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To the Shore for a Cure

Bike-a-Thon Committee Co-Chair Jeffrey Abramowitz (left, above) and Association Secretary John E. Savoth take a breather during the American Cancer Society’s Bike-a-Thon on July 10. More than 150 people rode for the Philadelphia Bar Association’s team, raising more than $77,000 to help fight cancer.

Bar Association team riders Carl Thompson and Marnie Greenberg (above) and Sam Silver (right), prepare to resume their journeys. Hundreds of riders participated in the 62.5-mile ride from Philadelphia to Mays Landing, N.J.

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Bar, IVC Expand Global Connections Into Iraq

by Andrew A. Chirls

If you’ve ever seen the famous photo of Earth taken from space, you are reminded of how small our world really is. Since the advent of the space age, our planet has shrunk further and we seem even more dependent on one another. As lawyers we have a keen understanding of the interdependency that lies at the core of our own democracy and system of laws. But we must go beyond that, recognizing that we cannot isolate ourselves from the broader world and acknowledging that we must learn from others and share with them.

Nearly all of our Supreme Court justices have relied on foreign legal developments to guide them in interpreting our own Constitution. None has ever said that other countries’ laws are controlling, and I am sorry that our courts are under unfair attack for keeping their eyes open to how other countries view developing concepts of law and process and individual freedom. Our legal system is the envy of most of the rest of the world, and we ought to keep it that way. We can do that most effectively if we consider evolving concepts of law and legal administration in the rest of the world.

This year the Philadelphia Bar Association has made a special effort to expand global connections and reach out to people and cultures from all over the world. Our encounters with our sister city bar association in Lyon, France, have made it easier for trade, culture and government leaders from the Lyon region and Pennsylvania to meet and make progress that adds to our economic growth. We have traded notes with members of the Polish Supreme Court on management of large caseloads. And our outreach to the Polish immigrant community has received favorable media coverage as far away as Warsaw.

Similarly, I have spoken with Chinese lawyers and judges about the developments to guide them in interpreting their eyes open to how other countries view legal developments. I have spoken with members of the Polish Supreme Court about how they handle their large caseloads. And our outreach to culture and government leaders from culture and government leaders from our sister city bar association in Lyon, France, have made it easier for trade, culture and government leaders from the Lyon region and Pennsylvania to meet and make progress that adds to our economic growth. We have traded notes with members of the Polish Supreme Court on management of large caseloads. And our outreach to the Polish immigrant community has received favorable media coverage as far away as Warsaw.

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Section Spotlight: Real Property

Three Nonprofits Get Gift of Internships

by Jeff Lyons

The Real Property Section’s Executive Committee has voted to streamline the Section’s Internship Program by awarding $6,000 to each of three public interest organizations: Community Legal Services, Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program and Regional Housing Legal Services.

Susan Kupersmith, chair of the Section, said the money is to be used to fund one or several “real property interns” to work on real property-related matters either during the summer or during the academic year. She said each organization can decide how to structure the internship hiring in a way that maximizes the value of these funds for the particular organization.

She added that she hopes the Section’s Executive Committee will be able to continue to award the funds on an annual basis. “Initially, the program was started to have the Real Property Section funding interns doing real estate related work. It appeared to be successful and was helpful to those organizations. This year, we decided that since we had a budget surplus, we’d make a more significant contribution,” Kupersmith said.

She said the interns report back to the Section to “tell us about the work they’ve done and give us feedback. The input has been helpful and the interns have been very appreciative.”

Translation Program

The Section also has completed implementation of a translation program in Philadelphia Municipal Court in regard to landlord-tenant matters. Key forms and signs are now available in Spanish. “We’re talking about doing the same thing for Asian languages and Russian as well,” Kupersmith said, adding that the program is part of Chancellor Andrew A. Chirls’ focus on the city’s immigrant population.

L & I Update

Kupersmith said the input of the entire Section was used to compile a 10-point itemization of areas that the city’s Department of Licenses and Inspection needs to improve upon. “We’re offering suggestions for improvement as well as ways to implement the changes,” Kupersmith said, adding that the Section will contact the department so the proposal can be put into effect.

Zoning Update

The Section also is drafting a resolution that calls for streamlining the development review process with the city’s Zoning Board of Adjustment. Once completed, the resolution will be presented to the Association’s Board of Governors for approval.

Annual Meeting Nov. 17

And finally, the Section is making plans for its Thursday, Nov. 17 annual meeting at Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market St. The Section presents its annual Good Deed Award at the event and Kupersmith said nominations are now being accepted. The deadline for receipt of nominations is Sept. 17. Award nominees must be individuals presently or formerly in private practice, public service, corporate, government, judicial, and/or academic work; or people who have contributed in a meaningful way to the practice of real property law. A donation will be made to the Philadelphia Bar Foundation in the honoree’s name.

To nominate someone for the award, please send his or her name and a supporting statement to Susan Kupersmith, Esq., Sirlin Gallogly & Lesser, PC, 1529 Walnut St., Suite 600, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

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Chancellor Andrew A. Chirls met with Lord Hoffmann, a judge on England’s highest court, during the “Lawsuits and Liberty” conference at the National Constitution Center on June 27. Sponsored by the nonpartisan legal reform coalition Common Good, the event brought together judges and legal scholars to discuss civil justice in the United States and the role of judges, juries and legislatures in our society. Lord Hoffmann was the keynote speaker at the conference’s opening session.

Julia H. Haines, (from left) chair of the Public Interest Section, is joined by Leonard A. Bernstein; Sara Woods, Law School Outreach Committee chair; Dana Levin, director of legal recruiting at Reed Smith LLP; Marilyn Heffley; Ann Murray, associate director for Public Service & Government Careers at the University of Pennsylvania Law School; and Cindy Rosenthal, Public Interest Section secretary at the Annual Public Interest Reception held on July 14 to celebrate the accomplishments of law students working in public service. This annual event was hosted by Reed Smith LLP and sponsored by the Public Interest Section and Law School Outreach Committee.

