Association members have until Friday, Sept. 18 to take advantage of the early bird discount for the Bench-Bar and Annual Conference Oct. 23-24 at Harrah’s Atlantic City.

Conference prices have been rolled back to 2007 levels. Full-conference admission is $349 for members and $399 for non-members. For members of the Young Lawyers Division and government and public interest attorneys, admission is only $199. Visit PhilaBenchBar.org for a complete registration form and pricing guide.

The 2009 Bench-Bar and Annual Conference will open with the October Quarterly Meeting. A total of 13 CLE credits will be offered.

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August is Here, So This is What I Need - a Little Summer Music, Short and Sweet

By Sayde J. Ladov

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I could preach. I could pontificate. I could rant and rave about all kinds of things this month. State funding for the courts (and the lack thereof). Fumo’s sentence. Sotomayor and the Supreme Court hearings. The sad and strange case of Michael Jackson.

But seriously, folks. We’re in the dog days of summer. It’s been a busy year, and the humidity is rising. I’m ready to climb off my soapbox, grab a towel, turn off my Blackberry and head to the Shore for some well-deserved R-and-R. I need a break. Care to join me?

In honor of August and all things vacation-related, I thought I’d devote my column this month to a little bit of summer light... And I mean light, as in beeffe of brain cells and calories.

For when it comes to beach reading, you won’t find me with the latest crime novel. Nah, too much like work. The latest biography? Nope, that requires concentration. A literary work? Sorry, I’m on siesta. Give me a trashy novel. Almost 30 years ago, I discovered the wonders of the Jersey Shore and continued the serious sun-worshipping that began on Jones Beach and continued to Fire Island.

What’s changed over the last 30 years? Well, for one thing, the SPF in my suntan lotion has gotten higher and the need to relax with friends and family has become greater.

So if you’re strolling along the beach in Margate and come across me sitting peacefully on my beach chair, don’t expect to find me looking at all chancellorial. No way, no how.

I’ll be that blonde in a black swimsuit, wearing an “It’s Your Call” cap, sipping a Diet Coke and reading a good mystery. Sure, I’ll invite you to drop your butt on my towel and share a laugh. But don’t expect me to talk shop or engage in substantive dialogue. Hot summer days are meant to be lazy and unproductive.

We’re supposed to use this time to rest, restore and reinvigorate, preparing for a new season. So please, by all means, stop by my stretch of sand on Union Avenue. Bring your beach chair, your favorite beverage and magazines, and plan to spend some long, lazy hours soaking up the rays and listening to the lull of the waves.

Think, don’t think. Read. Watch. Swim. Sleep. Let the rhythm of the ocean, the hot breezes and the sounds of summer wash over you. Rest your mind. Soothe your soul. September will come soon enough.

Tell Us What You Think!

Frontline

LTAMP will utilize volunteer attorneys, to be known as “settlement masters,” to mediate landlord-tenant legal disputes.

By Michael Pettiti

With the help and support of the Philadelphia Bar Association and a committee of interested counsel, the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas is launching the Landlord-Tenant Appellate Mediation Program (LTAMP) this fall, an initiative aimed at mediating and resolving legal disputes between landlords and their tenants.

LTAMP will utilize volunteer attorneys, to be known as “settlement masters,” to mediate landlord-tenant legal disputes in the time between an appeal from Municipal Court and the trial date in the Court of Common Pleas. Both the landlord and the tenant (with counsel, if represented) will meet with the settlement master in an effort to reach a mutually beneficial agreement prior to the trial.

Currently, only 40 percent of landlords appear with counsel and virtually all tenants are unrepresented. There is a four-month backlog in the courts to resolve these disputes.

Participation in the program will be mandatory for all parties involved in the landlord-tenant case, and the program is slated to begin in early November 2009. Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judges Sandra Mazer Moss and Peter F. Rogers, along with Joseph A. Sullivan, Ethan D. Fogel, Ryan P. Chase, Alyson M. Oswald, Kenneth L. Baritz, David H. Densenberg, George D. Gould and Linda Ware-Johnson are spearheading the effort.

“In many cases, landlords and tenants don’t know what to expect when they enter a courtroom,” said Sullivan, co-chair of the Bar Association’s Delivery of Legal Services Committee. “Often, they don’t even have attorney representation. LTAMP engages these parties after their initial hearing and aims to resolve their differences in a timely manner that works for both the landlord and the tenant.”

In addition to helping mediate and resolve landlord-tenant disputes, we are hopeful the success of LTAMP will reduce the number of cases that must be tried, thus making for a more efficient appellate process in the Court of Common Pleas,” said Fogel.

In the coming months, a CLE training session will be available for attorneys interested in volunteering for LTAMP. This CLE will review landlord-tenant law, mediation techniques, and the program’s logistics.

All interested attorneys with at least four years experience are invited to sign up to serve as settlement masters. This program may be particularly attractive to transactional lawyers, whose negotiating skills will be well utilized.

