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**Bench-Bar Returns to Atlantic City**

by Daniel A. Cirucci

Chancellor Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua has announced that Atlantic City will welcome Philadelphia lawyers and judges once again when the Association convenes its 46th Bench-Bar Conference at the new Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa on Nov. 5 and 6, 2004. Bevilacqua appointed former Board of Governors Chair Jeffrey M. Lindy as chair of the conference. The Chancellor said that a preliminary Bench-Bar planning committee has continued on page 4.

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Shake hands with your audience. I thought of that old rule of oratory as I listened to a bright new crop of orators at two recent events. "Shake hands with your audience" is really the first rule of communication when you are up on your feet speaking to a group of people. Before you can do anything else, you've got to make a vital human link with your audience.

Often, that means you've got to make yourself vulnerable via a self-deprecating joke, revealing anecdote or personal revelation. You've got to put yourself out there.

Maybe that's why, when asked to give remarks in the first place, the first reaction of most people seems to be: How do I get out of it? It takes courage to get up there and gain and hold the attention of others for any length of time at all solely through the power of well-delivered phrases, sentences and ideas. It ain't easy.

In fact, even many very successful lawyers (not trial lawyers, of course) are petrified of public speaking.

But maybe we shouldn't worry too much about it. Because nowadays one might be tempted to conclude that public rhetoric is increasingly non-cool or downright quaint. But one would be wrong.

I know some young people who think it's very cool. And their passion and enthusiasm is contagious.

I wish you could have been with me as I watched high school students participate recently in the regional semifinals of the National Forensic League competition at LaSalle High School. These immensely bright and talented students debated a classic value proposition: Is society better served by the notion of the greatest good for the greatest number or by supremacy of the individual and the determination of individual values to meet individual needs and circumstances? It was sort of a collectivist vs. individualist debate with practical, philosophical, political and sociological implications. Called upon to judge the speakers and arguments on both sides of the question I found myself immensely impressed with the arguments and the oratory that I had witnessed.

Two nights later at the National Constitution Center I encountered a very similar situation as I observed the final round of the John S. Bradway Mock Trial Competition sponsored by Temple LEAP and our Young Lawyers Division. Lawyer and radio personality Michael Smerconish generously agreed to serve as judge for the mock trial and I'm sure he was as impressed as I was with the presentations of these extraordinary young people. Their ability to think on their own two feet and present their views convincingly was breathtaking. Once I left with a feeling of deep admiration not just for the students but also for the young lawyers who coached them.

All of the efforts dedicated to motivating young people to think, write and speak effectively are well spent.

I know this from experience because as a young person competition in forensics is where I learned not only to master the English language but also to think clearly and logically, to frame my arguments effectively, to speak persuasively and to gain so much confidence in my own abilities. This is how I developed an interest in the law and decided to become a lawyer. It would not have happened without the fine coaches and teachers who helped me along the way and inspired me. Plus, there was an added bonus: at the Liberty Bell High School Debate Tournament here in Philadelphia I met my future spouse.

And as they already noted, that's the logical beginning of a speech rather than the ending. So let me simply end by urging you to get involved with programs that help young people to learn, grow and find their way in the world. You will be enriched. And your hope in the future will be renewed and strengthened.

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This will be followed by "I Remember Brown," the recollections of Association members who remember the decision.

The Association is looking for lawyers old enough to remember the Brown decision and whose lives have been touched in one way or another by Brown. Many lawyers who are old enough to remember Brown were elementary school students at the time of the decision and in the years immediately following. Lawyers who have a story to tell about their own experiences with the Brown decision may be asked to participate in the program. By relaying their recollections and experiences with Brown, they may help make the Brown decision come alive for young people.

No matter how insignificant your experience may seem, we are interested in hearing about it. Lawyers interested in participating should e-mail their stories to diriucci@philabar.org or call Dan Cirucci at (215) 526-6540.

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Return of Bench-Bar Evokes Fond Memories

by Daniel A. Cirucci

"Bench-Bar Conference," you say. What's that? Since the last Bench-Bar Conference was seven years ago and the last conference in Atlantic City was in 1987, there are those who may wonder exactly what the Bench-Bar Conference is and how it came to be.

In fact, the conference has quite a fascinating history. The first Philadelphia Bar Association Bench-Bar Conference in October 1958 was a very informal affair. It was a half-day session that followed the Association's October Quarterly Meeting and it consisted of a brief and limited series of workshops attended by judges and lawyers at a Center City hotel. But Bar leaders were encouraged by then-Chancellor Walter E. Alessandroni of the annual Bench-Bar Conference expanded to a full-day program. About 125 lawyers and judges attended the 1959 program, which was the initial session and by September 1959, what had now become officially known as the annual Bench-Bar Conference.

Since 1997, though, we haven't had a full-fledged Bench-Bar Conference. Well, we can begin looking forward to this event once again because the 2004 Bench-Bar Conference at the Borgata will provide us with a great new experience. Since its opening last year, Borgata has quickly become an Atlantic City landmark and one of the most successful attractions of its type in the nation. Borgata features 2,002 guest rooms and suites, 11 destination restaurants, 11 retail boutiques, a 50,000-square-foot spa, 70,000 square feet of event space, 125,000 square feet of gaming and parking for 2,100 cars. Borgata also boasts a state-of-the-art business center and a distinctive, finely appointed meetings area that operates much like a separate conference center.

The $1 billion Borgata is the first hotel casino to be built in Atlantic City in 15 years. The initial impression of Borgata's elegant style is marked by the private hotel lobby displaying marble archways, dark wood furnishings and door panels, buttery yellow wall accents, and a dramatic crystal chandelier. The guest reception floor is an expanse of ochre and beige-colored marble, textured and eye-appealing elements is the dramatic wall of water, illuminated by a half-million-dollar lighting treatment. Quaint from Grenada, Spain, while a dramatic wall of water, illuminated by a half-million-dollar lighting treatment, provides a fun backdrop to the reception area. The mixture of rich, textured and eye-catching elements is carried out throughout the property.

Restaurants include Luke Palladino's refined Specchio, Ombra, Chef Palladino's trattoria and wine cellar, Susan by Susanna Foo, New York's legendary Old Homestead Steakhouse and MIIX, a hip, young eatery and nightclub. Borgata will offer special room rates for Bench-Bar attendees and registrants will be able to purchase the entire conference as a package. Registration, reservation and program details will be forthcoming.

For now, the planning committee is simply urging everyone to save the dates.
Entering a courtroom can be scary, even for a lawyer, let alone a litigant. Picture yourself going into a courtroom when the other side has a lawyer, and you're alone. Scary? You bet! That's exactly how it feels for someone facing an illegal eviction, or a predatory lender foreclosing on a poor family, which could make them homeless.