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In Their Own Words

New Features to Offer Other Points of View

by Molly Peckman

As editor-in-chief of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter, I've fought the urge to overhaul the newspaper - including a move to an entirely online publication.

But the paper is meant for you, our editorial board surveyed readers and in response, this month we inaugurate two new features. Many Bar Reporter readers relish the veracious and salacious restaurant reviews of Max (sometimes Skinny D., sometimes Fatty R.) Bockol while others are keen to (and a few occasionally miffed by) Marc Reuben's guides to the voracious and salacious restaurant reviews of Max (sometimes Skinny D., sometimes Fatty R.) Bockol while others are keen to (and a few occasionally miffed by) Marc Reuben's guides to the

The two new features - "According To..." and this column, "In Their Own Words," respond to suggestions to hear from more members. In "According To...," each month we pose a question to three random people who work in the law and we'll print their answers and photographs. Please help keep it fresh with suggestions for questions to ask. Check out Page 7 for our first "According To...", where we ask, "What's your favorite place for a romantic rendezvous?" (A question heavily influenced by a few of our single associate editors).

In this space, we'll feature a guest columnist each month. I've taken editor's prerogative with this first column to share the news behind the headlines of the Bar Reporter.

If there is someone from whom you'd like to hear please e-mail your suggestions to reporter@philabar.org.

Young Lawyers Urged to Get Involved

by Jeff Lyons

Attorneys entering the job market after law school should pick the job that's best for them at that moment, a panel of veteran lawyers told more than 100 law students and new attorneys.

The July 12 panel discussion, organized by the Association's Young Lawyers Division and the Membership Committee, included Mark Anderson, an assistant U.S. Attorney, Wendy Beetstone, a partner at Hangley Aronchick Segal & Pudlin, Cheryl A. Krause, a partner at Hangley Aronchick Segal & Pudlin; and Gerald J. Pappert, a partner at Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP and former Pennsylvania attorney general.

"We all started where you are now," Pappert recalled. "I put myself in a position where opportunities could arise and I took advantage of them. You don't always end up where you think you will. Pick whatever job is best for you right now.

Pappert and the other panelists also urged the audience to get involved in activities beyond their jobs. "Make the most of where you are. "You come across so many people in so many different contexts," Krause said. "This is a profession where you can do so many amazing things. Your practice and your work need to be fun. You've got to keep the bigger picture in mind. You don't grow professionally by working with the door to your office closed and not making contacts."

Krause, who worked at a big firm in New York City as well as the U.S. Attorney's Office there, found herself "Wherever you are, you have to ask yourself what can I learn?" I've learned something at every job that's helped me at the next level," he said.

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Change Views About Lawyers One at a Time

by Stacey Z. Jumper

The most effective way to change the public’s negative perception of attorneys is to do it at an individual level. A panel of media experts recently told members of the Bar-News Media Committee. Panels included Porus Cooper, business reporter for The Philadelphia Inquirer; Hank Grezlak, associate publisher and editor-in-chief of The Legal Intelligencer; Anita M. Lewis, communications and public relations liaison for state Sen. Vincent Hughes; Joshua M. Peck, senior media relations manager for the Philadelphia office of Duane Morris, LLP; and Steve Rosen, president of Star Rosen Public Relations.

They gathered on June 29 to address the issue of the negative image of lawyers. "If people meet a nice lawyer, they walk away with a good impression," said Grezlak. Rosen agreed, saying "on an individual basis, lawyers can make a huge difference. To be real and human would be incredibly powerful." Lewis suggested that lawyers take the time to educate the public on the legal profession and their area of legal expertise. She cited a study done by the University of Missouri that shows that most people do not trust lawyers. "People will be most willing to give lawyers a chance if they bring something to the table or to learn from." Examples of this are offering to speak on a certain subject or writing an article on an area of law, she said. The panelists noted, however, that lawyers’ motives must be genuine when they undertake this type of task. While the importance of lawyers portraying themselves as kind, emotional people in their day-to-day lives was clear, the panel questioned how this will change the image of lawyers for the public at large, who may not have the opportunity to cross paths with a lawyer. Cooper said that he generally wants to write stories about heroes, like a man who is unfairly sitting on death row. Grezlak said that one way to get positive publicity is to pitch stories about cases with human elements that will draw in readers. And when pitching a story, keep it simple, and don’t “talk fancy.”

How did lawyers come to get this reputation? This vision may stem from the way the media portrays attorneys, focusing on the daily drama of highly publicized cases that are reminiscent of an episode of “Days of Our Lives.” For example, in the cases of O.J. Simpson and Michael Jackson, some media placed a spin on these matters that may have made the public believe that justice was not served, and that highly paid attorneys crafted arguments that permitted guilty men to walk free. Likewise, in the multi-million dollar litigation against the tobacco companies, the public might perceive that these companies have been slapped on the wrist, forced only to produce a couple of commercials, while still permitted to manufacture their product at an extremely profitable rate — again, because of the astute arguments presented by a group of highly paid attorneys.

The consensus was that in order to change the perceptions of lawyers, each one of us must make a concerted effort in our everyday lives. Thus, whether you are meeting with clients, other lawyers, or the person giving you a morning cup of coffee, be genuine and treat people with respect. Said Grezlak: "If you yourself treat people well, if you are fair, honest, attentive and responsive, it will pay off and someone will have a good impression of lawyers.”

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U.S. District Court Judges William H. Yohn Jr. (left) and R. Barclay Surrick discuss effective oral arguments with members of the Federal Courts Committee at the Committee’s July 20 meeting. The judges offered some observations on oral arguments and then took questions from Committee members.