For more information, contact Joseph Sullivan at sullivanj@pepperlaw.com or Ethan Fogel at ethan.fogel@dechert.com.
Panel: Brevity, Candor Key for Openings, Closings

**By Heather J. Holloway**

Two men once delivered speeches at Gettysburg. One spoke for two hours and the other for a little more than two minutes. Nobody remembers the first man’s name. The moral of this story that was taught to attorney Dennis R. Suplee by a judge before whom he appeared is “keep it simple.” This sentiment was echoed by Suplee and attorneys Roberta Pichini and Marc Sonnenfeld, as well as the U.S. District Court Judges Mitchell S. Goldberg, Timothy J. Savage and Legrome D. Davis during the July 15 meeting of the Federal Courts Committee.

The panelists provided tips for great opening and closing arguments in bench and jury trials. While the panel disagreed as to whether the opening or the closing argument is the most important, all were in agreement as to the basic principles: early preparation, brevity and candor.

Suplee commented that court rules can work for or against a litigant. Noting the general order of closing arguments in the Eastern District (plaintiff/defendant/plaintiff), Suplee commented on the exception that denies the plaintiff’s rebuttal opportunity when the defendant does not put on a case. The rules should be considered when making strategic determinations such as whether one should opt not to put on a defense to get the last argument opportunity. Plaintiff’s counsel should consider whether to call a defendant during its case-in-chief. Doing so may relieve the defense of any need to put on a defense and therefore give the defense counsel the last word.

Judge Goldberg further stressed the importance of the rules and the presiding judge’s procedures. He advised practicing attorneys to visit and observe arguments. Judge Goldberg reflected on his conversations with jurors and noted that they do not appreciate the fluff. He suggested that counsel skip the expanded explanation of the legal process and, instead, quickly address the facts. Tell the jury what you are going to prove and give them the facts that make that proof.

Pichini appreciates the argument as the only opportunity an attorney has to address the jury directly. Remember that the jury’s life has been disrupted and that jurors are often reluctant and preoccupied. She too advised attorneys to address the facts quickly and let the jurors know that the case is interesting, important, and legitimate. Avoid too much argument and present the facts and evidence in a way that works.

Judge Savage agreed, noting that jurors are savvy. Counsel should lead the jurors to their intended outcome with the evidence, avoiding repetition. Also, avoid directing the jurors by telling them what conclusion they should reach. Many jurors who have been subjected to this behavior have commented to Judge Savage that counsel must think that they are stupid.

Sonnenfeld also suggested that counsel get straight to the point of their defense and avoid the long wind-up. Drawing from his own mistakes, Sonnenfeld cautioned attorneys to follow the rules of evidence. Sonnenfeld once introduced his client and the client’s family members who were seated in the gallery during his opening argument. The presiding judge admonished him afterward because of his introduction of individuals who would not be testifying during the trial.

Judge Davis suggested that closing arguments appear less important to some because the opportunity is often wasted. He recommended that counsel use their own personality and use the argument to make a connection between the jury and the evidence. Remember that you are there to win and consider each action—from checking a BlackBerry during trial to organizing evidence—with this goal in mind.

With the understanding that no attorney wants to be interrupted by the court during argument, Judges Goldberg, Savage and Davis were asked to comment on their absolute “don’ts.” All agreed that violating a prior ruling will cause immediate interruption of counsel’s argument. Judge Goldberg also stressed that counsel should stick to the facts, as he will interrupt argument that strays far from the facts and seeks a favorable ruling based on sympathy. All cautioned counsel to remember that rebuttal argument is an opportunity for rebuttal, not repetition.

Heather J. Holloway, an associate with Thorp Reed & Armstrong, LLP, is an associate editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.
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Top Women: Mentoring Allowed Us to Thrive

By Thomas L. Bryan

Thanks to the personal narratives of Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Sandra Mazer Moss, and Sherri Savett, partner at Berger & Montague, the June 30 meeting of the Women in the Profession Committee became a case study of the Philadelphia legal community and how it has evolved over time.

When Abraham graduated Temple Law School in 1965, she was one of only two women graduates. There were few women attorneys practicing in Philadelphia at the time, so Abraham had to turn to male attorneys for mentorship, many of whom, she felt, saw her as an anomaly. Abraham recalled former District Attorney Richard Sprague as the most important mentor in her legal career because he offered her a highly competitive position.

Moss, a judge for 25 years, is the founder and coordinating judge of the Complex Litigation Center. She entered Temple Law School in 1971 with the goal of one day becoming a judge, attending classes at night while she worked full-time to support her two children, whom she was raising as a single parent.

Reflecting on her own law school experience, Judge Moss recalled a professor who told her she did not have what it took to be a lawyer, that she would never be a lawyer, and gave her a D+ in property to prove the point. Judge Moss decided to drop out of law school, and took her letter of withdrawal to Dean Peter Liacouras’ office. Dean Liacouras tore up her letter, telling her she would always regret dropping out and asking her what was wrong. When Judge Moss expressed concern about her poor grade and her employment prospects the Dean called her up, telling her she would always be a lawyer.

Alegant (from left), Sherrie Savett and Co-Chair Danielle Banks gather for the June 30 program on mentoring.

Women in the Profession Committee Co-Chair Kimberly Rauch-Alegant (from left), Lynne Abraham, Judge Sandra Mazer Moss, Sherrie Savett and Co-Chair Danielle Banks gather for the June 30 program on mentoring.
FAMILY LAW SECTION

Judge: Go Back to Basics in Court

By Julia Swain

Attorneys should get back to basics in the courtroom and avoid histrionics, a Family Court judge advised during a July 13 Family Law Section program featuring hot tips for practitioners.