When a poor person has a lawyer standing next to him or her in the courtroom, that person is empowered. It's an incredible feeling. How do we know? We've asked, and the answer is uniformly the same.

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Now, depending on who you are, $100 can mean a lot of different things. It can mean two nosebleed seats for the 76ers, or a small coffee once a week for a year at your local coffeehouse. The truth is, you probably won't have to choose between the Sixers game or membership in the Bar Foundation. Join your colleagues and me and become a member of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation.

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Become a member of the Bar Foundation. No other contribution supports the broad Philadelphia public interest community, or touches as many lives as a donation to the Bar Foundation. Do you remember when you first became a lawyer? Remember that desire to be a success and to make a difference? Becoming a member of the Bar Foundation shows that you still believe in making a difference.

So, what's $100 mean? It depends on who you are, and who you ask. We know Donna's answer. $100 changed her life. Can we count on you?

Edward F. Chacker, a partner with Gay, Chacker & Mittin, P.C., is president of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation.
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Group’s Goal: More Women at the Polls

by Jeff Lyons

A little more than half of single women voters went to the polls in the 2000 presidential election. That’s a figure that WomenVote PA wants to change.

Barbara Burgos DiTullio, lead organizer for WomenVote PA, met with members of the Women’s Rights Committee on March 12 to come up with ways to get more single women to come out to vote.

In every state but Pennsylvania, women are more likely to vote than men, DiTullio said. “Pennsylvania is in the bottom third of states when it comes to political involvement for women. People think we’re more progressive here because we’re in the Northeast. But we’re really not,” she said. Nearly 61 percent of voters cast ballots in the last presidential election she said, but just 32 percent of voters in non-presidential elections.

“We have elections every year, but we’re allowing one-third of the population to make our decisions and set the agenda,” she said.

DiTullio said single women have voting rates well below those of married women. Why don’t more single women vote? DiTullio says the answer isn’t very clear. “They don’t believe their vote matters. These are college-educated women (18 to 24 years old) we’re talking about. I think a lot of it has to do with the transition from childhood to adulthood. There are all kinds of new responsibilities for these women. Maybe they think it’s too much aggravation,” she said.

DiTullio also said there’s a high number of elderly women who don’t vote in Philadelphia.

“Baby Boomers learned civics in elementary school. Voting was taught back then. I’m not sure if that’s the case now,” she said. A lot of college students, she said, don’t know they can vote using absentee ballots.

“We started WomenVote PA to change this. We’re trying to register new voters and educate them. We try to connect the issues with voting,” she explained, adding that WomenVote PA is a non-partisan organization with the ultimate goal of creating a progressive agenda in Pennsylvania. “Progressive doesn’t always mean liberal,” she said.

“We need to motivate people about the issues and let them know their vote counts,” added Judy F. Berkman, chair of the Women’s Rights Committee.

Effective Motion Practice

U.S. District Court Judge Mary A. McLaughlin led a discussion on effective motion practice at the March 17 meeting of the Federal Courts Committee. Pictured from left are U.S. District Court Judge Eduardo C. Robreno, Committee Vice Chair Abbe F. Fletman, Committee Chair Rudolph Garcia, Judge McLaughlin, and U.S. District Court Judges Anita B. Brody and Jan E. DuBois, who also participated in the discussion.
Bar Leaders Welcome Women Judges

Philadelphia Common Pleas Court Judge Carolyn Engel Ternin, president of the National Association of Women Judges, gathers with (from left) Bar Association Chancellor-Elect Andrew A. Chiris, Board of Governors Chair Ronald A. Kovier and Vice Chancellor Alan M. Feldman at a reception sponsored by the Women in the Profession Committee on March 19 at the Pyramid Club. The NAWJ held its Mid-Year Meeting in Philadelphia March 19 through March 21.

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16th Annual Conference at Howard Johnson’s Hotel (which later became Caesar’s Hotel-Casino) featured, among other sessions, an up-to-the-minute report on “The Impact of the Women’s Rights Movement on the Practice of Law — The ERA and Beyond.”

In 1978, registrants were able to bike down the Boardwalk from their headquarters at the Deauville Hotel and get a glimpse of Atlantic City’s first hotel-casino — Resorts International.

The 1979 conference achieved two important “firsts” — the first Bench-Bar Conference held at one of the new hotel-casinos (Caesars) and the first themed conference (“Vista 21”). The 21st Annual Bench-Bar Conference main panel discussion that year dared to look ahead to the 21st century and prophetically focused on terrorism. It was followed by a luncheon featuring NBC News foreign affairs correspondent Richard Valeriani. It was the “best attended conference ever” but that boast soon became an annual refrain.

In 1980, the conference moved to a famous address — Bally’s Park Place Hotel-Casino at Park Place and the Boardwalk. Appropriately, the theme inspired by the “Monopoly” gameboard focused on “New Assets.” The conference continued to use Bally’s as its headquarters hotel through 1997 but it also expanded to provide accommodations for registrants at the nearby Sands Hotel and The Claridge Hotel.

From a modest beginning the conference grew nearly ten-fold and became one of the largest and most diversified law-related conferences of its type on the East Coast. During much of the 1980s, the conference routinely attracted more than 1,000 registrants and guests and featured nearly 20 specialized panels and workshops extending over a four-day period. Big-name speakers, top-name entertainment and a major exhibition of law-related services and equipment added a show-biz element to the conference. In essence, the event became the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Annual Convention. In the middle of it all, the conference’s Friday night cocktail reception attained a near-legendary status as the one place to find a veritable “who’s who” of the Philadelphia legal community.

By 1988, however, Atlantic City hotel-casinos were not as eager to host large weekend conferences as they had been in previous years. A shift in marketing strategies meant that nearly all of the weekend hotel rooms would be committed to “high rollers.” At the same time, Bar leaders felt that maybe the time had come to move the conference.

In 1988 and 1989 the conference opted for a dramatic departure by meeting in the shadow of the U.S. Capitol at the new Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, D.C. The change in venue lent an aura of power to the event and attracted some of the nation’s top leaders including former U.S. Sen. Robert Dole and former Congressmen Newt Gingrich and Congresswoman Richard Gephardt. Entertainment included the United States Marine Band.

In 1990 the conference moved to Baltimore’s Inner Harbor and then returned home to Philadelphia in 1991 under the theme “Homecoming.” The end of the runaway prosperity of the 1980s and the conference’s move from one site to another seemed to produce a decline in attendance. A third important factor was the debut of mandatory continuing legal education in 1992. As the conference returned to Washington in 1992, registrants faced a set of new compliance standards and regulations. Some of the informality seemed to fade as participants prepared to attend more structured conference sessions that now carried CLE credits. For the Bench-Bar Conference it was “back to school.” Although conference attendance was temporarily up somewhat, conference-goers missed the opportunity to move from one workshop to another and “graze” over a whole menu of programs and topics.