Judges Offer Tips on Advocacy

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Pro Bono Corner

VIP Gains Acquittal for Innocent Woman

by Richard H. Maurer

Joyce was accused of hitting the plaintiffs with her car. She pled guilty to DUI, spending two days in jail because the plaintiffs said they were hurt. Plaintiffs now had counsel and arbitration was four weeks away. Philadelphia VIP needed an immediate defense. Instead of admitting liability and trying damages, we said the accident never happened—and won.

Joyce was candid. She admitted having a few drinks on a Saturday afternoon. But the only reason she drove was to help her daughter, Benita, who was trapped on a porch in West Philadelphia by the plaintiffs and a crowd of their friends. Joyce explained that the plaintiffs were angry with Benita because of a disagreement at a party the night before. When Joyce saw her daughter cornered by a mob, she got her car and drove back to the scene. Waiting at the curb, Joyce was punched in the face by the plaintiff’s son. She still has the scar to prove it.

Bleeding, Joyce drove to a police station and led two officers back to the scene without any driving problems. The crowd scattered when police arrived, but while securing the area, the officers noticed that Joyce smelled of whiskey. They arrested Joyce for DUI and took her to Mercy Hospital. Not for a blood-alcohol test, but for medical treatment. According to Joyce and two witnesses, she was the only person hit that day.

At arbitration, plaintiffs testified they were having a “polite conversation” with Benita on the sidewalk, about why she had hit the plaintiffs’ brother with a beer bottle the night before. When Benita crossed Walnut Street to get away, plaintiffs and their friends followed her into the roadway. At that point, said plaintiffs, Joyce angrily put her car in reverse, knocked them down and left the scene of the accident.

The panel was unfazed by the plaintiffs standing in a state highway and chasing after Benita when they were supposedly hit, and awarded substantial money damages. Joyce was worried about an open judgment. A levy on personal property, especially if Joyce bought another car, seemed likely. Reassuring Joyce that we were in the case for good, I appealed.

Trial by jury was completely different from arbitration. Joyce gave a dignified and credible description of the incident. She also explained that not only had she successfully completed probation, she recently got her license back and was starting a new job at the Philadelphia International Airport. Benita gave emotional testimony, asking plaintiffs why they wouldn’t just leave her alone that day. We also read the arbitration testimony of an eyewitness, who said it never happened, into the record. By closing argument, plaintiffs’ counsel was apologizing for their actions. After two hours of deliberations, the jury returned a unanimous verdict in Joyce’s favor.

At a time when jury trials are rare, and defense verdicts in Philadelphia rarer still, I am grateful to Philadelphia VIP for providing an opportunity to achieve both. The truth, unlikely and inconvenient, was Joyce’s best defense.

Richard H. Maurer is an associate at White and Williams, LLP.
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by Jeff Lyons

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“We are certain that this year’s conference will offer a wide variety of CLE and therefore attract a broad cross section of members. The courses are thoughtful and thought-provoking and feature top speakers in their respective practice areas,” said Conference Co-Chair Sayde J. Ladov. “I hope that members will consider bringing their families and significant others to the conference to enjoy the amenities of the Tropicana,” she said.

The programs feature a mix of judges, practitioners and scholars with expertise in their fields. There are 36 different seminars from which to choose. “The Bench-Bar Conference is one of the few opportunities to meet informally with the judiciary to exchange ideas as to how our excellent court system can be made even better,” said Conference Co-Chair Mitchell L. Bach. “I have personally seen how attorneys and judges working together can collaborate to make revolutionary changes in our courts. We hope that you will join us to strengthen the bond between the bench and the bar, to participate in some excellent CLE and to enjoy a great time,” he said.

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The 10,000-square-foot spa has 15 private rooms offering a wide variety of therapeutic treatments, some of which were specifically designed for the Tropicana’s location. These include “The Havana,” which begins with a bath of sweet orange and lemon oils, an exfoliating brown sugar body scrub, and a massage with lemon shea butter to enrich and soften the skin. Also featured is “The Far East,” a Japanese-inspired treatment that begins with a detoxifying, softening “sake bath” for cell renewal and circulation enhancement, followed by a cool shower, a green tea and sea-sake bath” for cell renewal and circulation enhancement, followed by a cool shower, a green tea and sea-salt scrub. These include “The Havana,” which begins with a bath of sweet orange and lemon oils, an exfoliating brown sugar body scrub, and a massage with lemon shea butter to enrich and soften the skin. Also included is “The Far East,” a Japanese-inspired treatment that begins with a detoxifying, softening “sake bath” for cell renewal and circulation enhancement, followed by a cool shower, a green tea and sea-salt scrub.

The Bluemercury® spa also offers its signature oxygen facials, therapeutic couples massage and a nail bar that guests may reserve for private manicure and pedicure parties. Recognized by the likes of Vogue, InStyle, US Weekly, and Oprah magazine among many others as being the best at marrying innovative treatments and products with elegant design, the ultra-cool Bluemercury® spa brings the nation’s hottest spa concept to The Quarter. The adjoining Bluemercury® apothecary offers the largest selection of unique, innovative and highly coveted cosmetic and skin care products in Atlantic City. The apothecary’s selection includes Kiehl’s, Molton Brown, Fresh, Laura Mercier, NARS, Trish McEvoy, Acqua di Parma, Creed and more.

Bluemercury is open daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Advance reservations for spa services are recommended. Visit www.tropicana.net/spa for a full menu of services. For information or reservations, call 609-347-7778.

Sherré R. Savetti and Robin Locke Nagle will be the panelists for the 9:30 a.m. program, “Updates of the Implementation of the New Class Action Law.”