Presenters included Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Doris Pechkurow and attorneys Albert Momjian, David Hoffstein and Margaret Klaw.

Judge Pechkurow began the program with a reminder to get back to basics in the courtroom. In a custody trial, always start with the children’s names, dates of birth, ages, parties’ home addresses, other people in the household and work schedules. This data assists the court in formulating a schedule. Plan your case with your closing and persuasive arguments as a guide. Then, plan your evidence, direct and cross examinations. Consider calling the opposing party as on cross to avoid some hearsay objections. If citing a case, bring copies for the judge.

Avoid histrionics such as “judge this is the worst case I’ve ever seen.” Let your evidence speak for itself. Objective discussions are expected in chambers or the robing room and admitting a case’s shortcomings increases credibility. Do not mistake aggressive for competent representation. Being professional and respectful to the court will make the judge more likely to listen.

Partition actions were next discussed by Klaw. A partition action is needed for a client who has an interest in real estate and wants it sold, to get his/her equity out and/or to divest of ownership. The Pennsylvania Rules of Court 1915 et. seq. provide the procedure for partition actions, which proceed as civil actions on a litigation track including a pre-trial conference, discovery and trial. Less flexible than equitable distribution, partition does not consider either party’s financial contribution toward the purchase of the property.

Next, Momjian reviewed pre-marital agreements by advising to start on such an agreement sooner rather than later. He strongly advised to attach disclosure schedules before the agreement is signed. Clients should be advised that full faith and credit will probably apply to the agreement, but possibly not in all states. As an example, Florida does not permit a waiver of counsel fees. Also, advise clients to keep all their records as decades could pass before any litigation occurs. Avoid representing both clients or having one party unrepresented. Send an unrepresented party a letter urging them to get counsel. If referring an unrepresented party to an attorney, be sure to give at least three to four names. In drafting a pre-marital agreement, consider that the longer the period of marriage, the greater economic benefit should be provided to the dependent spouse.

Lastly, Hoffstein shared tips on electronic communication. The guiding principle of a reasonable expectation of privacy is the central issue in obtaining and using e-mails. Certain manners of intercepting e-mails may be criminal. Always ask clients about their passwords and Internet security. Some clients are now using encrypted e-mail, which may become more common in about five years.

Advise clients that wiretapping is not permitted in Pennsylvania as it is a dual consent state. A wiretapping issue to consider is a person recording in another jurisdiction that authorizes single consent.

Pennsylvania also provides that an attorney receiving an inadvertent disclosure must only advise of such receipt. Beware of “reply all,” particularly in a long string of e-mails, and advise clients as well. The propriety of attorneys drafting e-mails on behalf of clients was discussed. While this may be a common practice, some states discipline attorneys for this act.

Julia Swain, a partner at Fox Rothschild LLP, is treasurer of the Family Law Section.
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Rule 1311.1 Needs Work, Judge Klein Says

By Edward P. Kelly

Acknowledging that it is not easy to draft rules, Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge Richard B. Klein feels that there are holes in Pennsylvania Rule of Civil Procedure Rule 1311.1 that need to be fixed.

Judge Klein recently spoke to a joint meeting of the Rules and Procedure Committee and the Compulsory Arbitration Committee about his experiences with Rule 1311.1 and his recommendations for changes to the rule. Rule 1311.1 covers procedure on appeal and admission of documentary evidence.

Although Rule 1311.1 has not created a flood of litigation due to the size of the cases, several issues with the rule came to his direct attention via two cases that were appealed to the Superior Court: Kopytin v. Aschinger, 947 A.2d 739 (2008) and Dolan v. Fissell, 2009 WL 1165394 (Pa. Super.). Judge Klein issued a concurring opinion in the Kopytin case where he outlined certain situations that he felt needed to be addressed. The first dealt with when plaintiff’s counsel can withdraw the stipulation to limit damages prior to trial, and, if so, how soon before trial. Judge Klein was able to address this very issue in the Dolan matter. He held that trial judges should have the discretion to allow a plaintiff to withdraw a limitation on damages for good cause and provided there is no substantial prejudice to the defendant. In a handout Judge Klein distributed to those in attendance, he suggested two possible revisions to Rule 1311.1(a) that derived from this holding. However, he did indicate that withdrawals are still the exception rather than the rule.

Another possible revision that sparked quite a bit of discussion was the presumption that $400 per hour plus expenses is a minimum fair fee for the testimony of an expert. Those in attendance engaged in a lively debate about the pros and cons of this concept. Judge Klein feels that there needs to be some mechanism for a party to be able to cross-examine an expert witness without having that expert raise their fees too high and therefore preclude cross-examination, although he is not sure how to accomplish this goal.

One audience member raised a practical concern in that calling witnesses seemed to defeat the purpose of the rule, while a member of the Supreme Court Rules Committee said that all the issues raised by Judge Klein have been considered but they could not draft a rule to account for all contingencies.

Judge Sandra Mazer Moss, coordinating judge for the Complex Litigation Center, ended the meeting by announcing a few procedural changes. Case managers will now be assigned to all major non-jury program cases, as some case management orders no longer applied by the time the case reached the judge.