In 1995 the Bench-Bar Conference opened the new Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia. Except for a brief return to Baltimore in 1995, the conference remained at the Convention Center through 1996. The last official Bench-Bar Conference was held in 1997 at Eagle Lodge (now the Ace Center) in nearby Lafayette Hill. The conference had come full circle — retuming to its hometown roots but grappling with the problem of “drop-in” attendees and a loss of continuity and sustained atmosphere.

The curtain may have temporarily fallen on the Bench-Bar but the good feeling about the conference remained. Those who attended the Atlantic City conferences reminisced fondly about the free exchange of ideas, valuable learning, relaxed atmosphere and camaraderie of the Bench-Bar. Those who didn’t attend wondered what they had missed.

Since 1987, the addition of many more hotel rooms in Atlantic City opened the door to the possibility that the Association might be able to bring the conference back to the shore. The opening of the spectacular new Borgata Hotel Casino and Spa led to discussions centered on a new type of Bench-Bar Conference: smaller and briefer but back at the shore once again and nonetheless informal and enjoyable.
The Family Law Section has been discussing several important proposed changes in the law. First, the Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee is planning to recommend that the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania amend the state’s Support Guidelines, and has solicited comments from all interested persons concerning these recommendations to be submitted by May 7. The recommendations result from a review of the guidelines every four years, as mandated by federal and state law. The changes are sweeping and would substantially affect the calculation of child and spousal support, if adopted. The changes include increasing application of the guidelines for combined net incomes of up to $20,000 per month (from $15,000 net per month), reducing the amount of support as currently calculated under the guidelines for combined net incomes of $4,000 per month and greater, and providing for a shared custody adjustment where the obligor has partial custody for four or more days per year. The Support and Alimony Committee held a special meeting on March 1 to discuss the proposed changes. Patricia Miles, counsel to the Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee, was invited to attend that meeting. The Support and Alimony Committee is in the process of preparing comments to be submitted to the Domestic Relations Procedural Rules Committee, once approved by the section and the Board of Governors. The section is also considering proposed legislation pending in the Pennsylvania House and the Senate to abolish common law marriage. The section has appointed a committee to meet and review the legislation and report back to the section. Initial reaction to the proposed legislation has been mixed. Although a slight majority of members who responded to the committee were in favor of abolishing common law marriage, a majority of members who responded were opposed to the language contained in the pending legislation. The committee is currently monitoring the progress of the bills but, given the present lack of consensus, no resolution is contemplated at this time. The section is also monitoring Senate Bill 95, which would amend the Divorce Code to, among other things, codify and expand on the existing law with respect to premarital agreements. Senate Bill 95 sets forth the circumstances under which a premarital agreement can be challenged and states that a premarital agreement executed within 60 days of the date of the wedding is void. The proposed legislation would also allow for equitable distribution where one party dies during the course of divorce proceedings provided that grounds for divorce have been established, clarify the methods for valuing non-marital property and retirement plans, and expressly allow interim partial distribution of marital property. The bill has passed the state Senate and is expected to be introduced in the House shortly. The Divorce and Equitable Distribution Committee is studying the bill and will be making recommendations to the section as to whether any action should be taken. The section has established a new Committee on the Rights of Unmarried Cohabitants to review cases and legislation at the local, state and national levels that affect the rights of unmarried cohabitants, including trends in domestic partnership and same-sex marriage. The Committee also plans to explore ways to better protect the rights of unmarried cohabitants in Pennsylvania through legislation and policy initiatives. The section is working closely with the Family Court to exchange information and to strive to improve the delivery of justice. Family Court Administrative Judge Myrna Fried recently addressed the Executive Committee and appealed for section members to acquire the necessary training so as to increase the number of attorneys available for assignments in dependency cases. This appeal will be relayed to the section as a whole at the April 12 meeting. Judge Idee C. Fox, supervising judge of the Domestic Relations Division of Family Court, frequently attends the meetings and advises the section about developments in the court. Kevin M. Dougherty, supervising judge of the Juvenile Division of the Family Court, will be invited to address the section at an upcoming meeting about developments in delinquency and dependency proceedings. The section also continues to work with Family Court to foster open access for litigants. The section has established a Consumer Education Committee, which is working with the court to develop pamphlets and videos in order to educate the public about how to file petitions for protection from abuse, child custody and support, and how those types of matters are handled by the court system. The section’s committees are working to keep members abreast of developments in the law. The committees, including Adoption, Custody, Dependency, Divorce and Equitable Distribution, Domestic Violence, Support and Alimony, and Rights of Unmarried Cohabitants, present “hot tips” presentations, highlighting important cases or pending legislation in each of these practice areas, at the monthly section meetings.

Carolyn M. Zack, of counsel at Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, is chair of the Family Law Section.
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Calling All Cyclists: July Bike-a-Thon Awaits

by Mark A. Taraszewicz

For the first time, the Philadelphia Bar Association is teaming up with the American Cancer Society to sponsor a Philadelphia Bar Association team for the ACS's 2004 Bike-a-Thon, to be held on Sunday, July 11.

Members of the Philadelphia legal community can register for the event online through the ACS’s Bike-a-Thon Web site at www.acsbike.org. Registration is also available at www.philadelphiabar.org and through registration forms at Bar headquarters.

Individuals who register on behalf of their law firm or legal department are invited to also join the Philadelphia Bar Association team by selecting both teams on their registration form.

The ACS Bike-a-Thon is a 65-mile ride from the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia to Lenape Park in Mays Landing, N.J. Through the generous support of cyclists, sponsors and volunteers, last year’s event raised more than $185,000 in the fight against cancer. The fund-raising goal for 2004 is $1 million.

Center in Philadelphia to Lenape Park is a chance to enjoy a terrific non-competitive outing and fight cancer at the same time. The cost to register is $100 if the registration form is postmarked by June 10; after June 10 the registration is $125. Same-day registration is $150. The event is held rain or shine.

In recognition of their hard work and support of the ACS’s Bike-a-Thon riders receive awards for reaching certain fund-raising goals.

Riders can take a breather, replenish their water supply and grab snacks at four well-stocked rest areas along the route. Support crews patrol the route and rest stops, offering everything from tire replacement to medical/ambulato-

ry services.

At the endpoint in Lenape Park, riders can enjoy a refreshing shower and feast on a BBQ that is free to all riders. Family and friends can meet riders at the endpoint and enjoy refreshments and rides. Refreshments are available to guests at a minimal fee.

Lenape Park offers free overnight parking for the designated areas the day before the race for participants who wish to drop off their vehicle early. Return transportation is available for riders and their bicycles back to the start point.

A kick-off event will be held on Saturday, June 5 at Campbell’s Field in Camden, when the Camden River-

sharks play the Somerset Patriots. Bike-a-Thon riders who pre-register for the July 11 event will be invited to attend the ballgame for free.