Family Law Section Chair Milton S. Savage Jr. is the course planner for the 9:30 a.m. program, “Mediation Issues in Family Law: The Status of Grandparents’ Rights and the Effect of Same-Sex Marriage on Pennsylvania Law and Policy.” Margaret Klaw is the moderator for the program. Common Pleas Judge Robert J. Matthews and Mark Momjian are the panelists for the grandparents’ rights portion of the program, while Momjian, Stacey Sobel and Helen Casale are the panelists on the same-sex marriage topic.

Workers’ Compensation Bureau Judge Mark Harrison, Matthew S. Wynn, W. Michael Melbrey and Ronald A. Kolver are the panelists for the 9:30 a.m. program, “Workers’ Compensation Updates, Hot Tips and Subrogation: Do’s and Don’ts.” Judge C. Darnell Jones, Randolph Garcia, Howard D. Scher and James DeCrescenzo will be the panelists for “Effective Technology for Commercial Trials: Bring Your Case to Life and Show the Jury Your Perspective” at 9:30 a.m.

Following a short break, the 11 a.m. programs include “Mediation and other ADR Advocacy in the Commerce Case Program: Paradigm Shift forLitigators” with panelists Gregory W. Mathews, Common Pleas Court Judge Howard Abramson, and Prof. Harold I. Abramson of Touro Law School. Shira J. Goodman is the course planner and moderator for the 11 a.m. program, “What Every Lawyer Needs to Know About Juries.” Panelists include Sidney Hey, Hope S. Freiwald, Nadine Overton and Common Pleas Court Judge Annette Rizzo.

Milton S. Savage Jr. and Meredith Brennan are the course planners for “Family Law Updates on Divorce: Equitable Distribution, Support and Custody” at 11 a.m. Panelists include Karen E. Zetz, David I. Grunfeld, Carol E. Cardonick, Elaine Smith and David J. Sternman. Joseph E. Roman and David Shechtman are the panelists for “Tax Consequences of Settlements, Judgments and Payments of Attorney Fees” at 11 a.m.

The Bench-Bar Conference ends with a Closing Luncheon at 12:15 p.m. addressing “Do the Business in Philadelphia?” The panelists are Paul Levy, executive director of the Center City District, and Meryl Levine, president and CEO of the Greater Philadelphia Tourism Marketing Corporation.
Conference Offers Young Lawyers Way to Become Involved

by Natalie Klyashtorny

One of the advantages of Bar Association involvement is the opportunity to get to know and build relationships with members of our bench. Building those relationships is one of the best investments of a young lawyer's precious time. A couple of months ago, I participated on a panel at my alma mater, Temple University Beasley School of Law, with a Court of Common Pleas judge whom I had not previously met. Afterwards, I offered her a ride to her home in Center City. Now every time we see each other, she knows me and recalls that simple act of kindness. Interacting like that go a long way toward building harmonious and friendly relationships between lawyers and the judges that they appear in front of or will appear in front of in the future.

As chair of the Young Lawyers Division, I have gotten the opportunity to meet numerous judges. That opportunity will be available to all young lawyers on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 at the 2005 Bench-Bar Conference at the Tropicana in Atlantic City. Having attended the Conference myself last year, I can vouch that it is the best single-opportunity for young attorneys to meet and network with members of our state trial and appellate judiciary. The highlight of the Bench-Bar Conference will be Friday night’s Grand Reception, where you will get a chance to mingle not only with the judges that many of you appear before, but also with senior attorneys and leaders of the bar. I have no doubt that you will reap the rewards of the opportunity to make yourselves known to these judges and more experienced lawyers for many years to come.

In addition to the networking aspects of the Bench-Bar Conference, you also will have the opportunity to earn as many as 6.5 credits of CLE. This year, the Young Lawyers Division will be co-sponsoring three classes at the Conference - "What Every Lawyer Needs to Know About E-Discovery," "Important Considerations in Developing a New Law Practice" and "Real Estate: Eminent Domain and Other Considerations."

We consider these courses to be relevant to both the professional development and substantive enrichment of young lawyers. Additionally, you will hear about the state of the judiciary from the president and administrative judges of the Court of Common Pleas and Municipal Court and about Philadelphia’s economic growth and development from a blue-ribbon panel of business leaders at the Friday and Saturday luncheons, respectively. During your downtime at the Conference, you will be able to enjoy spa services at the bluemercury Spa at The Quarter or partake in Atlantic City’s revitalized nightlife at one (or more) of the new clubs or lounges at The Quarter at Tropicana, including 32 Degrees, Cuba Libre and Red Square.

To demonstrate our commitment to encouraging the professional growth of young lawyers, the Bar Association is offering the entire two-day conference to young lawyers at the reduced rate of $245, usually the cost of a three-credit educational benefit of attending the Bench-Bar Conference, not to mention the social aspects, and at such a low rate, there is really no excuse not to attend the 2005 Bench-Bar Conference.

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Golf Added to Bench-Bar Activities

Attorneys and judges attending the Association’s Bench-Bar Conference on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 at The Quarter at Tropicana are invited to participate in a golf outing at Harbor Pines Golf Club & Estates immediately following the conclusion of the conference.

The golf outing will begin at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1 with a shotgun start. Greens fees are $50. Harbor or Pines is located in Egg Harbor Township, N.J., just 20 minutes from the Tropicana. Golf journalists have raved about Harbor Pines, calling it “one of the best daily-fee courses at the shore.” In The Philadelphia Inquirer, writer Joe Logan said Harbor Pines “challenges better golfers, yet it won’t overwhelm mid- and even high-handicappers.”

For more information about playing golf following the 2005 Bench-Bar Conference, contact Stephanie Kryzanski at (215) 238-6360.

The Quarter at Tropicana offers a wide variety of dining and nightlife choices, including Carmine’s, The Palm and Cuba Libre.

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Stephanie Krzywanski at (215) 238-6360.

Natalie Klyashtorny, an associate at Saul Krenzel & Associates, is chair of the Young Lawyers Division.