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Board of Governors Parliamentarian John Savoth (below, 2308) leads a group of riders during the American Cancer Society Bike-a-Thon on July 12. Cyclists started at the Ben Franklin Bridge in Philadelphia and finished more than 60 miles later in Buena Vista, N.J. Members of the Bar Association team were encouraged to wear jerseys from past races. More than 100 people rode for the Bar Association.
By now, every Phillies fan knows that Pedro Martinez has signed with the team for the remainder of the season. There has been much debate about whether his signing was a smart one in light of his age and injury history, but in order to appreciate the value of his addition to the team, we have to look at the whole picture.

In an era where athletes are given contracts for shocking amounts, the Phillies signed Martinez for $896,000 for the remainder of the season. There are numerous incentives in the contract, many of which are easily attainable, and some of which simply cannot be met. The issue then becomes, did our Phillies get value for their dollar?

This, in turn, got me thinking about fiscal responsibility in the present economy and job market. What the Phillies have done by signing Pedro Martinez to a one-year, incentive laden contract is make a sound, yet inexpensive, financial investment that will not cost them much (in the context of professional baseball) if it does not work out and may save them a lot if it does.

Given everything that is going on in our profession and in the economy, we all can take a lesson in the importance of fiscal responsibility from the Phillies in their signing of Martinez. While many people have been clamoring for the Phillies to give up whatever is necessary to get a stud pitcher like Roy Halladay of the Toronto Blue Jays, the Phillies chose to take a safer, more conservative and fiscally responsible approach to address their needs (at least as of the time I am writing this article).

For young lawyers and students just now graduating from law school, there will be a lot of pressure to repay loans and to avoid further debt. The more we learn to manage our finances now, the better situated we will be throughout our lives. As our belts are tightening, I recommend developing a realistic monthly budget. For some, that may mean writing out a list of their costs and determining how much disposable income they have available. For others, it simply means being conscious of cost of living, and how much they can afford to spend during the course of a month.

Consider different ways to cut down on living expenses. There are some simple ways to cut corners. If times are tough, think about living with a roommate to cut rental costs and other bills in half. If you are going out with your friends for dinner or to catch up, consider researching less expensive restaurants before you head out. The next time you want to see a movie, think about the cost to rent as compared to the cost of going to the theater. Pack your lunch a couple of days a week instead of eating out.

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We all need to face it. We need to plan and, then, yes, sign our wills! And, in doing so, I hope that you are like me, who when sitting at her kitchen table contemplating where it was important to leave what I earned from the practice of law, to think of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation and its mission to give to those who cannot otherwise afford access to the law and access to justice.

“Planned giving,” of course, describes specific charitable giving options that are “planned,” generally with the help of an advisor or other professional, and enable donors to address multiple objectives during their lifetime or at death. These giving options can help meet donors’ financial and charitable goals and provide significant tax benefits as well as dependable lifetime income. Planned giving, contrary to popular belief, can be an option for donors of all income levels.

Among planned giving options, bequests continue to be one of the most popular. Just a simple designation in your will or living trust creates a legacy for the Bar Foundation and will not affect your cash flow during your lifetime. According to Gilboy, who is a terrific (and patient) estate planning and probate practitioner, another popular planned giving option is the charitable remainder trust. A donor puts property or money into a trust naming the Bar Foundation as remainder beneficiary and receives reliable income from the trust while living. Charitable remainder trusts can help with capital gains issues, provide multiple tax benefits and can actually increase the donor’s cash flow.

Another giving option that has major tax advantages is to donate part or all of your qualified retirement plan or IRA. As Gilboy says, “These are lousy assets to die with because they are subject to both estate and income taxes. For those who are highly inclined, donating a retirement asset at death can help an organization you care about achieve its goals as well as helping your estate with tax concerns.”

Bar Foundation Executive Director Gene Sirni and Gilboy work with donors to raise awareness about these and other planned giving options and their various benefits and challenges. “It’s important to first have a clear sense of one’s own philanthropic and life goals, and then to begin a conversation with the charities we care about, like the Bar Foundation, regarding planned giving possibilities,” says Gilboy.

Initial planned giving meetings with the Bar Foundation focus on what a donor wants to accomplish. This might include income for life, tax benefits or both. Donor preferences might also include naming opportunities for loved ones or helping a specific part of the Bar Foundation’s mission.

All planned gifts can be used to help support the Bar Foundation’s general program of work or can establish a permanently endowed fund for a specific purpose. Donors can choose to support one of the Bar Foundation’s six service areas: Ensuring a Fair and Just Society, Helping the Poor, Caring for our Children and the Elderly, Addressing Health and Disability Issues, Focusing on Issues Affecting Women and Improving Community Welfare. Your endowment gift can make an annual distribution to the Bar Foundation’s grants programs or to one or more service areas that are most important to you.

Examining such options as part of a conversation with the Bar Foundation is an ideal starting point. “The next step can be as simple as sending a donor a few scenarios for review that reflect their interests and achieve their goals,” says Sirni.

Gilboy and Sirni can also help donors find out how different planned gifts can best fit into their estate plans. Gilboy’s experience as an estate attorney brings special knowledge to conversations with donors that include case studies and examples from his client experiences. Such options should always eventually be discussed with a donor’s own financial planner and estate attorney.

