summer picnic and Annual Fall Banquet, in 2004, the Asian American Bar Association of the Delaware Valley launched the Judge William M. Marutani Fellowship in conjunction with the Philadelphia Bar Foundation. Named after the pioneer Asian-American judge, the Fellowship provides a stipend for an Asian-American law student to enable him/her to take a summer internship position with federal, state or municipal government offices/agencies (including the judiciary) or non-profit/public interest organizations in the Greater Philadelphia area. Fellowship recipient Kimberly Ai-Hua Huangfu of Rutgers University Law School spent her summer clerking at the AIDS Law Project. In 2005, the AABADV will sponsor a reception for law students in the fall as well as develop a mentoring program for local law students. The AABADV also will be busy in 2005 preparing for the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association’s annual conference, continued on page 10.
Legal Clinic for Disabled Receives Fellowship

by Jeff Lyons

Thomas A. Prettyman felt like he won the lottery. And he did.
Prettyman, executive director of the Legal Clinic for the Disabled, learned early last month that his agency had received the Public Interest Section’s Higginbotham Summer Fellowship for a summer law student. The $4,000 fellowship is awarded annually in memory of the late Judge A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. and the Section raised the funds necessary to establish the fellowship through its annual reception, held at the end of the year.

Public interest law agencies interested in applying for the fellowship waited for a March 2 drawing at a meeting of the Delivery of Legal Services Committee. Prettyman said he wrote down his agency’s name and it was selected in a random drawing.

“Maybe we got picked because our name is so long and we had to use a bigger piece of paper,” he joked.

Victoria Nicholson, finishing her first year at Rutgers University Camden Law School, will spend 10 weeks this summer working at the Legal Clinic for the Disabled. Prettyman said Nicholson will spend her summer at the Legal Clinic doing intake work and answering the phones. The Center for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights received the first Higginbotham Summer Fellowship last year.

The Association and Public Interest Section honor Judge Higginbotham’s memory through the Higginbotham Memorial Lecture at the June Quarterly Meeting of the Association each year.

Commonwealth Court Judge Discusses Appellate Advocacy

by Lawrence S. Felzer

Every new case is a new opportunity to discover a new issue, even in a law that has been around for decades, Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court Judge Renee Cohn Jubelirer told members of the Appellate Courts Committee at their March 9 meeting.

Judge Jubelirer strongly recommended that when preparing a brief, in addition to including the facts, also include information on the process. The judges can easily figure out the law but she said there may be things in the process unfamiliar to the judges. The only information the judges have is what is included in the record sent to them and the decision’s practical effect. She also cautioned attendees that they should be very clear about the remedy being asked for. This is one thing the judges shouldn’t have to guess on their own, yet they often do.

She commented that reading briefs on both sides is almost like a tennis match. As she reads an interesting argument in one brief, she quickly looks at the other brief to see what they have to say about the same point. If the other brief doesn’t address the same point, this makes the reader question the thoroughness of the argument and preparation of the brief.

During a lively question-and-answer session, the scope and standard of review by the court was discussed. Judge Jubelirer told attendees when you argue for a wider or narrower scope in your brief, remember this in the rest of your brief. She also cautioned about asking the court to do something it cannot and to not try throwing everything against the wall in the hope that something sticks.

There was also discussion of unpublished opinions and the difficulty in advising clients when you can’t even cite an unpublished opinion. Judge Jubelirer said many opinions are not published because there is no reason to add to the number of researchable cases that state the same thing over and over. Currently, unpublished opinions are placed on the court’s Web site for 90 days. If someone thinks an opinion should be published, he or she can request that the court publish the opinion and give a reason why. The judges will vote on any request to publish an opinion.

Lawrence S. Felzer, development coordinator for the SeniorLAW Center, is an associate editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.

2005 Edition
Pennsylvania RULES OF EVIDENCE ANNOTATED
Comments & Annotations By Hon. Mark I. Bernstein
Judge of the Court of Cognizance, Plan — First Judicial District
Judge Bernstein’s commentary presents Pennsylvania’s unique perspective on the Rules of Evidence and underscores the importance of looking for the meaning of each Rule within its state-law context.

Published by Gann Law Books
Publisher: Vaira, Eastern District of PA, Federal Practice Rules Annotated

Price: $100
For 20% Discount, Cite This Code When Ordering — PH 183

To Order
By Phone: Toll Free (888) 441-9411 — Or Online: www.gannlaw.com

Eastern District FEDERAL PRACTICE RULES ANNOTATED
Case Law Annotations & Analysis of Local Civil and Criminal Rules
By Peter F. Vaira
Includes
Variations in Judicial Practices & Procedures — Judge by Judge
Full Text of All Local & Federal Rules

To Order
By Phone: Toll Free (888) 441-9411
Or Online: www.gannlaw.com
Price: $85

GANN LAW BOOKS
Newark, New Jersey
www.gannlaw.com
Foundation Has Volumes of Success Stories

by Robert D. Lane Jr.

Who benefits from a donation to the Philadelphia Bar Foundation? An elderly woman with Alzheimer’s disease was recently sued by a collection agency for a large credit card debt. Her daughter contacted the collection agency, which told her that the bill was for, among other things, automobile tires. The son knew his mother had never even had a driver’s license, let alone a car. With the help of an attorney from the Legal Clinic for the Disabled, the son was able to argue against the unwarranted charges, and the suit was dismissed.

A woman from the Dominican Republic entered the U.S. over 30 years ago. She married a U.S. citizen who was extremely violent, and she was hospitalized because of injuries connected to the abuse. Her husband refused to sponsor her, and, although they had children together, she was never able to regularize her status. A local family has a child with a significant disability. He was receiving early intervention services under the auspices of Delaware County Mental Health/Mental retardation programs. When he turned 3 he became the responsibility of another local agency, the Delaware County Intermediate Unit, which proposed changes to some of the child’s services, and the family thought the child would be harmed by the changes.

The Education Law Center is working on exactly these kinds of cases. Even though a child who is receiving early intervention services turns 3 years old and switches agencies, he is entitled to continue to receive the pre-3-year-old services while the family uses the legally mandated hearing system to contest the change. Pennsylvania has long had a policy of continuing services, but because of the District Court’s opinion in another case, which went against the parent, Pennsylvania had largely abandoned its policy. ELC contacted the head of the state Bureau of Special Education to explain the child’s predicament, and to ask the state to stick to its policy until the decision is issued. The state agreed. There are the kinds of people who need legal services help in Philadelphia. Bar Foundation grants enable local organizations to reach out to those most needy individuals and families in the greater Philadelphia area — young children, senior citizens, veterans. Our grants for general operating support allow our grantees organizations to do what they do best.

There are many more success stories out there. By giving to the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, you provide funding from the youngest to the oldest clients, across many legal issues. Many of these clients won’t even know about the Philadelphia Bar Foundation. They just know when they needed a lawyer, they were able to find someone to guide them through the legal system.

You make that happen. Your contributions make that possible. In May, the Bar Foundation will conduct its annual membership campaign. Won’t you be a member of the Bar Foundation, and be part of our successes?

Robert D. Lane Jr., a partner at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, is president of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation.
MINORITY

continued from page 7

which will be held for the first time in Philadelphia. More than 1,000 Asian-American attorneys from throughout the United States will head to the city for the conference.

In 2004, the Barristers’ Association of Philadelphia continued its strong community activities and sponsored three Law Days where attorneys went to local churches and communities to offer free legal advice on various issues. It also organized an event where more than 20 African-American judges were assembled to speak about their experiences and observations from the bench. But the signature event was its annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Drive. In 2004, the Barristers donated more than 1,000 turkeys to low-income African-American families all across Philadelphia. In 2005, the Barristers sponsored the Martin Luther King Breakfast and will organize a “Meet the Legislators” program for practitioners and law students to meet their state representatives, state senators and members of city council. Moreover, the Barristers are co-sponsors of the CLF, “The Beaconing of America,” offered by the Pennsylvania Bar during its annual Minority Attorney Conference to be held at the Wynndham Franklin Plaza Hotel on April 7 and 8. The Barristers’ 2005 annual scholarship dinner will be held on April 16.