For more information about the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Bike-a-Thon Team, contact Bike-a-Thon Committee Co-Chair Jeffrey Absam-

owitz at (215) 568-4900 or Co-Chair Stephen T. Saltz at (215) 496-0282.

Save May 16 for 25th Annual Charity Run

Runners of all abilities are invited to join walkers, their friends, colleagues and family members for the Philadelphia Bar Association’s 25th Annual Charity Run on Sunday, May 16. Proceeds from the race will benefit the Support Center for Child Advocates and the American Diabetes Association.

For the third straight year, the event will consist of a 5k run (3.1 miles) and also will include walkers. Both the race and walk begin at 8:30 a.m. on West River Drive adjacent to the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Last year’s event raised more than $30,000. The event has raised more than $1 million since it start-

ed for the two charities.

If you have run this race, you have probably noticed that there are volunteers that help you from the time you get to the site of the race. In addition, water, nutritional drinks and snacks are also provid-

ed at the end of the race for the participants.

This is the time to start training if you have never run in the event. The race is just 5 kilometers (3.1 miles) and just about anyone can do it if they start jogging easily at least one month before the race. Even if you can’t run the entire race, there are many people who will be out there walking with you. It’s a great opportunity to meet others in the legal community as well as benefiting a good cause.

 Entry Form/Fees

To RUN Individual: $18 if postmarked by May 12, 2004, and in person May 13-14, 2004; $25 per day of event.

5k Run/Philadelphia Bar Association Members: $30 if postmarked by May 12, 2004, and in person May 13-14, 2004; $50 per day of event.

5k Walk Individual: $15.

5k Walk Family: $60 (5 immediate members of same family).

Make Checks Payable: American Elitists Association

Return Application and Entry Fee to: Runners’ Advocate

Philadelphia Bar Association

2001 City Club Drive

Drexelton, PA 19101

Registration also available on-line until May 14, 2004 at: www.acsbike.org

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Entry Form

Don also discussed the most recent rule changes that are to take effect this year, including those relating to motion practice and equity practice.

The State Civil Committee also discussed at the meeting a proposed rule resolution seeking to change Rule of Civil Procedure 1042A concerning certificates of merit in professional liability actions to address the situation of judgments being entered without notice and without any means to open any judgment entered for failing to comply with Rule 1042A. As discussed, the proposed change is to provide a 10-day notice provision (similar to that for default judgments) and a pro-

cedure to move to open any judgment as well.

Members of the Medical-Legal Committee also attended the meeting to express their support of the proposed resolu-

tion. After discussion, it was decided that, in general, the State Civil Committee support-

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Visit www.acsbike.org or www.philadelphiabar.org to register for the American Cancer Society Bike-a-Thon.

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YLD Annual Meeting

News Anchors: Put Cameras in Courtrooms

by Heather J. Holloway

The presence of television cameras in the courtroom could change the outcome of trials for the better, while allowing lawyers to show their "star potential!" CBS 3 Eyewitness News anchor Larry Mendte told members of the Young Lawyers Division at their Annual Meeting on March 8.

Using the recent Martha Stewart verdict as the backdrop for his message, Mendte said that, like many others, he initially found humor in jokes about Stewart making aesthetic improvements to the prisons. In retrospect, Mendte lamented that he did not take the trial more seriously. He was joined at the YLD Annual Meeting by CBS 3 anchor Alycia Lane, who also spoke.

Mendte questioned whether observers realized that Stewart was not convicted of insider trading but rather of obstruction of justice and "lying" about her actions. He also speculated about the factors that may have lead to the guilty verdict. "Was Stewart convicted because of her celebrity status or because she is female or because she is friendly with several high-powered Democrats during a period of a Republican administration?" he asked. Regardless of the basis for conviction, the length of jail time served by Stewart, Mendte expressed concern that the penalty will be paid by Stewart's employees, who will be unemployed if her businesses begin to fold.

Mendte also disputed the validity of the poor reputation that lawyers seem to share, suggesting that the problem is one of public relations. Expressing his concern that Stewart received bad legal advice when she was instructed not to testify, Mendte said that Stewart would likely have testified in order to protect her public image had cameras been in the courtroom. Mendte said that Stewart's downfall ironically came when she spoke with investigators in the early stage of the investigation in an effort to protect her celebrity image.

Lane offered those in attendance food for thought on the issue of the court of public opinion. She acknowledged the battle between the freedom of press and a fair trial.

Lane said deadlines placed on reporters often result in unbalanced articles. For example, she said it is difficult to fairly report on a trial in which a prosecutor speaks freely, providing useful sound bites, while the defense counsel remains silent, saving his defense for the courtroom. Without additional investigation, a reporter may produce a seemingly biased report based heavily on the comments of the prosecution, resulting in a quick conviction in the court of public opinion.

Such reporting also risks irreparable harm to the litigants, Lane said, such that it is likely to be the case as a result of the reporting of the trial of Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant and his alleged victim. According to Lane, the media bears the burden of properly managing the reports of the information received.

Mendte closed quoting Oliver Wendell Holmes: "We should be able to witness for ourselves, justice."

Heather J. Holloway, an associate at Rawle & Henderson LLP, is a member of the Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee.

Young Lawyers Urged to Connect to Community

by Asima Panigrahi

Attorneys often feel a great disconnect with respect to the community as a whole. And that isolation is exacerbated by the fact that the legal community spans a great generational range. Young Lawyers Division Chair Kim R. Jessum has a solution.

"Get connected!" Jessum told YLD members in attendance at the Division's Annual Meeting, held March 8 at The Westin Philadelphia. "Get connected!" is the mantra that she hopes the YLD will continue to operate under in the coming year. Jessum encouraged attendees to accomplish the goal of getting connected to the YLD by remaining informed through sources such as the YLD list serve; participating in events such as the happy hours and by generally interacting with others in the community.

Another way to get connected, through the YLD, such as the new Wills for Heroes program that will facilitate estate planning for local firefighters, police officers and emergency medical technicians. Through these various avenues offered by the YLD, attorneys can broaden their contacts and advance their skills while simultaneously giving back to the community. Furthermore, by bringing new ideas to the table, the YLD can help keep the Philadelphia Bar Association revitalized.

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Civility Makes Work Easier, More Pleasant

by Kim R. Jessum

Most of us have heard the proverb, “Try your best to treat others as you would wish to be treated.” We often hear of civility as applied to attorneys, but it goes much farther than that. Although most of us know this proverb, it is shocking to see numerous people in the legal profession who treat others, including associates, opposing counsel, secretaries and other staff, with absolutely no respect. Since most people involved in the legal profession are hard workers and often stressed because of the extraordinary demands placed upon them, the last thing they need is someone scolding them in front of coworkers, embarrass- ing them in front of a judge or a superior, or making them feel inferior.