To celebrate and honor our planned giving donors, the Bar Foundation has established a Legacy Society. Members of this society will have shown their deep commitment to ensuring the long-term financial future of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation. Legacy Society members will be included in special donor events and will be honored in the Bar Foundation’s Annual Report.

A planned gift to the Bar Foundation is truly a gift of legal services to those who could not otherwise afford them. It is a gift that will live long beyond when we are physically here and be a lasting contribution to the ideal of equal access to justice for all.

We hope you will consider one, and, if you include it in your will, please sign the document. I plan to do so by the time this is published. (I know, Kevin, you’ll believe it when you see it).

Amy B. Ginsenberg, a partner at Pepper Hamilton LLP, is president of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation.

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By Amy Ginensky

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Accent Denies Categorization

As many of you know, I was born and raised in Los Angeles. I was transferred to San Francisco by a company, and then moved to Boston to complete doctoral work at Boston University. I ended up moving to Philadelphia for a job. So I’ve had the privilege of living and playing in four dynamic cities in the United States, though I try to get to Los Angeles every August to visit family and friends and to refill my soul.

For those of you who have spent any time on the West Coast (some call it the Left Coast), it is a very different environment than the East Coast (again, some call this the Right Coast). When I go home, one thing I know is that the pace of life is slower there. I know I can’t cross the street in the middle of the block or I will get a ticket. I know that opposing traffic will actually stop for a red light and at a stop sign. And I know that a salesperson will greet me politely and even answer me when I ask, “How are you today?”

When I first moved to the East Coast, I was amazed at the stereotypes that Bostonians had about Californians and, in particular, the stereotypes about Angelenos (as we native born are called). I was surprised to experience such stereotyping particularly because I was in an academic setting. The second week in class, I was described as an angry black woman – by someone I had neither met nor had a conversation with.

What was really amazing were the frequent conversations I had regarding my “accent,” which then usually generated questions about my origins. Apparently, my “California accent” was different than expected.

We all learn the cognitive activity of categorizing early on as a means of organizing the massive amounts of data that we receive about people, things and situations. However, problems can occur when we refuse to let new data change our opinions about these categorizations. Problems can also occur when we only allow ourselves to view the negative categories about others without accepting the positives.

Apparently, when I moved to Boston with a “California accent,” I was operating outside of normal categorizations. First, I was asked where I was from since our friends and colleagues will qualify. In some instances, loan payments could be halved.

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In our continuing effort to educate and to serve our members, the YLD, along with the Public Interest Section’s Delivery of Legal Services Committee, is offering a seminar on loan repayment assistance programs on Wednesday, Sept. 16 from 3 to 6 p.m. I urge anyone with questions to attend.

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pre-approved credit card applications that we receive to look at your wallet one day and realize that you have five credit cards. Consider limiting yourself to one or two cards at most. Also, if you use a credit card for the majority of your purchases, make every effort to pay the balance in full each month. Doing so will save you money in the long run because you will not pay exorbitant interest and finance charges based upon the original amount of your bill.

These simple steps can help to alleviate some of the financial strains that we all presently are facing.

Finally, I would be remiss in writing an article about financial responsibility without talking about student loans. A new federal student loan repayment plan goes into effect this month that could drastically reduce loan payments. The new plan is an “income-based” repayment plan, and it limits monthly payments to a percentage of the borrower’s monthly income.

While I know of the new program, I am by no means an expert. It is extremely complex and will not apply to everyone. That said, given the rash of layoffs and pay cuts, I am optimistic that many of our friends and colleagues will qualify. In some instances, loan payments could be halved.

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In Their Own Words

Using Media to Educate About Law

By Kathleen Smith

The mission of Community College of Philadelphia’s Center for Law and Society includes providing information about legal issues and legal professions to both the college community and the general public. In doing so, the Center hopes to establish itself as a resource for the public and to provide a forum for legal professionals to connect with audiences and the college.

This spring, the fulfillment of this mission led to two new endeavors using the college’s public access television station (Channel 53 for Comcast subscribers) to debut two shows, “Perspectives in the Law” and “A Life in the Law: Legal Leaders.” “Perspectives” focuses on providing information about substantive law and law-related topics. Series highlights have included a focus on immigration law with Steve Morley, bankruptcy topics with Anne Belknap and a session on crime and safety tips with Tom Doyle, a criminal justice expert. The series also seeks to feature legal topics from historical, anthropological and sociological vantage points. Episodes in this area have included historian Jacqueline Akins addressing the election of President Barrack Obama and historian Joel Tannenbaum addressing issues related to organ trafficking and organ tourism. Future “Perspective” shows will include Fox Rothschild LLP partner Steve Ludwig addressing how new provisions relating to COBRA can help those who have been laid off. There will also be an episode on family law procedures with Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Holly J. Ford. The series will take a different turn with David Trevaski talking about his work with the national mock trial program and the affect that that program has had in changing young people’s lives. “Life in the Law: Legal Leaders” has featured Tom Doyle speaking about his years with the Philadelphia Police department in a variety of positions including supervising the Sex Crimes Unit and participating in murder investigations. Judge Ford will be featured in an episode airing this fall about her career from teaching biology in bilingual school to general practice to the judiciary. Nikki Johnson-Huston, an assistant city solicitor for the City of Philadelphia in the Major Tax Unit, will talk about her life moving from homelessness and poverty to running a business while earning her J.D., M.B.A. and L.L.M from the Temple University Beasley School of Law. Interviews with Ellen Greenlee, Chief Defender of the Defenders Association of Philadelphia; Brian Chacker, chair of the Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division and Fire Commissioner Lloyd Ayers are planned for fall.