The Hispanic Bar Association’s 2004 kick-off event was the “La Justicia” award presentation. The HBA established the La Justicia Award in 2001 to recognize individuals who have demonstrated a long-term commitment to the advancement of the Latino community and exemplify those qualities in the human spirit that all should aspire to exhibit and practice. The 2004 award recipient was Patricia Decarlo, executive director of the Norris Square Community Partnership. In 2005, the Barristers sponsored the Norris Square Community Partnership’s La Justicia Award presentation. The HBA established the La Justicia Award in 2001 to recognize individuals who have demonstrated a long-term commitment to the advancement of the Latino community and exemplify those qualities in the human spirit that all should aspire to exhibit and practice. The 2004 award recipient was Patricia Decarlo, executive director of the Norris Square Community Partnership. In 2001, the Barristers established the La Justicia Award in 2001 to recognize individuals who have demonstrated a long-term commitment to the advancement of the Latino community and exemplify those qualities in the human spirit that all should aspire to exhibit and practice. The 2004 award recipient was Patricia Decarlo, executive director of the Norris Square Community Partnership.

Sunah Park, an associate at Thorp Reed & Armstrong, and presented a panel discussion on “How to be a Partner” in late March. The South Asian Bar Association is the newest minority bar association having been formed in September 2005. Its first event was a lunch meeting at the Passage to India restaurant to recruit new members and to introduce the new officers of the organization. In 2005, it co-sponsored a tsunami relief fund-raiser with the AABADV and presented a panel discussion on “How to be a Partner” in late March.

Your employees will love coming to work as much as going home.

DECOLA DETECTIVES INC.
CONFIDENTIAL PRIVATE INVESTIGATIONS

WHAT DO WE PUT IN OUR SURVEILLANCE VANS?

• High-definition video cameras with infrared night vision
• 35 mm cameras
• Telescopio lenses
• 500 mbz camera, receiver & monitor (These mini video cameras will fit in a pack of cigarettes and can go anywhere!)
• 12 volt heavy duty marine battery to power equipment
• Laptop computer with GPS tracking system and map program (We never get lost!)
• Cellular telephone and pager
• Ponta-Potty, 12 volt A/C unit, deodorant
• Blackout curtains
• And the best investigators in the industry!

Main Office: (800) 466-7508
D&B Fax: (610) 987-9027 School: (877) P.I SCHOOL
Web Site: www.decolapi.com
School: www.lioninvestigationacademy.com
YLD to Celebrate Law Week May 2-6

by Genna Viozzi

In the tradition of uniting legal education with members of the Philadelphia community, the Young Lawyers Division is once again gearing up for its annual Law Week celebration which, this year, begins on Monday, May 2 and ends on Friday, May 6.

Law Day, a special day focusing on American heritage under law and a national day of celebration officially designated by Congress in 1961, occurs each year on May 1. The Association uses the entire week in which May 1 falls to implement a communication uses the entire week in which May 1 falls to implement a communication campaign called Law Fair, which begins on Monday, May 2 and ends on Friday, May 6.

This year, begins on Monday, May 2 with its annual Law Week celebration which, as always, offers a variety of educational and entertaining events. The Division is once again gearing up for a wide education outreach.

Among programs are the Law Fair in the Classroom and Stepping Out for Seniors. Lawyer in the Classroom sends attorney, students to speak with students about the legal profession and their journeys to becoming lawyers. Stepping Out for Seniors once again sends volunteer attorneys into the schools, but this time, they meet with high school seniors to discuss the legal implications of turning 18 and being viewed by the legal system as an adult.

The highlight of Law Week annually falls on Wednesday of the week when the YLD brings the Law Fair to the Gallery mall in Center City. A perennial favorite with the community, the Law Fair provides volunteer attorneys to give free legal advice. This year’s Law Fair will be held from 12-2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4.

Law Week wraps up for city high school students with a hands-on program called Lawyer for a Day. On the morning of Friday, May 6, attorneys and students will converge at the Bar Association headquarters where groups of students will be paired with an attorney and then set out for a day in the legal community. Most students will sit in on court proceedings and speak with judges about the process, but others may end up perusing city jail cells with an assistant district attorney or joining an associate at Philadelphia Center City firm. All students will return to the Bar for lunch and a wrap-up program that includes a proclama-

tion from the mayor and inspiring words from local celebrities.

All Law Week activities are under the direction of Association Chancellor-elect Alan M. Feldman and are coordinated by YLD Law Week co-chairs Scott Sigman, May Mon Post and Kimberly Heuer.

Each year the Law Week celebration grows and each new events run by volunteer lawyers. Programs run by volunteer lawyers.

WOMEN

continued from page 6

your daughters, babysitters and neighbors. They’re all watching to see how to do it,” she said.

In the second session, “Women-At-Law,” women leaders from the federal, state and local judiciary discussed combining a legal career with personal commitments and the challenges they faced along the way. The panel offered advice for today’s women lawyers on developing and advancing their careers.

“You don’t have to give up the rest of your life,” said Third Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Dolores K. Shriver. “If you want to stop and have children, if you want to work at several things, do whatever it is you want to do and use your background as you can.”

Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge Phyllis Beck said that women who are new to the profession should seek out people or organizations within their own environment to help them grow professionally. “I think you really need, until you breathe your last breath, truly define yourself,” Judge Beck said. “You should keep growing and keep redefining yourself.”

According to Senior Judge Norma L. Shapiro of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the reason individuals participate in community or bar association activities shouldn’t be primarily to help their careers.

“It enables you to fulfill your obligations as a member of what I consider the noblest profession,” she said. “It gives you the opportunity to do good.”

Judge Shapiro added that such participation also provides networking opportunities that help a person’s career by keeping up with the developments in the profession and by cultivating a large group of friends and associates.

“What you can do is prepare yourself. Be the best lawyer you can. Know what you want to do and be there. When the time is right, you’ll have your opportunity.”

Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge Susan Garzman added that young women attorneys must be realistic with their expectations.

“As women, we can do everything, but we can’t do it all at one time,” she said. “You can do whatever you want, but you have to be strategic and you’ve got to prioritize.”

When asked how a judge establishes her authority without losing her personal identity, Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Sandra Schultz Newman said that being in a position of authority is something that comes “from the genes.”

“I think that we all have to remember from whence we came,” Judge Newman added. “We also have to maintain the authority of being a leader in our position. Everybody has their own method. I’m known as a taskmaster of work in my chambers.”

From the perspective of professionalism and civility, U.S. District Court Judge Gene E.R. Prater suggested that the way you carry yourself is vital to communicating to others that you are ready to take on a leadership position.

“If there is a chip on your shoulder holding you down, I think that will hold you back,” Judge Prater said. “Hold it. Wait until another day. Bite your tongue. If you’re a lawyer, you have to bite your tongue all the time.”

Philadelphia Common Pleas Court President Judge Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson suggested that every outside activity builds up to the next level.

“Every bar association meeting, every community activity gets us ready for being a leader, whether it’s as a judge or a leader of the community,” Judge Massiah-Jackson said.

“You’re building your organizational skills, your administrative skills. And I think that’s the most important thing, whether you’re running for office in the public sector, or if you move onto leadership within the bar association or within your law firm, you have to be able to do a variety of projects and assign priorities to those projects at the same time.”

Other panelists at the Mid-Year Conference included: Commonwealth Court Judges Doris A. Smith-Riber and Shelly Friedman; Kathy M. Mandreos, state representative and PBA Board of Governors’ Commissioner on Women in the Profession liaison, Nicole D. Galli, Philadelphia Bar Association Women in the Profession Committee past co-chair, and Susan Schulman, Weber Gallagher litigation partner.