The 2005 Bench-Bar Conference Schedule

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I look forward to seeing many of you at the Conference on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.
Professional Responsibility Committee

Attorney, Client Recall ‘Pay-to-Play’ Acquittal

by Asima Panigrahi

When it was time to decide whether or not to have his client testify in the client's own defense in the city corruption trial, defense attorney Brian McMonagle felt that John Christmas had no choice but to take the stand. “I didn’t want this jury walking away just thinking that there was reasonable doubt. I wanted this jury to realize that there was, in fact, innocence,” McMonagle told members of the Professional Responsibility Committee at their June 22 meeting.

Christmas told the committee that from the beginning of the trial, he thought he would wake up and the changes would be dropped. He knew that he had done nothing wrong, but noted “being innocent is not synonymous with being able to demonstrate that you’re innocent”. He remarked at how he “would often feel down and wonder why I was fighting this fight,” but McMonagle was passionate in his representation of the case and kept him motivated.

Christmas also noted that the most important part of the case was jury selection and that McMonagle had it down to a science: the final jury consisted of 11 women and one man. He wasn’t sure they had a “slam dunk” with the jury, but Christmas said he knew that he was going to get a fair shot. “We knew that if we put forth a smart case we could win, and it looks like we did!” The jury just recently returned a verdict in the case resulting in an acquittal on all charges but one, which resulted in a hung jury.

McMonagle recounted the moments just after the verdict was announced -

McMonagle then discussed how difficult it was to defend a lawyer in a criminal case. He said his client made it easier for him because Christmas always trusted his judgment.

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Reminder: Complete, Return Bar Survey

Philadelphia-area lawyers who were randomly selected to receive the Philadelphia Bar Association’s 2005 Survey of the Profession are urged to complete and return the survey as soon as possible. The survey can be returned by postage-paid reply envelope or completed online.

Reminder notices have been sent to all who were selected. Your confidential response is vital to the survey's success. The Association is conducting the survey as part of its continuing efforts to better meet the needs of area attorneys. It covers various aspects of their professional, social and leisure interests and activities.

For every completed survey received, the Association will make a special contribution to the Philadelphia Bar Foundation.

Specifically how he and his client shared a public embrace. "The embrace we had that day had a lot more to do with him helping me than me helping him" He remarked that a lot of his job has to do with constantly distorting the truth, and that he had been agonizing over that for the last six years.

Then, after he met Christmas, "I knew that I had my work cut out for me because it was the first time in a long time that I defended an innocent man." McMonagle said that the pressure was almost greater defending someone who was not guilty but that "it was nice for the first time in a while to spend time not blaming the truth, not hiding from the truth, but embracing it and trying to present it!"

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AUGUST

CLE COURSES

Aug. 2 Restrictive Covenants • The CLE Conference Ctr.
A Day on Real Estate - East • The CLE Conference Ctr.
The New Bankruptcy Law (live via satellite) • Franklin Institute Science Museum
Evidence for Family Lawyers • The CLE Conference Ctr.
Reinsurance Arbitrations • The CLE Conference Ctr.

Aug. 3 & 4 Technology Law Forum • The CLE Conference Ctr.

Aug. 4 2nd Annual Mental Health and Aging • The CLE Conference Ctr.
Aug. 5 Issues in Commercial Mortgage Foreclosures • The CLE Conference Ctr.
Aug. 9 Loan Workout Foreclosure Documents • The CLE Conference Ctr.
Avoiding and Dealing with Distributor Disputes • The CLE Conference Ctr.
Avoiding and Dealing with Business Disputes • The CLE Conference Ctr.

Aug. 10 Liability Issues in Playgrounds, Gyms, Playing Fields and Physical Education Classes • The CLE Conference Ctr.
Winning Your Case on Appeal • The CLE Conference Ctr.
Handling a Residential Construction Defect Case • The CLE Conference Ctr.
Defending the Back Injury Case • The CLE Conference Ctr.
Retirement Planning for Lawyers • Doubletree Club Hotel
Real Estate Purchase Agreements • The CLE Conference Ctr.
A Day on Discovery • The CLE Conference Ctr.
Accounting for Lawyers • The CLE Conference Ctr.

Aug. 17 Advanced Negotiation Strategies • The CLE Conference Ctr.
Evidence for Family Lawyers (live via satellite) • Franklin Institute Science Museum
Tax Consequences in Divorce: Avoiding the Pitfalls • The CLE Conference Ctr.
The Nuts & Bolts of Medicaid Planning • The CLE Conference Ctr.

Aug. 19 Litigating Tractor Trailer Accidents • The CLE Conference Ctr.
Due Diligence Investigations • The CLE Conference Ctr.
Real Estate Finance Documents • The CLE Conference Ctr.
Four County Civil Practice • The CLE Conference Ctr.
Suss on Sentencing • The CLE Conference Ctr.

Aug. 23 The CLE Conference Center
Winning Your Case on Appeal • The CLE Conference Ctr.
Handling a Residential Construction Defect Case • The CLE Conference Ctr.
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Retirement Planning for Lawyers • Doubletree Club Hotel
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Aug. 24 Challenging Frank • The CLE Conference Ctr.
Fundamentals of PA Business Corporation Practice • The CLE Conference Ctr.
Confessions of Judgment & Deficiency Judgments in PA • The CLE Conference Ctr.
Using the Internet for Legal Research • The CLE Conference Ctr.
Fair or Foul? Competitive Act or Tortious Interference • The CLE Conference Ctr.
MBA Concepts for Lawyers • The CLE Conference Ctr.

Aug. 26 Advanced Cross Examination • The CLE Conference Ctr.
Ethics Potpourri — • The Lawyer as Fort Advocate • PBA Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee Update • Introduction to Lawyer Advertising Ethics • Ethics of Pro Bono Representation • Code of Civility • Defeating Depression • The CLE Conference Ctr.