As the series matures, we hope to serve other audiences and provide several episodes in Spanish. Judge Ford will reprise her presentations for the Spanish-speaking series and other speakers and topics are in the review process. For air times, visit www.ccp.edu/site/about/channel53.

Kathleen Smith is director of the Center for Law and Society at Community College of Philadelphia. For More Information

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Nicholas Lisi, Former Board Member

Funeral services were held July 16 for Nicholas J. Lisi, a former member of the Board of Governors and chair of the Association’s Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention, who died July 11. He was 68.

Lisi served on the Board of Governors from 1995 to 1997. He served two terms on the Judicial Commission and was chair in 2001. He was also Chancellor of the Justinian Society from 1992 to 1994. Lisi, a 1965 graduate of Boston College Law School, most recently was a partner with Padov & Lisi. He was president of the La Salle University Alumni Association and was a member of La Salle’s Board of Trustees. He was the founder and first president of the Philadelphia chapter of the Boston College Law School Alumni Association. He received a distinguished alumsus award during the school’s 75th anniversary celebration.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Marie Elena; sons, Michael and Mark; a daughter, Kristin Conway; a sister, Rose Marie Parenti; a brother, Joseph; and six grandchildren.

The Justinian Society has established a scholarship in his name to be managed by the Justinian Foundation. To contribute, please contact The Justinian Society.
Two Summer Movies Well Worth Missing

By Marc W. Reuben

If brevity actually were the soul of eloquence, then Michael Mann’s woefully underwritten and undirected movie “Public Enemies” would be the most precise film ever made. This film is about gangster John Dillinger and the way he met his demise at the hands of FBI’s Melvin Purvis in 1934.

I have no doubt that the major player in the film, Johnny Depp, as Dillinger, wanted to play his character in as realistic a style as possible. Indeed, along with Billy Crudup (who plays J. Edgar Hoover in his nascent days as director of the FBI), the two actors really were doing an excellent job giving us a different take on the genre of gangster films. There is no one snarling ala Muni or Cagney. Depp is flat as the nation’s most wanted. The problem is that the film is flatter than he. If he wanted to portray Dillinger with no frills, then the movie should have the frills, which it most certainly does not.

This movie hints at what it wants to be, a work of fiction. FICTION. “Bruno” is not a film for the witless. And Cohen was being archly seditious “Borat” (director Larry David and comic Sacha Baron Cohen) of a couple years ago, is at it again. The point of their efforts is to make fun of bigots, in this case, homophobes.

Depp painted a wonderful picture of the gangster, but the film was devoid of much in the way of, well, anything. It is not that we needed to return to the genre of films that made growling Bogart and Robinson screen idols. But we need something. The most trenchant elements of the movie came from snippets of 1934’s “Manhattan Melodrama,” upon which Depp’s character alludes more than once. As over-the-top the older film was, it had a more direct line to the character of its players than this stolid effort did. Clark Gable and William Powell were charming men, characters of their kind. This flat drama could have used something of a blowtorch. Justice Stewart and Warren Burger would have difficulty passing it, even though it does have some socially redeeming subtext. But mainly its broad and vulgar events will appeal to frat boys and beings of similar intellectual capacity. Television comedies using stereotyped characters who play off the ignorance of others is not new. There is “Benson” and “Three’s Company” not to mention “All In The Family” for starters. But Cohen manages a brand of offensive comedy that really hurts when it is on point, as it sometimes is in this film. His portrayal of a flamboyant Austrian gay man is, for the most part, beyond the pale of sublety, even if the aim of the film is clever and ribald. It is all of that, for those who can take the painful fun it provides.

A warning to those who don’t understand comedic license: Like “Monty Python’s Meaning of Life,” it is a horrifically funny burlesque on modern themes. When reporting on this earlier movie, I noted a famous sketch about birth control, in which one of the characters warned that extra children would be sold for medical experiments. Twenty years later, a confused reader wrote that my article had recommended sale of children. “Bruno” is not a film for the witless. And it is a work of fiction. FICTION.

Marc W. Reuben, a sole practitioner, is an advisory editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter. He has been writing about the arts and media since 1973.
Sunah in the City

Pride Crosses Racial, Gender Lines

I must confess that when I first saw a photo of Judge Sonia Sotomayor in a newspaper article, when she was identified as President Obama's nominee to replace U.S. Supreme Court Justice Souter, I thought she was an Asian American judge. I started to beam with pride before I read the article and found out she wasn't Asian American after all, but Hispanic American. When I read about her humble beginnings and her rise to the Second Circuit, I couldn't help but be impressed by her accomplishments and could see why the Hispanic community is so proud of her. But it didn't go unnoticed by me that I was quick to feel good about her when I thought she was Asian American, even though I had no personal connection to her whatsoever.