During my career, I have personally witnessed partners treating associates and staff with a lack of respect by shouting at them in view of others, blaming them and then not allowing them to explain themselves for a sup- posed mistake, and making unrealistic demands. Our secretary was told by her boss that because of a typographi- cal error she made, she was a “typo idiot.”

These competent associates and staff can only be unhappy in this situation and usually look for employment else- where. For example, the secretary who complained of opposing attorneys who file frivolous motions, make ridiculous demands, and include personal attacks in court filings and appearances. These actions in no way help the clients, but only lead to hostility and resentment toward attorneys. In one case, after a reasonable offer was declined because plaintiff’s counsel thought he could get more money byashing the defen- dant’s attorney and the defendant, plaintiff’s counsel ended up with nothing and dismissal of the case because of his intolerable behavior and unreasonable demands.

According to the Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary, 10th Ed., civility is defined as a polite act or expression. The values of civility are situated within the core of the legal profession since they are embedded in the rule of law. Civility is instrumental in maintaining our profession and advancing our pro- fession’s goals. As a consequence, we must take personal responsibility to conduct ourselves accordingly. The Pennsylvania Code of Civility states that “the conduct of lawyers and judges should be characterized at all times by professional integrity and personal courtesy in the fullest sense of those terms. Integrity and courtesy are indispensable to the practice of law and the orderly administration of jus- tice by our courts. Uncivil or obstructive conduct impedes the fundamental goal of resolving disputes in a rational, peaceful and efficient manner.”

To instruct us in our objective to be civil, Stephen L. Carter’s book, Civility: Manners, Manners, and the Etiquette of Demo- cracy, offers guidelines for us to be civil to one another. These guidelines include:

- Our duty to be civil toward others does not depend on whether we like someone or not.
- Civility requires that we practice respect for strangers, as well as people we know.
- Civility assumes that we will disagree; it requires us not to mask our differences but to resolve them respectfully.

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• Civility requires that we learn to listen to others with knowledge of the possibili- ty that they are right and we are wrong (yes, sometimes lawyers are wrong).
- Civility requires that we express ourselves in ways that demonstrate our respect for others.
- Civility allows criticism of others, and sometimes even requires it, but the criticism should be courteous.

These guidelines are straightforward and easily followed. For the sake of the legal profession and society’s percep- tion of the profession, I encourage all attorneys to be civil to one another and the people with whom they work. It makes for a more pleasant working environment and a more satisfying career.

Kim R. Jessum, patent counsel at Rohn and Haas, is chair of the Young Lawyers Division.

YLD Spring Gala

at Loews April 17

The Young Lawyers Division of the Philadelphia Bar Association is set to host its inaugural Spring Gala on Saturday, April 17 at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel.

With the theme “Celebrate Carnival,” the night will be filled with Latin and South American cuisine, live music and dancing, and brightly colored decorations, as a little bit of Rio is brought to Philadelphia.

This black-tie optional event promises to be the highlight of the YLD social calendar. Tickets are currently available at $85 per per- son for members of the YLD and their guests, and $115 per person for non-mem- bers and their guests. Ticket prices include a sit-down dinner, open bar and live music. All members of the Bar are encouraged to attend.

Visit www.philadelphiabar.org for tickets.
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Tickets are $50 for members and $55 for non-members and can be ordered online at www.philadelphiabar.org or by using the coupon below.

"Justice Scalia is a true gentleman and a scholar, always mindful of the old adage that one can disagree without being disagreeable," said Association Chancellor Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua. "In my mind, he personifies the ideals of professionalism and collegiality. I can’t think of a better exemplar for this new annual award.”

Joseph Y. Del Re and William M. Janssen are co-chairs of the Scalia Award Committee. Justice Scalia, a Trenton, N.J., native, is a graduate of Georgetown University (summa cum laude in 1970) and the University of Fribourg in Switzerland. He received his LL.B. from Harvard Law School and was a Sheldon Fellow of Harvard University from 1966 to 1969. He served as an editor of the Harvard Law Review.

Justice Scalia was in private practice in Cleveland from 1961 to 1967. He left private practice in 1967 to become a Professor of Law at the University of Virginia from 1967 to 1971. In 1971, Justice Scalia left Virginia to serve in a variety of federal government posts: general counsel, Office of Telecommunications Policy, Executive Office of the President (1971 to 1972); chairman, Administrative Conference of the United States (1972 to 1974); and assistant attorney general, Office of Legal Counsel, U.S. Department of Justice (1974 to 1977). Justice Scalia return- ed to teaching in 1977 as professor of law at the University of Chicago, leav- ing for a year to serve as a visiting pro- fessor at Stanford University (1980 to 1981).

Justice Scalia was appointed to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Wash- ington, D.C., by President Ronald Rea- gan in 1982. When Chief Justice Warren Burger retired in 1986, President Reagan named Justice William Rehnquist as Burger’s successor and appointed Jus- tice Scalia to succeed Rehnquist. Confirmed unanimously by the Senate, Justice Scalia became the first Italian-American to sit on the Supreme Court on Sept. 26, 1986.

Please make ___ reservations for the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon. Tickets are $50 for members and $55 for non-members. Checks should be made payable to the Philadelphia Bar Association.

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Judges for this year’s competition are Professor Doretta Masardò McGinnis, Widener University School of Law; Judge Anita B. Brody, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; Judge Abraham Gafni, formerly of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas; Professor Elizabeth Hillman, Rutgers University School of Law (Camden); Professor Catherine Lamott, Villanova University School of Law; Professor Robin Nilon, Temple University Beasley School of Law; Professor Kermit Roosevelt, University of Pennsylvania School of Law; Thomas G. Wilkinson, partner at Cozen O’Connor; and Nancy Winkelman, partner at Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP.

Submissions must be postmarked by no later than 12 a.m., April 30, 2004. For a complete list of rules and regulations for the Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg Pursuit of Justice Legal Writing Competition, call Diane Edelman at (610) 519-7047 or Kathleen D. Wilkinson at (215) 627-6900.

Support Center Mural Unveiled

The Support Center for Child Advocates unveiled the Children’s Playroom mural by local artist Gabriel Tiberino and the Philadelphia Mural Arts Program at a reception on March 31 at the Support Center, 1900 Cherry St. The Support Center for Child Advocates has been conducting a $2.5 million capital campaign for the purchase and renovation of 1900 Cherry St. and celebrated the dual accomplishments of surpassing the $2 million mark in the campaign and the dedication of a beautiful work of art in the agency’s new home. For more information about the Support Center for Child Advocates, visit www.advokid.org or contact Louise Pangborn at (215) 925-1913, extension 125.
This Season's Hottest Ticket is for Baseball

by Jeff Lyons

The first thing you notice is the grass – lush, green, natural grass. The stuff that'll make you sneeze when allergy season hits.