Aug. 31 Conservation Easements • The CLE Conference Ctr.
International Visitors Council, we are joining in a new partnership with the leaders and citizens of Mosul, Iraq, to support their hoped-for transition to a democratic society. We’ve worked with the IVC on similar programs in the past and we’re looking forward to this new partnership.

You may know Mosul only from recent headlines. But Mosul has a rich ancient Assyrian history. Known as the “Pearl of the North,” the city rests on a centuries-old trade route linking Persia to the Mediterranean and is located 400 kilometers north of Baghdad on the Tigris River. Mosul’s residents are a diverse group that includes Arab and Kurdish, with a large minority of Arab-speaking Christians, as well as Turkomans. The city has the largest number of Iraqi Christians of any city in Iraq and is home to well-known churches and mosques.

Through IVC, officials from Iraq’s third largest city will visit Philadelphia to learn about democratic governance. Committees in both countries will work to improve humanitarian conditions in Mosul. Within the IVC project the Bar Association will join with other area community groups to help Mosul. Our specific mission involves helping to convey the principles and functions of the rule of law within an independent judicial system. The habits of independence among lawyers and judges are learned habits, and teaching about them will renew our appreciation of what independence does for us. And teaching about how we strive for the goal of equal access to justice will be to our benefit as well as theirs.

All of this will be in concert with the U.S. Department of State’s “Partners for Peace” project. IVC’s Mosul committee includes Majid Alkayyel of Al-Tahrir Management who was born in Mosul; Dr. Nawal Khafarji of Philadelphia International Medical College who was born in Baghdad and who received her medical degree in Mosul; and Dr. Muhamed Al-Malky of Drexel University College of Medicine and Abington Hospital who was born in Rania, Iraq. Also on the committee are Philadelphia lawyer Fat Dungan and Lee Bowie, who were both recently in Iraq. Dungan served for 10 months in Mosul with the 416th Civil Affairs Battalion working with Mosul’s Provincial Council; Bowie, a professor at Penn State’s Ambler campus, worked with the Baghdad City Council for eight months.

Philadelphia becomes the fourth U.S. community to join the “Partners for Peace” project with Iraq. At last year’s Gil Summit, First Lady Laura Bush announced the first three pairings: Dallas with Kirkuk; Tucson with Sulaymaniyah; and the Denver Regional Council of Governments with Baghdad. The IVC of Philadelphia was chosen for the project through a competitive grants process managed by Sister Cities International in cooperation with the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. The U.S. government is contributing initial funding for the project, and each partnership receives a $20,000 seed grant for air transportation, housing and administration.

Annually, the Philadelphia IVC arranges professional itineraries for more than 200 delegations, 100 of which come from more than 120 countries on the International Visitor Leadership Program. Past well-known people who visited Philadelphia on this program early in their careers include Germany’s Willie Brandt; South Africa’s F.W. de Klerk and Poland’s current president, Aleksander Kwasniewski. Additionally, Philadelphia alumni include hundreds of mayors, cabinet-level ministers and members of parliament. Indeed, the Philadelphia Bar Association has welcomed scores of lawyers and judges from foreign lands through IVC and we continue to do so.

I hope you will join us as we embark on this unique and interesting exchange. Please be in touch and say you can help.

Meanwhile, take a foreign guest to the National Constitution Center. I took a Chinese lawyer there. She seemed ready to go back and think about turning the system at home upside down. You’ll come to appreciate what we have, and how our system is only as good as its ability to evolve.

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**Women in the Profession Committee**

**Women Urged to Strengthen Their Communication Skills**

by Gina F. Rubel

“Successful communicators are successful people,” a professional communications coach told members of the Women in the Profession Committee recently, urging committee members to always put the audience and the desired results first, to be strong and direct, and to simplify what is said.

Laura Athavale Fitton, principal of Piatchio Consulting, cautioned of the common mistake of preparing “what you’re going to say first. She used an example of being asked to present the toast at your best friend’s wedding. The first thing many would ask is, “what am I going to say?” She suggested the better way to approach any communication is first to identify who you will address and how you want them to react.

Fitton also emphasized the need for women to be strong and direct, especially in their introductions, a sentiment echoed by U.S. District Court Judge Anita B. Brody. “Don’t sit when you speak; stand. It’s more powerful,” Judge Brody said. “Don’t sit when you speak; stand.”

Fitton said that to gain credibility, women need to convey confidence and competence. She described three elements to any communication – visual, vocal and verbal. She reviewed and debunked the research and theory of Dr. Albert Mehrabian that the emotions necessary for an impact requires the following mix: visual 7 percent (the words you say); vocal 38 percent (your tone of voice); and visual 55 percent (facial expression, body language and physical appearance). Fitton explained that this theory was based on one-to-one communications about personal feelings only and that it is true that if you use eight of the words you say, you won’t be believed. She said the words you say are extremely important because communication is about you; it’s about the audience and what you say to your audience; this has a much larger importance than just seven percent.

Fitton suggested answering the following questions in order to develop a credible and effective message:

• Who is the message for?

• Why should they care?

• What should they do?

• How can you show what you mean?

• Which examples or illustrations are most effective?

Fitton said by answering these questions, you can be sure your message includes the second two elements necessary for effective communications: empathy and strategy. She explained that empathy is about being relevant and putting the audience first. Strategy is about getting results – thus, being a successful communicator.

She urged the audience to “do try this at home,” she said. As an interactive exercise, the participants call their voicemails with their cell phones. She asked if the messages put the potential audiences and desired results first? Are they strong and direct? Is what you need to say simple and direct? Comments from around the room included, “I’ll be changing that message when I return to the office today,” and “Oh, I never knew it sounded like that.”