I've noticed racial minority groups feel enormous pride when its members achieve renowned success or gain prominent positions in the majority world. We are quick to claim that person as "one of our own." The phenomenon reminds me of one of the funnest and controversial skits from the Dave Chappelle comedy show called "The Racial Draft." Famous and high-achieving multi-racial celebrities were drafted by minority groups. The African American delegation got the first pick. Tiger Woods, who is half Filipino and half black, was declared "all black" and drafted by the black race. The musical group Wu Tang Clan, which is not comprised of any Asian Americans, was declared ethnically Asian and drafted by the Asian delegation. It struck me that a racial draft occurred in the real world when the black community embraced President Obama as its own even though he is half white (yes, I am aware of the historical reasons for that but can't address that here). I am sure some Caucasians may have pointed out that President Obama is half white, but it wasn't as if some white male association stood up to proclaim him as one of their own. In fact, whenever a Caucasian man achieves a certain success, it isn't as if the entire race feels pride. That man's family, friends or neighborhood or alma mater may feel personal pride but not the entire Caucasian community.

But it's not only racial minority groups who feel pride for a member's accomplishments. This phenomenon occurs even when a white female achieves greatness such as when Hillary Clinton ran for the highest office in this nation — I know women of all races who were absolutely inspired that one of their own almost became the first female president of the United States. It seems this phenomenon of adopting the accomplishments of its members as its own occurs only in groups which have historically not been recognized for their successes or whose members have not been expected to achieve success.

Unfortunately, the converse is true as well, for if a member of a minority group achieves notoriety for a spectacular failing or misdeed, the group as a whole can be blamed or feel collective shame. I couldn't believe that South Korea actually apologized to America when a Korean-American student gunned down more than 30 innocent people at Virginia Tech. And I read in a blog that some in the Jewish community felt defensive when the Bernard Madoff scandal came to light because they were afraid his crime would encourage anti-Semitism. It goes without saying that a whole race or minority group shouldn't be blamed or held accountable for the bad acts of its individual members.

However, it cannot be denied that the accomplishments of a minority group's individuals raise the expectations for and the perceived value of the entire group. Therefore, the stellar successes of its individual members should be a cause for celebration for a minority group as it raises the positive profile of the entire group. In fact, I believe an achievement by a member of one minority group should be celebrated by other minority groups as well since such sharing of accomplishment may eventually result in the lines which distinguish all races and minority groups becoming blurred and maybe disappear altogether. That may be a long time in coming, but hopefully Judge Sotomayor's confirmation will not, since as a woman, I can still "claim" her as one of my own.

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office. She had met the first significant mentor of her legal career, without whose assistance her dream of becoming a judge would have died.

Judge Moss’ first job working for a criminal court judge provided an example of conduct that now seems shocking: the judge told her that unless she slept with him she would never practice law in Pennsylvania and her career would be ruined. Moss declined. She was ready to accept that her career was over, when she heard that the new civil motions judge was looking for a law clerk, and applied for the position. Although Moss’ prior boss attempted to sabotage her application, the woman who would become Judge Moss’ greatest mentor, Orphans Court Judge Judith Jamison, put in a good word for her and she got the job. As fate would have it, the judge who once harassed Judge Moss and attempted to end her career reported to Moss during his final years as a judge.

Though most of Judge Moss’ mentors were male, she said her greatest mentor was Judge Jamison. The lessons she learned from Judge Jamison extended from how to act in the courtroom to what to wear and it was Judge Jamison who first encouraged her to run for a judgeship. She commented that having a mix of male and female mentors greatly benefited her and made her a better mentor to both men and women.

Sherry Savett, chair of the Securities Litigation Department and a member of the Management Committee at Berger & Montague, rounded out the panel. Demonstrating how Philadelphia’s legal landscape has evolved since Abraham and Judge Moss graduated from law school, half of the attorneys in Savett’s department are women.

Savett’s experience with mentorship mirrored Abraham’s and Moss’, in that most of her mentees were men. But Savett did have an important female mentor early in her career (Barbara Mather, the head of litigation at Pepper Hamilton). When Savett became pregnant with her first child in her first year out of law school she felt overwhelmed. She called Mather, the only successful woman litigator with children Savett had heard of, to seek guidance. Although Savett was calling out of the blue, Mather agreed to meet with her and share her perspective. But Savett said her greatest mentor was David Berger, senior partner and founder of Berger & Montague, who gave Savett her first chance to argue a motion in a major federal court when she was just a few years out of law school.

After sharing their personal experiences, the panel members were asked how young women lawyers should seek out mentors and what they expected from their mentees. Abraham pointed out that some law offices, including the District Attorney’s Office, have mentorship systems in place. For those working in offices without established programs, Judge Moss recommended that women seeking mentors take the initiative by attending legal community events, identifying possible mentors and approaching those individuals.

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Thomas L. Bryan, an associate with Gormlans, McNulty, Divis & Lechert P.C., is an associate editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.
People

Stephanie F. Seldin, managing attorney at Philadelphia VIP, has been named Civil Legal Aid Attorney of the Year by the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Damian S. Jackson, an associate with Swartz Campbell LLC, has been elected president and chair of the Board of the Sickle Cell Disease Association, Philadelphia Delaware Valley Chapter's board of directors. He was also elected as secretary of the Widener University School of Law Alumni Board.

Billy J. Smith, an associate with Drinker, Biddle & Reath LLP, has been appointed to serve as a member of the Lansdowne Borough Council. He will serve in an interim capacity as chair of the Infrastructure Committee and Co-Chair of the Finance and Education Committees before seeking election in November 2009.