And then you realize you're not surrounded by concrete, like during the days of much-maligned Veterans Stadium. This is Citizens Bank Park, the new baseball-only home of the Philadelphia Phillies after all. Think of it as the anti-Vet.

You can see the Center City skyline from the infield and watch the game as you walk along the concourse. You can actually keep track of what's going on down on the field while you go up for a hot dog and a beer.

And then there's the intimacy factor. There are only 43,500 seats in the new ballpark, compared with more than 60,000 at the Vet. And they're closer to the field and angled to face the action. You can actually see what's going on. And since there are only 43,500 seats and the Phillies are widely considered to be a legitimate playoff contender, tickets to Phillies games this summer are going to be hard come by.

Opening Day (Monday, April 12 against the Cincinnati Reds) has been sold out for weeks. A lottery was held so owners of partial-season ticket plans could fight for the right to attend. A number of games have already been sold out. But there are some seats available.

Bar Association Night at the Phillies will be held Wednesday, June 30 when the Phis take on the Montreal Expos at 7:05 p.m. Just fill out and clip the coupon on the next page for tickets.

The Phillies are also bringing back the的现象 of the 1920s when residents of North 20th Street built bleacher seats on top of their roofs. The seats are located on top of the buildings along Ashburn Alley. Phillies officials said they wanted to make the new ballpark more intimate than Veterans Stadium and bring fans closer to the action. Officials believe ticket sales could rival Cleveland's Jacobs Field, which sold out games for the first seven years of its existence.

One of the most striking features about the new ballpark is the Liberty Bell Home Run Extravaganza. Towering 100 feet above street level, the Liberty Bell rings after every Phillies home run. The bell and clapper sway from side-to-side independently, with neon edges light and pulsate and a ring that can be heard throughout the park. The 35-foot by 50-foot Liberty Bell is located in right-center field.

Phillies officials conceded in March that the ballpark might not be completely finished once the games begin in April.

“We're hesitant to say what's not going to be ready because we do not know yet,” Larry Shenk, the Phillies’ vice president for public relations, said in a published report. “But some things may not be ready”

If portions of the park are not complete by the opening exhibition games on April 5 and 4, they may be cordoned off or otherwise closed to fans, Shenk said.

The team expects to set up portable concession stands in anticipation that all permanent food locations in the park may not be ready.

Regardless of what remains to be finished, Citizens Bank Park promises to be a first-class experience for fans and players alike.
proposed rule changes. Accordingly, a resolution will be prepared and submitted to the Board of Governors for consideration.

Finally, following up on matters discussed earlier in the year, the committee also reviewed the report on the initial meeting of the Discovery Subcommittee formed to help propose solutions to issues for Discovery Court. The initial meeting was held on Feb. 4 and was well-attended by a cross-section of the bar and many of the members of the court who are team leaders for civil cases. The subcommittee discussed two of the main problems at Discovery Court: the amount of time spent in Discovery Court; and the small amount of time the court has to address complex, substantive issues given the volume of discovery disputes.

At the initial meeting, it was decided that several members of the subcommittee would participate in a focus group of the National Committee for State Courts that assists the court in discussing issues and potential solutions. The focus group was to meet in March. The discussion also addressed the current system of two lists in Discovery Court and many members of the bar expressed gratitude for the new system.

Finally, the committee also discussed the proposed Civil Litigation Section, including the task force charged with determining the desirability and feasibility of such a section. At the present time, it is contemplated that the State Civil Committee, the Compulsory Arbitration Committee, the Medical-Legal Committee and the Municipal Courts Committee would be part of the proposed new section. As any new section would require changes in the bylaws, efforts are being made to expedite the issue in order to bring the matter before the Association as soon as possible.

Greg W. Mackuse, Kathleen Wilkinson and Robert Szostak are co-chairs of the State Civil Committee.

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Philly's vs. Eagles June 30, 2004 @ 7:05 pm

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Ticket types: Arcade, Terrace Deck, Pavilion Deck

** Special Welcome for all Law Firms on auxiliary message boards**
Career Corner

“Test” Interviews Can Be Risky Proposition

by James LaRosa and Gary Mintz

Questions: If you are happy in your present job, should you go on interviews to test your marketability?

Answer: If you’re truly happy with your present position, and have absolutely no intention of switching jobs, we would advise against going on interviews to simply “test your marketability.” There are many pitfalls that can occur by interviewing, the worst of which is your present employer finding out that you are interviewing.

Additionally, by interviewing for a position you have no intention of taking, you are wasting the valuable time of the firm you are interviewing with and you risk alienating the attorneys who have taken their valuable time to meet with you. Although not true in all circumstances, when an attorney interviews with a firm, and that firm makes a fair offer that is rejected because the attorney wants to stay at his or her current firm, the interviewing firm often feels that they were used merely for leverage, or to test marketability. Even though you presently have no interest in an opportunity with that firm, you risk being offered a second or even a third interview. This is all very good if you have no interest in the opportunity, interviewing can use up valuable time—off that may affect your ability to handle your current workload, especially if you are very busy. Being out of the office for second and third interviews can also raise suspicions. Again, these are risks that you will take if you truly are looking for a new position, but they may not be risks you should take if you have no intention of making a move.

If you’re curious about your marketability, you can always speak with your colleagues, and search the Web for information (law.com and americanbar.org are good places to find links to additional information). Finally, speak with a legal recruiter for advice about your marketability.

Questions: What if the reason you want to leave your current firm is because of a specific person (you feel abused, harassed or disrespected)? How do you answer the interview question without sounding like you are “bad-mouthing” your employer?

Answer: This is a tricky situation that obviously needs to be dealt with very carefully.

Many times, the firm and/or individual in question have reputations as being a very difficult place/person for which to work. If that’s the case, there’s a good chance the firm with which you are interviewing is aware of this reputation. It’s then a little easier to explain the particular difficulties you are having.

As always, interview questions can be tricky and the best responses are delivered in a matter-of-fact manner. If, however, this particular situation is not “common knowledge,” it does create a more difficult situation. The standard interview rule is to never “badmouth” your present employer. If you feel you can explain the situation in a professional manner without sounding like a “disgruntled employee” and the situation is such that most reasonable people would understand your situation, it may be a good idea to explain your reasons for leaving. Of course you want to describe the situation in a professional manner. Never use expletives in describing your boss or firm. Try to discuss specific examples of situations that you felt were inappropriate. When describing these situations, remain calm and don’t get upset or angry. Explain them in a matter-of-fact manner. When discussing the negative events that are causing you to leave, try to point out some of the firm/partner’s positive attributes. This will show you are a diplomatic person who does more than complain and find the negatives in every situation.

Questions: If you’re thinking of switching practice areas, how do you get an informational interview or learn more about a new practice area?