26th Annual Bar Charity Run Entry Form & Fees

For up-to-the-minute updates about Law Week 2005, visit www.philadelphiabar.org.
Sixers GM King Happy to Be in Philly

by Heather J. Holloway

Cautioning young lawyers not to “get too high with the highs or too low with the lows,” Philadelphia 76ers president and general manager Billy King urged the practice of patience “as nothing happens overnight.”

King was the keynote speaker at the Young Lawyers Division’s March 9 Annual Meeting. Drawing from his experiences, beginning as a college basketball player, King jokingly said that the negotiation and contract interpretation skills that he has developed throughout his career qualify him to be an honorary lawyer.

King said he began to develop skills akin to those of a lawyer while playing at Duke University. While in college, he received the advice, “use basketball or basketball will use you.” Following this philosophy, King used basketball to further his education, later enrolling in a management training program and later still becoming a general manager in part because of the challenge that the career opportunity presented.

Indeed, King spoke of the challenges he faced as he made somewhat impromptu decisions regarding prior job opportunities while walking the path that ultimately led him to follow coach Larry Brown to Philadelphia. He further spoke of the challenges that face him in his current position, including mastering “NBA economics” and understanding the tremendous economic negotiating challenges that went into brokering the recent deal that allowed Philadelphia to acquire Chris Webber from the Sacramento Kings. This, of course, led to a discussion of the challenge of dealing with the Philadelphia fans and media as Webber tries to adjust (mid-season) to the new team and the East Coast defense. Nonetheless, expressing continued belief in the trade decision, King noted his happiness with Philadelphia, calling it a “big city with a small-town feel” and urged the young professionals in attendance to promote the city and its development. King said when evaluating new talent for the team, he always considers the fact that he wants players who will represent Philadelphia in the right way.

King said the city’s development over the last few years is evident not only by the increase in the number of condominiums, fine restaurants and entertainment outlets but also by the fact that franchise players such as Allen Iverson (who could spend the off-season anywhere in the world) choose to live and socialize in the city.

Heather J. Holloway, an associate at Knoch & Henkes LLP, is an associate editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.

Meet the Candidates at April 20 Event

by Natalie Klyashtorny

At last, spring has arrived and with it, the political primary season (primaries will be held on May 17). Political apathy is too often reputed to be a characteristic of younger people. Even though overall voter turnout was higher on Election Day 2004 than in prior election years, it remained stagnant among those in the younger age brackets. In creating the Philadelphia 2020 committee, I hope to encourage young lawyers to get more involved in the civic life of our city, which would include political involvement.

This month, the YLD is joining forces with the political group Young America PAC to bring our members a unique Meet the Candidates Networking Event on Wednesday, April 20. At this event, young lawyers will be able to meet the candidates for district attorney, Court of Common Pleas and Municipal Court who have received the endorsement of the Bar Association. This is a unique opportunity, as under virtually any other circumstances, one would have to contribute to these candidates’ campaigns in order to meet them. The event is a free service that we are providing to our members in order for them to meet the candidates and become more informed about them and what they stand for.

YourTrainingCenter

YourTrainingCenter is a joint effort of Information Technology Associates, Inc., LANwards and Storm Evans Consulting.

Offering Classes, Customization and Sales In:

• AbacusLaw
• Timeslips
• WordPerfect
• Tabs3
• Adobe Acrobat
• PCLaw
• Quickbooks
• Practice Master

YourTrainingCenter 1528 Walnut St. Suite 1620 Philadelphia, PA 215-875-7349

215-875-7349

YourTrainingCenter

YourTrainingCenter 1528 Walnut St. Suite 1620 Philadelphia, PA 215-875-7349

215-875-7349
The future success of the legal profession depends on overcoming the gap that exists by successfully integrating members of the younger generations into the legal profession and leadership positions within the profession, the chair of the Young Lawyers Division told YLD members at their March 9 Annual Meeting.

"Equally as important is to give young lawyers a seat at the decision-making table because if that does not occur there will be a leadership vacuum in the legal profession in the years to come," said Natalie Klyashorny, an associate at the Locke Law Firm.

"For us to truly thrive as a profession, we need to be able to retain young lawyers and potential lawyers such as law students and to attract those from other cities to Philadelphia," she said.

The YLD also recognized two individuals and one company for their contributions to the development of the YLD.

Kathy Ochroch, an associate at Blank Rome LLP and coordinator of the firm’s pro bono program, was presented with the Craig M. Perry Service Award for her work with Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program. The award is presented annually to an attorney who was donated substantial time and energy to community-oriented activities, including, but not limited to, pro bono and charity work.

Roberta West, program director of Temple-LEAP, received the F. Sean Peretta Service Award, which is given to a person who has made unique and innovative contributions to the YLD and the legal community as a whole.

Douglas Kretzberg, president of USI Colburn Insurance Service, accepted the YLD Vision Award on behalf of his company. The award is presented to a business that mentors young lawyers and encourages them to become involved in pro bono work.

YLD Chair Working to Bridge Bar Age Gap

By Jeff Lyons

For young lawyers to view Philadelphia as an attractive alternative to other cities, Klyashorny said they must be able to find career opportunities here.

"As young lawyers, we need to lead the charge in shaping the future of this city. So far that goal, I have created a new committee, Philadelphia 2020. This committee will work with other young professionals’ groups to study the issues that affect Philadelphia’s potential, and to advocate for reforms which Philadelphia needs in order to become more vibrant and competitive with other major cities. One of the projects that we are working on is a survey of law students and young lawyers as to the reasons why they have chosen to live in Philadelphia or why they are planning to leave," she said.

"Just as the legal profession must evolve to meet the needs of a new generation, so must the City of Philadelphia. Cities do not grow economically from within, but by attracting new energy and lifeblood from outside. It is now up to the young leaders of this city, including young lawyers, to create a ‘New Philadelphia’ which will make headlines for its identity as a world-class city to locate a business, have a successful career and live a meaningful life so that Philadelphia will be a natural choice for young, ambitious people," she said.

Klyashorny said the YLD will be expanding outreach programs, including an April 7 discussion with the Business Law Section about the realities of the business law practice.

"Through our law firm outreach committee, we intend to present programs at Philadelphia law firms, educating young lawyers about the Bar Association and how involvement can further their leadership and professional development." Our CLE Committee will be presenting a number of programs this year on topics of particular interest to young lawyers such as surviving your first couple of years of practice, business development and marketing, and starting your own law firm," she said.

"We are also continuing our mentorship program, and I urge you all to volunteer to become mentors. Even a recent graduate can be a mentor to a law student, and there is nothing more rewarding than contributing to the positive growth of a younger member of the profession. In implementing these programs, our goals are to become more informed about the concerns of the new generation of lawyers and to introduce the YLD and Bar Association as a vehicle for the professional development of law students and young lawyers," she said.

Mentors, Proteges Sought by YLD

The YLD’s Attorney Mentoring Committee is looking for individuals who are willing to serve as mentors to young lawyers, as well as individuals who want to be mentored.

If you think that you could use a mentor or would like to be a mentor, let us know. We are ready to match mentors with protégés right now!

Sign-up forms for the Attorney-Mentoring Program can be found on the Association’s Web site at www.philadelphiabar.org. For more information, contact Brian S. Chacker at chacker@blankrome.com or Chad E. Kaufman at ckauffman@barrack.com.

Monitors Sought for May 1 Equality Forum

Forty years ago, just across the street from Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell, 40 brave and pioneering men and women held the nation’s first demonstration for gay and lesbian rights. To commemorate this beginning, Equality Forum will host a National Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the GLBT Civil Rights Movement on Independence Mall on Sunday, May 1, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The day’s events will include performances by Cindy Lauper and Kate Clinton.