Fitton also gave practical tips on e-mails, when to send them and when not to do and how to save drafts to reflect on, if necessary. Fitton ended by reiterating the need to put the audience and your desired results first in order to be successful communicators and successful people.

**Bar Forms Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association has been formed.


Association Secretary John E. Savio serves as a non-voting member of the committee.

The committee has scheduled dates for its next meetings. They are Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005, at 12 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 13, 2005, at 4 p.m., and Friday Oct. 14, 2005, at 4 p.m.

Offices for which candidates are being solicited are vice chancellor, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer and five seats on the Board of Governors, three of which are to be nominated by the Nominating Committee: Each Board seat carries a three-year term.

Individuals who wish to be considered for any of the above offices should submit a resume of their background and indicate the position for which they wish to run.

Materials should be submitted to the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua, c/o Susan Knight, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., 11th Floor, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107-2911, no later than 5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005.
working around the clock in New York. She wanted to get involved in her community and perhaps dabble in politics. She thought she could find that kind of life in Philadelphia.

“There’s a different culture among the law firms here. The caliber of practice and attorneys is high in Philadelphia. And being in a smaller city than New York makes you more accountable,” she said.

New attorneys often get the least-glamorous assignments, like lengthy document search trips away from home. The panelists urged the attendees to make the most of the situation.

“There are benefits to those awful document search trips. You get to forge relationships and friendships. And you get a reputation for doing good work. And if you have a good reputation in Philadelphia, it means something different because of how close the legal community is here,” Anderson said.

“There’s no substitute for doing good work and giving your best effort for your client,” Pappert said. “People out there are trusting in you to care about their problems. You need to convey to your client that this matters to you. People look to you to help them. They’ll see if you’re just going through the motions and that you heart isn’t in it.”

“Make a commitment to work hard on everything,” Anderson said. “Think of it as sweat equity. You’ll get something out of it if you work hard.”

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U.S. District Court Judge Eduardo C. Robreno greets a newly naturalized U.S. citizen in the Ceremonial Courtroom of the U.S. Courthouse on June 30 as Chancellor-Elect Alan M. Feldman looks on. More than 100 people from 30 different countries took the oath of citizenship and became naturalized citizens at the event. Feldman offered remarks on behalf of the Association.

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No More Mediocre Moderates, Please

by Bruce H. Bikin

The air went out of my heart when I heard that Sandra Day O’Connor was retiring from the U.S. Supreme Court. Not that she was my favorite Justice, or even in my all time “Top 10” What she has been is intelligent, thoughtful and articulate. She brought a special view to the court that only someone who could get no law job but that of a secret ary in a law firm after graduating number three in her class from Stan ford Law School would bring.

Now we must wade through the nomination and confirmation dance our ideological poles, left and right, go through with each new court member. My own preference would be from a short list of Thurgood Marshall, Hugo Black or William O. Douglas. Given that none of those gentlemen are available, someone of their intellectual and scholastic stature would be suitable. Even someone with very conservative values who possesses the brains and knowledge for greatness would be acceptable. What I really don’t want to see is another mediocre moderate. We have settled for enough mediocrity in the other two branches of our govern ment. Judge John G. Roberts, the presi dent’s nominee, certainly has creden tials that indicate a superior intellect. I do worry a little about institutional in breeding, since Roberts clerked for cur rent Chief Justice Rehnquist. How intelle ctually independent is he really going to be while Rehnquist remains Chief? I hope the confirmation process includes a much broader examination of Judge Roberts’ judicial philosophies than his stance on Roe v. Wade. There is more to our Constitution than Roe.

While I appreciate its cultural and his torical significance and support its con tinued viability, science, in my view, will ultimately make this decision a historical footnote. I would hate to see the Supreme Court stuck with an acceptably mediocre talent simply to save Roe.

What will never be footnoted are the fundamental rights we as Americans enjoy. Our freedom of speech, freedom of association, freedom of rel igion and the right to privacy are under attack, perhaps more than at any time since Joe McCarthy roamed the Senate. We need an intellectual giant, a Constitutional scholar, to sit on the Court and think great thoughts. We need someone who can write those thoughts in striking, forceful language. No truly great legal intellect could fail to protect our fundamental freedoms. We are surely in need of another such mind on the Supreme Court. I hope Judge Roberts, if he is confirmed, is such a mind.

Bruce H. Bikin, a partner at Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Hinds LLP, is an advisory editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.

LETTERS

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the U.S. Supreme Court – and some incredibly rewarding mo ments, like seeing parents and children who are separated be cause of child abuse reunited af ter years of hard work. Some see pro bono representation as an obligation, but I see it as an opp ortunity: Not only an opportun ity to give something of yourself to those in our community whose need for legal services far outstrips available resources, but also an opportunity for great training and experience that will make you a better lawyer and will enhance your reputation with the judiciary, your colleag ues at the bar and the general public.

I urge you to take advantage of that opportunity. With the training and support you will get from VIP, there is no reason not to get involved.

Thomas Zemaitis, President, Philadelphia VIP

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.

**Commentary**

Board of Governors Cabinet – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

**Wednesday, Aug. 17**

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

Workers’ Compensation Section – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center: Lunch: $7.50.

Bar-News Media Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.

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

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

**Thursday, Aug. 18**

Family Law Section Executive Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.

Professional Responsibility Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Social Security and Disability Benefits Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

**Monday, Aug. 22**

Young Lawyers Division Cabinet – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Cabinet Room.

**Tuesday, Aug. 23**

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

Women in the Profession Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

**Wednesday, Aug. 24**

Medical-Legal Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

**Thursday, Aug. 25**

Elder Law Committee – meeting, 1 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

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

**Monday, Aug. 29**

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

**Tuesday, Aug. 30**

Criminal Justice Section – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center: Lunch: $7.50.