Answer: Switching practice areas is difficult but not impossible. One of the best ways to learn about a new practice group is by networking. Try talking to friends and coworkers that are practicing in the type of area in which you are interested. Let them know you are interested in transitioning your practice. Since they practice in that area, they are more familiar with the skills you’ll need to make the transition. They’ll also have a better grasp of what is happening in that particular practice area and may know of firms that are looking to expand.

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The 2004 Pennsylvania Legal Services Excellence Awards Dinner was held on March 10 in Harrisburg. Pictured from left are honorees Susan E. Sherman of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court; and Carl “Tobey” Cohlin III of Drexel University.

Community Legal Services Annual Breakfast April 27

Congressman Chaka Fattah will be among the honorees when Community Legal Services holds its annual Breakfast of Champions on Tuesday, April 27 at 8 a.m. at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets.

CLS will also honor David J. Wolfson and Peter H. LeVan Jr. from Hanley Aronchick Segal & Padlin; Seth F. Kreimer from the University of Pennsylvania Law School; CLS attorney, Amy Hirsch and CLS paralegal Beverly Williams; and Gene E.K. Patter of Daane Morris LLP; a nominee to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Admission to the event is free. The event is sponsored by the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association. To RSVP contact James Elrod at (215) 981-3732 or jelrod@clsphila.org.

CLS acknowledges its 2003 Bar Campaign. Contributions of $35,000 — the largest campaign contribution of any attorney.

Hall of Fame, contributing $200 or more listed in bold are members of the CLS Board of Directors.

Volunteers Needed

Citizenship Project

by Sunah Park

Lawyers and law students will gather for the Fifth Annual N-400 Citizenship Project on Saturday, April 10, to help individuals become American citizens. The project (named after the application form for citizenship) has helped more than 600 people with their citizenship applications since 1999.

This pro bono project was begun in 1999 by a few Korean-American attorneys and led to the formation of the Korean-American Lawyers Association. Kevin Kim, who has spearheaded the project, expects to have more than 200 applicants this year.

With the event becoming more established every year, fundraising for the project has grown as well. In 1999, the funds for the project came from individual lawyers’ wallets. In subsequent years, the project became self-funding. This year is no exception. Donations from two primary sponsors, Willow Grove Bank and TRA Insurance Agency will ensure that volunteers for the 2004 N-400 project will be well fed.

As with any pro bono project, how-

ever, volunteers are the most critical component to a successful event. So far, the project has attracted more than 15 law students from the local law schools, including Temple, Villanova, Rutgers and the University of Pennsylvania. Additionally, lawyers from the Asian American Bar Association of the Delaware Valley (co-sponsor of the project) are expected to assist in the application process.

Interpreters will be on the site to assist volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering for this project should contact Kim at kkevinimesquire@yahoo.com.

The 2004 N-400 Citizenship Project is being held at the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce Office Building at 6625 Castor Ave. Volunteers are asked to come at 1 p.m. for a training lunch (sushi boxed lunches and hoagies will be donated). Interviews will begin at 3 p.m. and the doors will close at 8 p.m. There will be a volunteer appreciation dinner and appreciation plaque presentation to the local law schools at the conclusion of the project.
**Cabinet Greetings**

Chancellor Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua greets U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao at the Institute for Corean-American Studies Liberty Luncheon at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue on March 19. Bevilacqua introduced Chao, who received the ICAS Liberty Award.

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**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.

- **Thursday, April 1**
  - Environmental Law Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.
  - Civil Rights Committee – meeting, 12:15 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.
  - Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee – meeting, 12:15 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.
  - Philadelphia Bar Reporter Editorial Board – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Cabinet Room.

- **Friday, April 2**
  - Women’s Rights Committee – meeting, 12:15 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.
  - Law School Outreach – 2 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center.

- **Monday, April 5**
  - Public Interest Section Executive Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.
  - Family Law Section – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

- **Tuesday, April 6**
  - Philadelphia Bar Foundation Board of Trustees – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.
  - Wednesday, April 7
    - Delivery of Legal Services Committee – meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.
    - State Civil Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

- **Thursday, April 8**
  - Legislative Liaison Committee – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room. Lunch: $7.50.
  - Committee on the Legal Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room.

- **Friday, April 9**
  - Good Friday – Bar Association offices closed.

- **Tuesday, April 13**
  - Criminal Justice Section Executive Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.
  -Solo and Small Firm Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

- **Wednesday, April 14**
  - Section Chairs meeting with Chancellor – 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.
  - Medical Legal Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Room. Lunch: $7.50.

- **Thursday, April 15**
  - Family Law Section Executive Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Cabinet Room South.

- **Women in the Profession Committee** – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

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**Quick Bites**

**You Can Dine Like a Star Without Hollywood Bill**

by Heather J. Holloway

Thanks to Hollywood, many non-lawyers have a misconceived perception that all attorneys lead luxurious lives with brief court appearances and plenty of time and money to dine at fancy restaurants on a daily basis.

But how many times has your only nourishment been a 65-cent candy bar that you were lucky to grab and swallow while writing that brief that you started yesterday and that is due today? Don’t sacrifice a good meal because you have little money and less time for dining. Consider happy hours for sustenance. Several Center City eateries offer quick and affordable options at reduced prices.

You’ve probably had the Maggiano’s experience during lunch or dinner on those not-so-busy days. Did you know that Maggiano’s offers $1 happy hour appetizers each weekday, from 4:30 until 6 p.m.? Fresh bruschetta, stuffed mushrooms, calamari and many other selections are available. The drinks remain full price but you’re going back to work anyway.

At McCormick & Schmick’s, (1 S. Broad St.) choose your selection from

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**Friday, April 16**

- **Social Security and Disability Benefits Committee** – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.
- **Philadelphia Lawyer magazine Editorial Board** – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

**Saturday, April 17**


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- **Business Law Section Executive Committee** – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.
- **Tuesday, April 20**
  - Board of Governors Cabinet – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.
  - Elder Law Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Committee Room South.

**Wednesday, April 21**

- **Workers’ Compensation Section Executive Committee** – meeting, 10:30 a.m., 11th floor Committee Room.
- **Workers’ Compensation Section** – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.
- **Federal Courts Committee** – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.
- **Racial and Gender Bias Committee** – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room.
- **LegalLine** – 5 p.m., 11th floor LRIS Offices.

**Thursday, April 22**

- **Philadelphia Bar Foundation Finance Committee** – meeting, 8:30 a.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.
- **Lawyer Referral and Information Service Committee** – meeting, noon, 11th floor Committee Room.

**Friday, April 23**

- **Business Law Section Human Resources Committee** – meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.