Equality Forum welcomes volunteers to serve as monitors of the Independence Mall site and of any protests. Similar to attorney monitors serving at polling stations, monitors will serve as observers of activity, and will notify police and National Parks Service officers as appropriate to avoid public disturbance or the risk of confrontation. In advance of the National Celebration, Equality Forum will hold an orientation meeting for volunteers. Equality Forum encourages both straight and gay members of the Philadelphia Bar Association to serve two-hour shifts as monitors.

Persons interested in volunteering should contact Kevin Ray at (215) 979-1350 or by e-mail at kpray@duanemorris.com. For more information, visit www.equalityforum.org.
PTLA Taking 100 Cases for Philadelphia VIP

by Laura A. Feldman

The Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association has agreed to help us provide necessary legal assistance to the people who need it the most, but can afford it the least,” said Sharon Liebhaber, managing attorney of Philadelphia VIP. “I hope their participation will serve as a model for organizations across Pennsylvania and the country. VIP is dedicated to providing indigent individuals equal access to the legal system in civil matters by referring them to volunteer lawyers, paralegals, and others who provide legal services free of charge. It is a challenge to find qualified people who are willing to donate their professional time for non-paying clients.

Currently, many of the clients VIP receives are referred through Community Legal Services, Philadelphia Legal Assistance, AIDS Law Project, the Education Law Center and Regional Housing Legal Services among other organizations. Under the new agreement, dozens of Philadelphia-area trial lawyers will help these referred clients with problems involving landlord-tenant, custody, adoption, support, employment, consumer complaints, immigration, special education and tort defense. Without these free services, too many of them would be unable to seek their day in court.

“We entered into this unprecedented partnership because we believe the promise that every citizen should have equal access to justice through the courts is just that — a promise, and one that must be kept,” added PTLA President James T. McEldrew III. “It is an unfortunate reality that too often in our country, access to the courts is determined not by the merits of a case, but by the ability of a client to retain the professional services they need. By providing pro bono legal services, we hope to make the promise of access a reality for everyone.”

McEldrew noted that while many of the members are already actively involved in their community and in philanthropic organizations, PTLA decided to take on this additional responsibility and partner with VIP, a pro bono arm of the Philadelphia Bar Association, because it will help the people who need it the most, but can afford it the least.

“Of all of us became lawyers because we believe in our legal system and because we believe that everyone deserves to have their rights protected,” said McEldrew. “By helping the indigent through VIP, the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association believes that we are doing something about keeping that promise.”

Unfortunately, it is a real possibility that it will be more difficult in the coming years for the indigent to seek justice through the courts. For some people the difference in having access to the courts is literally staying in their homes or living on the streets, keeping their jobs or being unemployed, and keeping their family together or losing their children.

Call VIP at (215) 523-9550 and volunteer your time today.

Laura A. Feldman, a partner at Feldman & Pinto, is a member of the board of the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association. She is also a member of the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Board of Governors and chair of the Association’s Women’s Rights Committee.

Auerbach Real Estate, Inc.
Specializing in Foreclosures, Bankruptcy & Estate Sales

Completed over 1,000 negotiations involving:
Short Payoffs • Multiple Mortgages • State & IRS Tax Liens

30 years experience

Paul Auerbach, Broker
113 Lakeside Drive
Southampton, PA 18966
Toll Free: (866) 953-6825
Fax: (215) 364-9557
Mobile: (215) 630-7522

Girard Medical, a national program assisting clients in determining paternity, offers DNA testing with:
- Three to five-day turnaround of results
- Pain free collections—no needles
- Patient privacy and confidentiality
- Patient choice of collection site
- National service assured
- AABB approved laboratory
- FDA clearance of Specimen Collection Kits
- $400 lab fee provides results compliant with all chain of custody identification requirements for legal submissions
- Accuracy of results: 100% in determining nonbiologic relationship; 99.9% in nonexclusion of paternity

Girard Medical Associates, Inc.
208 White Horse Pike, Suite 9
Barrington, NJ 08007
Toll Free: 888-966-9707

Registered Agents, Ltd.
1201 North Market St.
Wilmington, DE 19801
Fax: (302) 921-7755
www.RegisteredAgentsLtd.com

Pro Bono Corner

Former Philadelphia VIP Chair Leonard Busby (from left) is joined by Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association President James T. McEldrew III, VIP Executive Director Sharon Browning, and PTLA Board members Laura A. Feldman and Alison F. Soloff.
PHILADELPHIA

Justinians Honor Chancellor, Judge

Gaetan J. Alfano (center), chancellor of The Justinian Society, is joined by Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Alfred J. DiBona (left) and Bar Association Chancellor Andrew A. Chirls at a March 14 luncheon at the Union League where the two were honored. Chirls was honored as the new Chancellor and DiBona received the Justinians’ inaugural Ambassador Thomas M. Foglietta Service Award.

The Homeless Advocacy Project will hold its April Benefit on Thursday, April 21 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the Conservatory of the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue, Broad and Walnut Streets.

The event is presented by PECO Energy along with Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP; the Verizon Foundation; and Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. The evening will feature live jazz, complimentary beer, wine, appetizers, and a silent auction.

All proceeds from the April Benefit go to support the Homeless Advocacy Project, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides free legal services to homeless individuals, families, and non-profit community groups.

Currently, more than 300 attorneys, paralegals and law students volunteer with HAP.

Since HAP’s first legal clinic in December 1990, legal advocates have assisted more than 3,650 clients and have donated more than $12.75 million worth of legal services.

For tickets ($45 per person) or for information on sponsorship, contact Marnie Boccella at the Homeless Advocacy Project at (215) 525-9548 or by e-mail at mboccella@philalegal.org.

The Public Interest Section will sponsor a Chancellor’s Forum, “The Impact of Immigration Reform: What You Need to Know About Current Proposals No Matter What Kind of Law You Practice” on Wednesday, April 20 at noon in the Bar Association’s 11th floor Conference Center.

Speakers include Ana Avendano Denier, associate general counsel and director of the AFL-CIO immigrant worker program, and J. Traci Hong, director for policy for the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium. One additional speaker will be added to the program. The forum will be moderated by Association Chancellor Andrew A. Chirls.

Admission to the Chancellor’s Forum is free and lunch is available for $7.50 for those members who register in advance. To register, visit www.philadelphia-bar.org. For more information, contact Karen Detamore at kdetamore@friendsfw.org.
Chief Justice John Marshall is going on a road trip. His portrait is, anyway. The Association’s portrait of the nation’s first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court will be loaned to the National Constitution Center for a special exhibit in honor of Justice Marshall’s 250th birthday. The Board of Governors approved the loan of the painting at its March 2 meeting. “The painting, done in 1835, was done at the request of the Philadelphia Bar Association when Marshall was in Philadelphia for a physical examination,” Association Executive Director Kenneth Shear told the Board. “It is noted as being the definitive likeness of the Chief Justice,” Shear said, adding that the portrait has hung in the U.S. Supreme Court, the Diplomatic Room of the State Department and the National Portrait Gallery, among other places. The NCC will display the portrait at an exhibit that will run through the end of the year with the recognition of the Bar Association as the donor. The Constitution Center will pay for the packing and transport of the painting both to and from the Center, located at 525 Arch St.