Cheryl Cutrona, executive director of the Good Shepherd Mediation Program, spent two weeks in Israel in May offering conflict resolution coaching training to community mediators. The opportunity was co-sponsored by Mosaica: The Center for Conflict Resolution by Agreement Gishurim Program in Jerusalem and the U.S. Embassy in Israel American Center.

Christopher Scott D’Angelo, a partner with Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP, was a speaker at the Product Liability Advisory Council’s Spring Conference in Boston.

Louis W. Fryman, a shareholder with Conrad O’Brien, has been named the new president of the Louis D. Brandeis Foundation, the charitable arm of the Brandeis Law Society of Philadelphia.

Brenda Hustis Gotanda, a partner with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, has earned the designation of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional under the United States Green Building Council professional credentialing program administered by the Green Building Certification Institute.

Carol Nelson Shepherd, a partner with Feldman, Shepherd, Whlgeltemer, Tanner, Weinstock & Dodig, was recently honored by the Women’s Resource Center in Wayne, Pa., for her contributions in the legal profession on behalf of personal injury plaintiffs including women, children and families.

Michael Dressner, principal of Dressner Law, P.C., has been elected to a three-year term on the Villanova Law Alumni Association’s Board of Advisors.

Bridget L. Dorfman, an associate with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, presented “Wetlands and Sensitive Water Areas” at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute seminar, “Environmental Issues in Real Estate and Business Transactions” on June 17.

Peter D. Hardy, a partner with Post & Schell PC, has been elected to the Board of Rebuilding Together Philadelphia, a charitable organization dedicated to preventing homelessness by partnering with the community to rehabilitate the homes of elderly, disabled, and low-income homeowners.

Wendy Beetlestone, a shareholder with Hangley Aronchick Segal & Pudlin, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Forum of Executive Women.

Alan S. Nadel, a partner with Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel, was recently honored with the Shin Award, presented by The Jewish Theological Seminary.

Patrick J. O’Connor, vice-chair and former president and CEO of Cozen O’Connor, has been elected to serve as chairman of Temple University’s Board of Trustees.

Stewart J. Eisenberg, founder and senior partner with Eisenberg, Rothweiler, Winkler, Eisenberg & Jeck, P.C., has been named president of the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association.

S. David Fineman, a senior partner with Fineman, Krellstein & Harris, P.C., has been appointed to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission by Gov. Edward G. Rendell.

Leonard A. Bernstein, a partner with Reed Smith LLP, has been elected to a second two-year term as president of the Board of Directors of the Center for Child Advocates.

Kevin Boyle of Stadley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP, co-chaired the 2009 Father of the Year Award Dinner. The awards – presented by the American Diabetes Association and the Greater Philadelphia Father’s Day Council – recognized exceptional fathers who have demonstrated the ability to balance their personal lives and successful careers with the demands of being exemplary role models for their children.

Jettie D. Newkirk, principal in the Law Office of Jettie D. Newkirk, was presented with a resolution by Philadelphia City Council on June 18 to honor her long-standing service on the SEPTA Board.

Michael J. Smith, a member of Cozen O’Connor, has been appointed president-elect of the Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel.

Michael P. McKenna, Glenn Ricketti and Mary Lou Maiherhofer, partners with Marilyn Edelstein, addressed the attendees of the Pennsylvania Association of Mutual Insurance Companies annual Claims Summit in Lancaster.

Leonard P. Goldberg, a shareholder with Stevens & Lee, has been appointed to the INSOL International Technical Programme Committee, a group of only 16 insolvency practitioners worldwide.

Robert Jacobs-Meadway, a member of Eckert Seamans Cherin and Mellott, LLC, served as the keynote speaker for the Intellectual Property Law Association of Florida program “Litigating Fair Use in Trademark Cases” on April 14 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She also served as faculty at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute program “The Best of the 3rd Intellectual Property Law Forum” on April 28 in Pittsburgh.

J. Denny Shupe, a partner with Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, was re-appointed to serve a second term on the Board of Trustees for the battleship USS New Jersey.

Jonathan E. Rinde, a partner with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, discussed “Current Trends in Stormwater Regulation” at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s Real Estate seminar on April 28.

Marc P. Weingarten, a partner in the Locks Law Firm, presented “Asbestos Claims In The United States” to the Leicester Mesothelioma Patient And Carer Support Group, a part of the National MacMillan Mesothelioma Resource Center in Leicester, England on March 9. He also presented “Proving Asbestos Related Lung Cancer (Without Asbestosis)” at the Occupational Disease Conference sponsored by the Association Of Personal Injury Lawyers in London, in March.

Marc S. Raspani, a partner with Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick and Raspani, LLP spoke at the American Bar Association’s 19th National Institute on Health Care Fraud at the Ritz Carlton in Phoenix in May. He also spoke at the Pennsylvania Institute of CIPAs 2009 Health Care Conference in Hershey.

Andrew W. Davitt, a shareholder with Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, has been appointed to the Pennsylvania Securities Commission’s Attorney Advisory Committee.

Dennis R. Supllee, a partner with Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, was elected president of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers by its Board of Directors at the organization’s annual meeting in Atlanta on April 25. He was recognized with the Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel’s 2009 Distinguished Service Award at the organization’s Annual Meeting on June 10.

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