**Tuesday, April 27**

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

**Wednesday, April 28**

- **Minorities in the Profession Committee** – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.
- **Committee on the Legal Rights of Persons with Disabilities** – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

**Thursday, April 29**


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

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price promptly at 6 p.m.
Continuing westward through the city, drop underground and visit the Centre Square Bar and Grill (1300 Market St., concourse level), which offers food and drink specials from 3 until 6 p.m. on weekdays. Expect to take $2 off of the cost of any appetizer selection. If you can extend your evening, Centre Square offers a live DJ and entertainment from 5 until 7 p.m. on Thursdays and Salsa and Latin lessons if you need extra stress release.

Far south of Centre Square is Brasserie Prenier, located at 1619 Walnut St. Brasserie is most notable because of the least expensive – yes, free – appetizers, that are offered during the Friday happy hour which begins at 5 p.m. While the appetizers are pre-selected and served butter style, they are nonetheless quite tasty. You will not be disappointed.

There are several other establishments throughout the city that offer great deals. After all, I haven’t even gotten as far as 17th Street. For those of you feeling trapped in the office, starve.

Theodore J. Halikias, an associate at216

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some great information about the practice areas in which you are interested, and attorneys who are in that field.

Another option, especially for attorneys working at large firms, is to ask if you can help by working on some discrete projects for the particular practice group in which you are interested. We understand that in many large firms it is very hard to do that because of your workload and the fact that supervising partners often don’t want to “share” the associates working on their matters. There are firms and partners, however, that will try to accommodate such a request. You really will never know until you ask, and you will probably have to ask more than once.

Offers the biggest issue relating to switching practice areas is that changing practice areas may require a pay cut sometimes substantial and giving up some years of seniority on the partnership track. This causes many attorneys to stay where they are.

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April 1 International Business Transactions: Representing Buyers, Sellers and Joint Venture Partners The CLE Conference Center
April 2 Support Practice Update 2004 • The CLE Conference Center
April 7 Qualifying and Using Mental Health Professionals • The CLE Conference Center Civil Litigation Series — Motor Vehicle Law • The CLE Conference Center
April 8 Effective Legal Negotiations • The CLE Conference Center Mutual Funds & Investment Advisors in Crisis — The SEC Response • The CLE Conference Center
April 10 How the Uniform Planned Community Act Really Works • The CLE Conference Center Dying with Dignity — The Legal and Ethical Myths & Realities of End of Life Care • The CLE Conference Center
April 12 Legal Writing Techniques for Winning Arguments • The CLE Conference Center Business Divorce — Making Up or Going to Divorce? • The CLE Conference Center
April 14 & 15 35th Annual Northeast Regional Employment Law Institute • Pennsylvania Convention Center
April 15 Murray on Contracts: Radical Changes in Contract Law • The CLE Conference Center Winning Zoning Cases in Philadelphia • The CLE Conference Center Civil Litigation Series — Products Liability Update • The CLE Conference Center
April 16 Internet Law Update 2004 • The CLE Conference Center Litigating the Legal Malpractice Case • The CLE Conference Center
April 19 Identity Theft • The CLE Conference Center
April 20 Appellate Practice & Procedure in Pennsylvania Courts • The CLE Conference Center Student Discipline: Issues for School Boards, Education, Parents & Children • The CLE Conference Center
Civil Litigation Series — Recent Legislation & Cases in Professional Malpractice • The CLE Conference Center
April 22 The Nuts and Bolts of the Medical Malpractice Case • The CLE Conference Center Practical Problems with Common Law Marriages after Kretz • The CLE Conference Center
Civil Litigation Series — Ethical Issues in Litigation Practice • The CLE Conference Center
April 23 Seventh Annual Federal Securities Law Forum • The CLE Conference Center Winning Numbers: Accounting & Finance for Lawyers • The CLE Conference Center
April 26 Best of CLE Videos (choose from) • The CLE Conference Center
April 27 Fifth Annual Insurance Institute • The CLE Conference Center
Civil Litigation Series — Developments in PA Civil Procedure • The CLE Conference Center
Risk Management’s Perspective on Serious DUI & Homicide by Vehicle • Philadelphia Bar Association
April 28 Taking & Defending Depositions • The CLE Conference Center
Representing the Incapacitated Person: Guardianships in PA • The CLE Conference Center
April 29 Gay Marriage: Trends in the Law • The CLE Conference Center
Representing the Asset Purchaser in Chapter 11 • The CLE Conference Center
Civil Litigation Series — Practical Evidence • The CLE Conference Center
April 30 Ethics Potpourri (choose from): Mentorship, PBA Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility Committee Update; Has Day-to-Day Multi-Jurisdictional Practice Really Become Any Easier? HIPAA & Ethics; Depositions: Ethical Considerations; Mirage — Revisited • The CLE Conference Center
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**Judge Ida K. Chen** of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas has been elected treasurer of the Samuel S. Fels Fund.

**Judge John M. Young** of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas was a recent participant in the National Judicial College program “When Justice Fails: Threats to the Independent Judiciary” in St. Petersburg, Fla.

**Jerome J. Shestack**, a partner with Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen LLP, has been appointed Chairman of the American Bar Association’s Center for Human Rights.

**Jay Barry Harris**, a senior partner with Fineman Kerekstein & Harris, P.C., recently addressed colleagues on “Insurance Coverage and the Economic Loss Doctrine” at a New York City symposium sponsored by the Defense Research Institute.

**Arthur R. Block**, senior vice president, general counsel, and secretary of Comcast Corporation, has been named Vice Chairman – Law School of Media Arts.

**Diana C. Liu**, a partner with Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen LLP, has been elected a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

**Benjamin E. Zuckermandl**, a member of Cozen O’Connor, has been appointed an adjunct professor of law at Temple University’s Beasley School of Law.

**Mark E. Levy**, a partner with Saul Ewing LLP, has been selected to the board of the Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program.

**Stephen S. Aichele**, managing partner of Saul Ewing LLP, has been appointed to the Board of Governors of Main Line Health, an integrated health care system serving Philadelphia and its suburbs in Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery counties.

**Stephen A. Sheller**, founder and managing partner of Sheller Ludwig & Baden, has been named Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Cape May School of Media Arts.

**Arline Jolles Lotman**, a sole practitioner, was recently appointed by Chief Judge James T. Giles of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania to serve on the Court’s Merit Selection Panel for the reappointment of a magistrate judge, 2001-2004.


**Barey A. Stein** and **Martin L. Faigus**, partners with Caesar, Rivine, Bernstein, Cohen & Pokotilov, were co-pane lawyers and presenters for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s CLE course “Intellectual Property Issues in Business Transactions.”

**Jeffrey G. Greenfield**, a partner with Klein, Harrison, Harvey, Brandburg & Ellers LLP, was a speaker at the recent Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. Executive Forum Series “The Current State of the Capital Markets.”

**Glenn P. Callahan**, a partner in the law firm of Kecky and Callahan PCB, has been named Vice Chairman – University Relations of the Cape May School of Media Arts.

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