April CLE Courses

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Course Title</th>
<th>Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>April 1</td>
<td>Secrets of the Code: The Pennsylvania Rules of Evidence</td>
<td>The CLE Conference Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 4</td>
<td>Drafting Fundamental Estate Planning Documents</td>
<td>The CLE Conference Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 6</td>
<td>13th Annual Civil Litigation Update</td>
<td>The CLE Conference Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 7</td>
<td>Handling the Failure to Disclose Case: Leakly Roofs to Flooded Basements</td>
<td>The CLE Conference Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 8</td>
<td>Family Law Update</td>
<td>The CLE Conference Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 12</td>
<td>Wife of the Rich and Famous</td>
<td>The CLE Conference Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 13</td>
<td>Banking Law Update</td>
<td>The CLE Conference Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 14</td>
<td>Practical Approach to Mechanics Laws</td>
<td>The CLE Conference Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 15</td>
<td>Winning Before Trial</td>
<td>The CLE Conference Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 19</td>
<td>Internet Law Update 2006</td>
<td>The CLE Conference Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 20</td>
<td>Ethics Postconviction Disclosures from the Ambivalent Alcoholic: PBA Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility Committee Update</td>
<td>Franklin Institute Science Museum</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 20</td>
<td>Ethics Postconviction: A View from the Ambivalent Alcoholic</td>
<td>The CLE Conference Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 20</td>
<td>What Collaborative Law Is, and Why Lawyers Need to Know About It</td>
<td>The CLE Conference Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 29</td>
<td>4th Annual NE Regional Employment Law Institute</td>
<td>The CLE Conference Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 29</td>
<td>Speaking to Win</td>
<td>The CLE Conference Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 28</td>
<td>Handling Cases Under the Post Conviction Relief Act</td>
<td>The CLE Conference Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 20</td>
<td>What Co-Counsel is, and Why Lawyers Need to Know About It</td>
<td>The CLE Conference Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 20</td>
<td>Exposure and Insurance Solutions for Directors and Officers Liability</td>
<td>The CLE Conference Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 28</td>
<td>Trial of a Medical Malpractice Case</td>
<td>The CLE Conference Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 20</td>
<td>National Employment Law Institute</td>
<td>The CLE Conference Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 29</td>
<td>Ethics Postconviction: A View from the Ambivalent Alcoholic</td>
<td>The CLE Conference Center</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 29</td>
<td>Ethics Postconviction: A View from the Ambivalent Alcoholic</td>
<td>The CLE Conference Center</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

And our effort should not end at the courthouse door. For example, we should consider providing home security systems for every judge. These are some of the actions that we can take to respond to threats against our judges and our judicial system.

Our courts are meant to be quiet sanctuaries of order and reason. Our judges have charged with carrying out their enormous responsibilities in a thorough, deliberate and ordered manner. When we begin to allow murder and mayhem into this environment the highest calling of a civilized society is placed at risk. We cannot allow that to happen.

Andrew A. Chirls, a partner at WolfBlock, is Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association. His e-mail address is chancellor@philabar.org.
JUDICIAL RATINGS

The following judicial candidates, listed alphabetically, were found "RECOMMENDED" for election to the Court of Common Pleas:

Judge Glenn B. Bronson
Judge Charles J. Cunningham
Joyce Webb Eubanks
Ellen Green-Corder
Marilyn Heffley
Sharon Williams Losier
Thomas Martin
Judge Bradley K. Moss
Thomas Noscella
Meredith Sgile-DiClaudio
Ira R. Strager
David C. Shuter
Leon W. Tucker
Marvin L. Williams

The following judicial candidates, listed alphabetically, were found "NOT RECOMMENDED" for election to the Court of Common Pleas:

Judge Nazario Jimenez
Sharon Williams Losier
Judge Bradley K. Moss
Thomas Noscella
David C. Shuter

The following judicial candidates, found "RECOMMENDED" by the Judicial Commission, are scheduled to run for election to the Court of Common Pleas:

Judge Walter J. Olszewski
Judge Christian H. Clemente
Cateria R. McCabe
Michael L. Nix

Additional names and ratings will be announced soon.

LAW WEEK

Law Week activities that have been scheduled as of Monday, March 25, are:

- Monday, May 2 - Naturalization Ceremony/Edward F. Chacker Essay Contest: 10:30 a.m., Criminal Justice Center, 1101 Filbert St., contact Elaine Lipp, (215) 683-5962 or Kimberly Heuer at (215) 963-4756.
- Tuesday, May 3 - Juror Appreciation Day: 8:30 a.m., Municipal Courts, 10th floor, 8:30 a.m.; contact Scott A. Mayer, (215) 569-7867.
- LegalLine PA: Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., 6 to 8 p.m.; contact Scott A. Mayer, (215) 569-2520.
- Friday, May 6 - Lawyer for a Day: Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., 11th floor, 8:30 a.m.; contact Scott Sigman at (215) 683-5028, or May Mon Post at (215) 683-5082.

Volunteers are needed for the following events: Lawyer in the Classroom; Doctor/Lawyer in the Classroom; and Lawyer for a Day. Stepping out for Seniors; and the Law Fair at the Gallery.

To find out how to become involved, please contact May Mon Post at (215) 683-5082 or Kimberly Heuer at (215) 963-4756.

The following is a list of Law Week activities that have been scheduled as of Monday, March 25, and are available online at www.philadelphiabar.org.

**2005 Bench-Bar Conference Registration Form**

**Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, 2005 - The Quarter at Tropicana, Atlantic City, NJ**

(Permission Note: Judges will receive separate conference materials)

Each attendee must fill out a registration form in its entirety (non-attorney guests may be included on the form). Make checks payable to Philadelphia Bar Association and mail to: 2005 Bench-Bar Conference, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., 11th Fl., Philadelphia, PA 19107, or pay with your credit card below and fax to (215) 238-1159. This form is also available at www.philadelphiabar.org. NOTE: Hotel reservations must be made separately by calling (800) 247-8767. Mention “Philadelphia Bar Association/2005 Bench-Bar Conference” to take advantage of the special rate of $185 per night plus taxes. Hotel reservations must be made by Friday, Sept. 9, 2005.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Registration Type (all prices are per person)</th>
<th>Assn. Member</th>
<th>Assn. Member Nonprofit, Gov. Attorneys &amp; YLD</th>
<th>Non-Member Attorney</th>
<th>Amount Owed</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Full Conference—Early Bird (before Aug. 15): Friday Opening Luncheon, Friday Night Grand Reception, Saturday Breakfast, Saturday Closing Luncheon, Course Materials, Up to 6.5 CLE Credits</td>
<td>$395</td>
<td>$245</td>
<td>$445</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Full Conference—Regular (Aug. 15 and later): Friday Opening Luncheon, Friday Night Grand Reception, Saturday Breakfast, Saturday Closing Luncheon, Course Materials, Up to 6.5 CLE Credits</td>
<td>$445</td>
<td>$295</td>
<td>$495</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>One Day Attendee—Friday: Friday Opening Luncheon, Friday Night Grand Reception, Course Materials, CLE Credits for Friday only</td>
<td>$245</td>
<td>$195</td>
<td>$295</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>One Day Attendee—Saturday: Saturday Breakfast, Saturday Closing Luncheon, Course Materials, CLE Credits for Saturday only</td>
<td>$245</td>
<td>$195</td>
<td>$295</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grand Reception—Friday Evening Only</td>
<td>$125</td>
<td>$100</td>
<td>$150</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Non-Attorney Guest Registration - $150 Per Guest

Price includes food and social functions only; please register me for ______ guest(s) at $150 per guest. Sub-Total: Total Amount Due: Total Cost: 

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name on Badge (if different from above):</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

Address:

City: 
State: 
Zip: 

Phone: Fax: E-mail: 

Special/Dietary Needs: 

Emergency Contact Name: Phone: 

Card Type: American Express MasterCard Visa 

Exp. Date: 

Cardholder's Name: 

Cardholder's Signature: Date: 

**2005 Bench-Bar Conference Registration Form**

Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, 2005 - The Quarter at Tropicana, Atlantic City, NJ

(Permission Note: Judges will receive separate conference materials)