**Wednesday, Aug. 31**

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

**Board of Governors Cabinet** – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

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

**Workers’ Compensation Section** – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center: Lunch: $7.50.

**Bar-News Media Committee** – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.

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

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

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**Professional Responsibility Committee** – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

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

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

**Criminal Justice Section** – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center: Lunch: $7.50.

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

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Community Service Award for received the Caron Foundation’s 2005 conference of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals in Orlando, Florida in June. Judge Presenza also received the Caron Foundation’s 2005 Community Service Award for Legal/Law Enforcement.

Nancy H. Fullam, a shareholder with McEldrew & Fullam, P.C., has been elected president of the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association.

Stewart J. Eisenberg, a shareholder with Eisenberg, Rothweiler, Scherer, Weinstein & Winkler, P.C., received the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association 2005 Milton D. Rosenberg Award on July 9.

Benjamin E. Lewis, a shareholder with KatesPrestia, recently discussed various topics in intellectual property law to undergraduates at the University of Pennsylvania and Philadelphia University as well as the spring meeting of the American Intellectual Property Law Association.

David J. Steerman, a partner with Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP, recently appeared on CNN’s “The Comcast Network” program, “Money Matters Today” where he discussed pre-nuptial agreements.

Robert M. Greenbaum, a partner with Saul Ewing LLP, spoke at the Third Annual Turnaround Management Association’s Mid-Atlantic Regional Symposium, held at Caesars’ Atlantic City Hotel and Casino in June 9.

Jeffrey M. Lindy, a sole practitioner, was a lecturer at the 14th Annual Criminal Justice Act panel training seminar on May 6.

Judge Brenda Frazier-Clemens, of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, has completed the National Judicial College’s General Jurisdiction program.

Marc E. Gold, a founding partner with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, was a speaker at the Water Environment Federation – TMDL 2005 Conference in Philadelphia, PA. The Conference was held in June at the Hyatt Regency Philadelphia.

Marian A. Kornilowicz, a partner at Coher, Seglias, Pallas, Greenhall & Furman, has been elected Chairman of the Board of the Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia.

William A. Stock, a partner at Klasko, Rulon, Stock & Seltzer, LLP, has been elected chair of the Philadelphia chapter of the American Immigration Law Association.

Ellisa Opshaum Habbart, a partner with the law firm of The Delaware Counsel Group, LLP, presented at the 2nd Annual Private/Non-Exchange Traded REITs Symposium in New York City in May. She also addressed the topic of Delaware limited liability companies (LLCs) at the annual conference of the International Association of Commercial Administrators in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada in May.

Jennifer L. Safford, an associate at Cozen O’Connor, recently received the 2005 Temple Law Alumni Service Award, which recognizes distinguished alumni for their professional achievements in law. Safford was also elected to serve as treasurer of the Temple Law Alumni Association for the upcoming year.

John R. Washlick, a member of Cozen O’Connor, recently discussed “Gainsharing Arrangement: Their Legality, Structure and Organizational Benefits” at the Healthcare Financial Management Association, Metropolitan Philadelphia Chapter’s Accounting--

Auditing Update and Golf Outing in Media, Pa.

Tamarra L. Traynor, a shareholder with Miller, Allison & Kasprzak P.C., has joined the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Committee to End Homelessness.

James Elam, a partner with Elam Reavis LLP, appeared on “It’s Your Call with Lynn Doyle” on CNN. The Comcast Network on June 15, to discuss the Michael Jackson verdict and the entertainer’s future.

Linda S. Kaiser, a member of Cozen O’Connor, was recently named the recipient of the 2005 Mariellen Wheelan Excellence in Education Award. Awarded by the Insurance Society of Philadelphia, the award recognizes individuals who make significant contributions to the continuing education of professionals in the insurance, legal and financial services industries.

Matthew A. White, a partner with WolfBlock, has served as co-author of the forthcoming Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Civil Practice Manual, 12th Edition. He has also been elected to the Board of Directors of the Society Hill Civic Association.

Richard E. Frazier, a partner with Saul Ewing, LLP was recently appointed to serve as treasurer of the Easttown Township, Chester County, Board of Supervisors.

Joseph C. Blattremann, a partner with Martin, Banks, Pond, Lehocky & Wilson, served as faculty for the Bucks County Bar Association’s Workers’ Compensation Section seminar “How to Prove and Disprove Earning Power” on June 3.

Derek R. Layser and Aaron J. Freivald of Layser & Freivald, P.C., were co-course planners and presenters for the recent Pennsylvania Bar Institute seminar “RX-Medication Error and Liability.”

Douglas J. Smillie, a shareholder with Fitzpatrick Lezc & Bubka, P.C., spoke at the April 22 seminar Fundamentals of Bankruptcy Law and Procedure in Pennsylvania presented by the National Business Institute in Philadelphia.

Diane L. Slifer, an associate with Blank Rome LLP, has been invited to serve on the 2005 Meritorious Presidential Bank Award Review Board. The Review Board evaluates nominations and makes independent decisions on the cases of eligible award winners presented.

Deborah J. Zatcey, a partner with Lundy Zatcey, LLP, was a panelist at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s Third Annual Nonprofit Institute. Her topic was “International Philanthropy – Doing Good Deeds Abroad.”

Samuel H. Pond, a partner with Martin, Banks, Pond, Lehocky & Wilson, has been elected president of the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association.

David N. Hofstein, a shareholder with Hofstein Weiner & Levit, P.C., has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute.

Jennifer A. Brandt, a member of Cozen O’Connor, recently appeared on “It’s Your Call with Lynn Doyle” on CNN – The Comcast Network. Brandt discussed the propriety of broadcasting in public.

Nicholas Harbst, a partner at Blank Rome, LLP, has been appointed to the Justinian Society Board as a member of the Long-Range Planning Committee.

“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. 19107-2911. Fax: (215) 256-1420 E-mail: reporter@philabar.org. Photos are also welcome.
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