Each attendee must fill out a registration form in its entirety (non-attorney guests may be included on the form). Make checks payable to Philadelphia Bar Association and mail to: 2005 Bench-Bar Conference, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., 11th Fl., Philadelphia, PA 19107, or pay with your credit card below and fax to (215) 238-1159. This form is also available at www.philadelphiabar.org. NOTE: Hotel reservations must be made separately by calling (800) 247-8767. Mention “Philadelphia Bar Association/2005 Bench-Bar Conference” to take advantage of the special rate of $185 per night plus taxes. Hotel reservations must be made by Friday, Sept. 9, 2005.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Registration Type (all prices are per person)</th>
<th>Assn. Member</th>
<th>Assn. Member Nonprofit, Gov. Attorneys &amp; YLD</th>
<th>Non-Member Attorney</th>
<th>Amount Owed</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Full Conference—Early Bird (before Aug. 15): Friday Opening Luncheon, Friday Night Grand Reception, Saturday Breakfast, Saturday Closing Luncheon, Course Materials, Up to 6.5 CLE Credits</td>
<td>$395</td>
<td>$245</td>
<td>$445</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Full Conference—Regular (Aug. 15 and later): Friday Opening Luncheon, Friday Night Grand Reception, Saturday Breakfast, Saturday Closing Luncheon, Course Materials, Up to 6.5 CLE Credits</td>
<td>$445</td>
<td>$295</td>
<td>$495</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>One Day Attendee—Friday: Friday Opening Luncheon, Friday Night Grand Reception, Course Materials, CLE Credits for Friday only</td>
<td>$245</td>
<td>$195</td>
<td>$295</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>One Day Attendee—Saturday: Saturday Breakfast, Saturday Closing Luncheon, Course Materials, CLE Credits for Saturday only</td>
<td>$245</td>
<td>$195</td>
<td>$295</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grand Reception—Friday Evening Only</td>
<td>$125</td>
<td>$100</td>
<td>$150</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Non-Attorney Guest Registration - $150 Per Guest

Price includes food and social functions only; please register me for ______ guest(s) at $150 per guest. Sub-Total: Total Amount Due: Total Cost: 

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name on Badge (if different from above):</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

Address:

City: 
State: 
Zip: 

Phone: Fax: E-mail: 

Special/Dietary Needs: 

Emergency Contact Name: Phone: 

Card Type: American Express MasterCard Visa 

Exp. Date: 

Cardholder's Name: 

Cardholder's Signature: Date: 

**2005 Bench-Bar Conference Registration Form**

Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, 2005 - The Quarter at Tropicana, Atlantic City, NJ

(Permission Note: Judges will receive separate conference materials)

Each attendee must fill out a registration form in its entirety (non-attorney guests may be included on the form). Make checks payable to Philadelphia Bar Association and mail to: 2005 Bench-Bar Conference, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., 11th Fl., Philadelphia, PA 19107, or pay with your credit card below and fax to (215) 238-1159. This form is also available at www.philadelphiabar.org. NOTE: Hotel reservations must be made separately by calling (800) 247-8767. Mention “Philadelphia Bar Association/2005 Bench-Bar Conference” to take advantage of the special rate of $185 per night plus taxes. Hotel reservations must be made by Friday, Sept. 9, 2005.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Registration Type (all prices are per person)</th>
<th>Assn. Member</th>
<th>Assn. Member Nonprofit, Gov. Attorneys &amp; YLD</th>
<th>Non-Member Attorney</th>
<th>Amount Owed</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Full Conference—Early Bird (before Aug. 15): Friday Opening Luncheon, Friday Night Grand Reception, Saturday Breakfast, Saturday Closing Luncheon, Course Materials, Up to 6.5 CLE Credits</td>
<td>$395</td>
<td>$245</td>
<td>$445</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Full Conference—Regular (Aug. 15 and later): Friday Opening Luncheon, Friday Night Grand Reception, Saturday Breakfast, Saturday Closing Luncheon, Course Materials, Up to 6.5 CLE Credits</td>
<td>$445</td>
<td>$295</td>
<td>$495</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>One Day Attendee—Friday: Friday Opening Luncheon, Friday Night Grand Reception, Course Materials, CLE Credits for Friday only</td>
<td>$245</td>
<td>$195</td>
<td>$295</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>One Day Attendee—Saturday: Saturday Breakfast, Saturday Closing Luncheon, Course Materials, CLE Credits for Saturday only</td>
<td>$245</td>
<td>$195</td>
<td>$295</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grand Reception—Friday Evening Only</td>
<td>$125</td>
<td>$100</td>
<td>$150</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Non-Attorney Guest Registration - $150 Per Guest

Price includes food and social functions only; please register me for ______ guest(s) at $150 per guest. Sub-Total: Total Amount Due: Total Cost: 

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name on Badge (if different from above):</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

Address:

City: 
State: 
Zip: 

Phone: Fax: E-mail: 

Special/Dietary Needs: 

Emergency Contact Name: Phone: 

Card Type: American Express MasterCard Visa 

Exp. Date: 

Cardholder's Name: 

Cardholder's Signature: Date:
THE LEGAL DIRECTORY 2005
IS HERE! AND ONLINE!

The Legal Directory is the #1 source for information on attorneys and law firms in the Philadelphia region!

Need to:
• Locate a lawyer?
• Find the address of a law firm in the five-county area?
• Find a practitioner in more than 80 Areas of Concentration?
• Locate a mediation, arbitration or expert witness resource?
• Identify a contact at a local court or government agency?
• Find a product or service for your practice?

[NEW FOR 2005]
The Legal Directory's attorney and law firm listings are now also searchable online!

[IMPORTANT]
Only listings of attorneys and law firms are available online. Many other valuable features are exclusively in the printed directory:

• Information on judges, courts, ADR resources, government fees and law-related organizations, including the Philadelphia Bar Association
• A new resource section on corporate legal departments of Philadelphia’s largest companies
• The popular Product & Service Directory

ORDER ONLINE NOW @ www.thelegaldirectory.org

[YOUR BEST DEAL]
Combination package includes a copy of The Legal Directory 2005 and a year-long (April 1, 2005-March 31, 2006) subscription to The Legal Directory Online for just $91*. That’s a savings of 30%! Or purchase the printed directory for $70* each or the online subscription for $60 each.

*Plus Shipping & Handling/directory: $4.15 and Sales Tax/directory: $5.19 in Philadelphia and Allegheny County; $4.45 in other PA counties.
Notice to Philadelphia Bar Association Members

Pursuant to Section 1100 of the Philadelphia Bar Association Bylaws, notice is hereby given to all members of the Philadelphia Bar Association that the following amendments to the bylaws of the Philadelphia Bar Association were considered at the March 2, 2005 Board of Governors meeting and were approved for submission to the members at the April Quarterly meeting to take place on Monday, April 11, 2005 at noon at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown.

1. The following new Section 915 shall be inserted into the Bylaws:

Section 915. The State Civil Litigation Section
The State Civil Litigation Section shall promote the objectives of the Philadelphia Bar Association within the field of state civil litigation and, to that end, advance the development of the law and the further and continuing education of the Philadelphia bar within this field in all its branches; formulate and extend the study of this field of law; cooperate in attaining uniformity with respect to both legislation and administration in all matters within this field; cooperate with judicial, legislative and administrative bodies and other constituents of the organized bar to further these activities; suggest improvements in applicable laws, practices and procedures; and simplify and improve the application of justice in this field, all in conformity with the Charter and Bylaws of the Philadelphia Bar Association as at the time in effect.

2. Section 400 (A) shall be amended and restated as follows:

Section 400. Nominating Committee; Composition
(A) There shall be a Nominating Committee, which shall consist of the following:
(1) Chancellor, Chancellor-Elect and Vice Chancellor;
(2) the two immediate-past Chancellors;
(3) three members of the Board designated by the Board from among those elected pursuant to Section 500(A)(1)(c);
(4) one person designated by each Section or Division from among its Executive Committee members; and
(5) four Chairs of Standing Committees of the Association, one of whom shall be elected from each of the following groups by the Chairs of the Committees listed in that group subject to the provisions of Section 200(C):
(a) Strategic Planning, Labor and Employment Law, Legislative Liaison, Bar-News Media, Insurance;
(b) Judicial Independence, Charter and Bylaws, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Municipal Court, Federal Courts;
(c) Women in the Profession, Minorities in the Profession, Membership/Bar Admissions and Placement, Legal Rights of Lesbian and Gay Men;
(d) Fee Disputes, Professional Guidance, Professional Responsibility, Lawyer Referral and Information Service.

3. Section 602(B) shall be restated and amended as follows:

Section 602. Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention
30 persons, each of whom shall be entitled to vote, as follows:
(1) Ex officio Members: the Chancellor, the Chancellor-Elect; the Vice Chancellor; the district attorney of Philadelphia; the city solicitor of the City of Philadelphia; the chief defender of the Defender Association of Philadelphia; the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; either the chair or the executive director of Community Legal Services as designated by its Board; the chair of the Criminal Justice Section; the chair of the Young Lawyers Division; the chair of the Family Law Section; the chair of the Probate and Trust Section; the chair of the State Civil Litigation Section; the Chair of the Women’s Rights Committee; the Chair of the Municipal Court Committee; the president judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County; the president judge of the Philadelphia Municipal Court; the president of the Baristers’ Association of Philadelphia; the president of the Hispanic Bar Association of Pennsylvania; and the president of the Asian-American Bar Association of the Delaware Valley.

M. BURR KEIM COMPANY
SERVING THE LEGAL PROFESSION SINCE 1931
2021 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103
PHONE: (215) 563-8113
FAX: (215) 977-9366
WWW.MBURRKEIM.COM

INTEGRATION AND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FORMATION
CONVENIENT, COURTEOUS SAME DAY SERVICE
PREPARATION AND FILING SERVICES IN ALL STATES
CORPORATION OUTFITS AND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OUTFITS
SAME DAY SHIPMENT OF YOUR ORDER
CORPORATE STATUS REPORTS
UCC, LIEN AND JUDGMENT SEARCH SERVICES
DOCUMENT RETRIEVAL SERVICES

Join your Section’s or Committee’s List Serve to stay in touch and keep up to date on the latest Bar events. Visit www.philadelphiabar.org for more information.

Mock Trial

Mock Trial continued from page 10 across Pennsylvania in the state finals in Harrisburg on April 1 and 2.

For 25 years, the John S. Bradway Mock Trial Competition has pitted public, private and parochial school teams in a simulated trial setting in Philadelphia. The local program, sponsored cooperatively by Temple University Beasley School of Law and the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division, morphed into a statewide effort sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s YLD that is enjoying its 21st year. Mock trial teams are required to analyze a 40-page problem and prepare both sides of the case with two witnesses per side and at least three lawyers. Students must learn a modified version of the Federal Rules of Evidence that govern direct and cross examinations. This year’s case was created by a third-year law student Matt Sauerwald, a member of the Beasley Program, who was voted “Best Advocate” by the FLC. The prosecution team was headed by IFC sophomore attorney Monique Leslie who won the “Best Advocate” award for her team. In a surprising announcement that underscores the value of this program for expanding the horizons of young people, attorney James Beasley Jr. astonished the audience by providing a four-year scholarship to Temple University for Leslie. Beasley became involved in the local mock trial program last year when he and his late father provided educational materials and support to all Philadelphia teams in the competition.

While St. Joe’s Prep was on the defense side in winning the city finals, the team ironically is coached by plaintiffs’ lawyers Thomas J. Johnson and George Schoener. The team members include: Timothy Brogan, Michael Bradley, Brendan Curtin, Joseph McNelis, Brianson Powell, Thomas Quinn, Warren Raiz and Dan Schindle, who was voted “Best Advocate” by the judges for his spirited defense of Ske Pully’s right to sing “angry bitter music.” Raiz was awarded “Best Witness” for his portrayal of expert witness, Dr. D’Arcy Ace. IFC, which represented the facts as plaintiffs, is coached by several attorneys who normally represent defendants. Todd McCay serves as the head coach and is joined by attorneys Daniel Schaffzin, Kassem Lucas, Kate Traynor, Dana Blaney and Jennifer Herbst.

Notice to Philadelphia Bar Association Members
Career Corner

There’s More to Law Careers than Litigation

by James LaRosa and Gary Mintz

Question: I am a third-year commercial litigator at a mid-sized firm. I am very unhappy with my practice of law. The practice of law is not for me. I am considering leaving the law altogether. What other types of jobs are available for individuals with a law degree?

Answer: This is a fairly common situation. It seems as if at least once a week, we speak with an attorney who wants to either change practice areas or even leave the law entirely. While there are options, there are some things to consider before you decide to leave the practice of law.

Since you are only in your third year of practice, you may want to take a step back and evaluate specifically what it is about your job that is making you unhappy. Once you leave the practice of law, it will be very difficult to return. You should probably give the practice of law a little more time before you abandon it completely.

Have you considered that it might be litigation that you do not like? You may want to consider changing practice areas. Although it is not easy to change practice areas, it can be done. You may want to speak with some of the partners in your firm and discuss the possibility of switching practice areas.

Another possibility is that it may be the firm where you work that may be the problem. You may want to consider changing firms and see if that makes you any happier.

You may also want to consider leaving private practice and going into the public sector. Many unhappy private practice attorneys find a great deal of job satisfaction in the public sector. As a litigator, you may want to look into positions with the district attorney, the city or possibly the public defender. Although you will probably make less money, you may find that you are enjoying your work more.

If you have come to the conclusion that you definitely want to leave the practice of law, your academic and professional training will provide you with several options. The biggest issue you must address is compensation. While many lawyers feel that they are under compensated, especially in comparison to some of their friends in the business world or in sales, the truth is that for a great many of the career opportunities that may be available for lawyers, the compensation (at least initially) would be less than they are currently making.

If you can afford to take a step back in compensation, the door is open to many career options too numerous to mention here. The options truly depend on your financial needs and your professional goals.

Consider other opportunities within law firms or the law profession. Many firms today have marketing departments or roles in marketing, associate development, litigation management, pro bono and other similar unique opportunities.

Depending upon your qualifications, there are numerous options in the education field. Although finding a position as a professor with a law school is very difficult and you will need top qualifications, there are other options. Many attorneys have had success teaching undergraduate law classes at universities and/or community colleges. Teaching paralegal studies is also another option.

Many attorneys turn to journalism as a career option. There are numerous legal periodicals that need and hire attorneys both on a part-time and full-time basis.

Many attorneys also consider careers in sales. Many of the skills you utilize as a litigator are transferable to the sales field. This is particularly true if the product you are selling is a product that is used by legal professionals. The following is a list of books written for lawyers seeking options outside the traditional practice of law.


Full- and part-time law students in their second or third year of study during the 2004-05 academic year are invited to enter the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Pursuit of Justice Legal Writing Competition.

The award, which will be presented at the Bar Association’s October Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon, recognizes excellence in legal analysis and writing skills in a student enrolled in a Philadelphia-area law school. Essays will focus on any topic relating to rights, privileges and responsibilities under federal law.

The competition is open to students from one of the following five schools: University of Pennsylvania School of Law, Rutgers School of Law-Camden, Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law, Villanova University School of Law, and Widener University School of Law (Delaware Campus). Submissions may not have been published previously; although they may have been prepared in connection with a law school course and must not have been submitted for any other competition during the time when they are under consideration for this competition.

Diane Edelman, assistant dean for legal writing at Villanova University School of Law, and Kathleen D. Wilkinson, a partner with Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman, Dicker & Levy LLP, are co-chairs of the competition.

In addition to having his or her essay published in The Philadelphia Lawyer magazine and on the Bar Association’s Web site, a cash prize of $2,500 will be awarded to the winner.

A committee of attorneys, professors and judges will evaluate the submissions, considering the following criteria: originality and importance of topic; thoroughness of research; depth of analysis; organization of analysis, writing style; form, quality and placement of citations; and adherence to the rules of the competition.

If you have come to the conclusion that you definitively want to leave the practice of law, your academic and professional training will provide you with several options. The biggest issue you must address is compensation. Many attorneys also consider careers in sales. Many of the skills you utilize as a litigator are transferable to the sales field. This is particularly true if the product you are selling is a product that is used by legal professionals. The following is a list of books written for lawyers seeking options outside the traditional practice of law.

Biden also ran for president in 1988 but eventually withdrew from the race. He is considered a possible candidate for the Democratic nomination for president in 2008.

He is co-chair of the Senate NATO Observer Group, Senate National Security Working Group, Congressional Firemen’s Caucus, and Congressional International Anti-Piracy Caucus. He is vice chair of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. He is a member of the Senate Democratic Steering and Co-ordination Committee; Congressional Air Force Caucus, National Guard Caucus, Senate Auto Caucus, Senate Biotechnology Caucus and Congressional Port Security Caucus.

Tickets for the April Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon are $50 for members and $55 for non-members and are available online at www.philadelphiabar.org.

YLD UPDATE

continued from page 12

Mid-Size Firm Committee – meeting, 8 a.m., 11th floor Conference Center.

Commission on Judicial Section and Retention – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

Monday, April 18

Public Interest Section Executive Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

Young Lawyers Division Cabinet – meeting, noon, 10th floor Cabinet Room.

Tuesday, April 19

Board of Governors Cabinet – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

Wednesday, April 20

Workers’ Compensation Section Executive Committee – meeting, 10:30 a.m., 11th floor Committee Room.

Chancellor’s Forum – noon, 11th floor Conference Center.

Bar-News Media Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Committee Room South.

Federal Courts Committee – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

LegalLine – 5 p.m., 11th floor LRIS offices.

YLD Meet the Candidates Networking Event – 5:30 p.m., Public House, Two Logan Square, 18th and Arch Streets.

Thursday, April 21

Family Law Section Executive Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Committee Room South.

Professional Responsibility Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

Friday, April 22

Commission on Judicial Section and Retention – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

Monday, April 25

Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

Tuesday, April 26

Section Chairs meeting with Chancellor – meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Criminal Justice Section – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center: Lunch: $7.50.

Women in the Profession Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Wednesday, April 27

Medical Legal Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Committee on the Legal Rights of Persons with Disabilities – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.

Thursday, April 28

Lawyer Referral and Information Service Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Committee Room South.

Board of Governors – meeting, 4 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Friday, April 29

Commission on Judicial Section and Retention – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Note: While the following listings have been verified prior to press time, any scheduled event may be subject to change by the committee or section chairs.

Friday, April 1

Commission on Judicial Section and Retention – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

Monday, April 4

Family Law Section – meeting, 4 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Tuesday, April 5

Philadelphia Bar Foundation Board of Trustees – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

Wednesday, April 6

Delivery of Legal Services Committee – meeting, 10th floor Board Room.

State Civil Litigation Section – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center: Lunch: $7.50.

Thursday, April 7

Civil Rights Committee – meeting, 12:15 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee – meeting, 12:15 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.

Philadelphia Bar Reporter Editorial Board – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Cabinet Room.

Friday, April 8

Commission on Judicial Section and Retention – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

Women’s Rights Committee – meeting, 12:15 p.m., 10th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.

Philadelphia Lawyer magazine Editorial Board – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center.

Monday, April 11

Business Law Section Executive Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.


Tuesday, April 12

Criminal Justice Section Executive Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

Wednesday, April 13

Appellate Courts Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Solo and Small Firm Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center: Lunch: $7.50.

Legislative Liaison Committee – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.

Committee on the Legal Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.

Abbe F. Fleitman, a partner at WolfBlock, was honored at the 7th Annual “Women Making a Difference” luncheon on March 11 at the Philadelphia Hyatt Regency. Fleitman was honored because of her exceptional accomplishments and extraordinary personal and professional zeal as a woman leader in Philadelphia.

Susan L. Schulman, a partner with Weber Gallagher Simpson Stapleton Fires & Newby LLP, addressed the Pennsylvania Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession at its Midyear Conference in Philadelphia on March 4. The conference’s theme was “Lessons Learned Along the Pathways to Success: Pearls of Wisdom from Leaders of Our Profession.”

Robert G. Fyveling and Edward J. Hoffman, partners at Blank Rome LLP, recently met with more than 30 representatives from The Peoples Republic of China to brief them on procurement practices and trends in the United States. The Chinese delegation, led by Xu Xu, deputy director general of China’s Ministry of Commerce, consisted of representatives from several Chinese companies and ministries, who were on a two-week educational mission.

William H. Howard, a member of Cozen O’Connor, was a featured speaker at Mealey’s Third Annual Advanced Insurance Coverage Top 10 Issues Conference on Jan. 24 and 25 in Philadelphia.

Lawrence R. Cohan and Sol H. Weiss of Anapol Schwartz Weiss Cohan Feldman and Smalley, P.C., participated in the Pennsylvania Bar Institute program “What’s All the Hulabaloo About Pharmaceutical Litigation?” on Feb. 25. Cohan served as course planner and spoke at the seminar. Weiss also gave a presentation at the program.

Ronald Wiener, a partner with WolfBlock, recently served as a panelist on an American Bar Association teleconference “The New Circular 256: Regulations: What You Need to Know” on March 9 addressing important new IRS regulations that will dramatically change the manner in which lawyers and CPAs and enrolled agents provide advice about federal tax issues to clients and third parties.

Margery N. Iaconetti, a partner with Diane Morris LLP, has been elected a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy.

Jennifer A. Stiller, principal in the Law Offices of Jennifer A. Stiller, has been selected to serve in the inaugural class of fellows of the American Health Lawyers Association.

Joan C. Arnold and Neil Boyden Tanner of Pepper Hamilton LLP were speakers at “Going Private in a Public World,” a seminar held in New York City on March 11 and 12. The seminar was sponsored by the International Association of Young Lawyers with the support of the American Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division, the ABA’s Section of International Law, the New York State Bar Association’s International Section and the New York County Lawyers’ Association’s International Section.

Peter I. Frattarelli, a shareholder with Archer & Greiner, recently spoke on the practical aspects of employment law at a seminar attended by private and public sector managers and human resources representatives in Wilmington, Del.

Anthony P. Forte, a partner with Saul Ewing LLP, has recently been inducted into Lambda Alpha International, the honorary society for the advancement of land economics.

Michael D. Humans, a shareholder with FlasterGreenberg, discussed “How to Navigate the Maze of Employee Leave Laws,” during a Builders League of South Jersey breakfast seminar on March 25 in Cherry Hill, N.J.

Benjamin E. Leach, a shareholder with RainerPrestia, appeared on the television program “Law Journal” on Feb. 28 where he discussed patent infringement, protection and litigation.


Andrew C. Kassner, managing partner at Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, has been elected a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy.

Jay H. Ginsburg, principal in the Law Offices of Jay H. Ginsburg, P.C., recently received the Legion of Honor Award from The Chapel of the Four Chaplains for his service as chair of the Philadelphia Flag Day Association.

Abraham C. Reich, managing partner of Fox Rothschild LLP and former Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association, has been appointed to the Continuing Legal Education Board by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.


Kenneth E. Aaron, a partner at Weir & Partners LLP, has been appointed to a fifth three-year term as a member of the Lower Merion Township Zoning Hearing Board.


Thomas D. Sutton, a partner with Leventhal Sattman & Geursink, has been elected to a one-year term as President of the National Organization of Social Security Claimants’ Representatives.

---

Names Are News

“People” highlights news of members’ awards, honors or appointments of a civic or community nature. Information may be sent to Jeff Lyons, Managing Editor, Philadelphia Bar Reporter, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., 11th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19106-2911. Fax: (215) 266-1267. E-mail: reporter@philabar.org. Photos are also welcome.
LET'S SIP, NOT GUZZLE. Let’s leave the off-road vehicles off road. Let’s stop pretending we live in the jungle. Let’s stop intimidating each other. Let’s not use the size of our vehicle to compensate for other shortcomings. Let’s reclaim our garage space. Let’s be nimble. Let’s be quick. Let’s be honest. LET’S MOTOR.
Santos® Demoiselle Watch

Cartier

JAY ROBERTS JEWELERS
MARLTON, NJ
888-828-TIME