Temple’s Hart to Speak at Oct. Quarterly

By Jeff Lyons

Ann Weaver Hart represents a first for Temple University. When she was elected the ninth president of the university in May of last year, it also marked the first time a woman would serve in that position.

Hart will deliver the keynote remarks at the Association’s Tuesday, Oct. 16 Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, 1201 Market St. The Association’s Women in the Profession Committee will present its annual Sandra Day O’Connor Award at the event. The Sandra Day O’Connor Award is pre-

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Lawyers Go Outside for Good Causes

A member of the Philadelphia Bar Association team (top photo, far right) pedals along Kresson Road in Cherry Hill, N.J. during the American Cancer Society Bike-a-Thon on July 15. More than 170 riders representing the Bar made the 67.8-mile ride from the Ben Franklin Bridge to Buena Vista Camping Park to raise money for the American Cancer Society. A golfer (right) takes aim at the 18th hole at the Philadelphia Bar Foundation Golf Classic on June 26 at The Ace Club in Lafayette Hill, Pa. The annual event raised $93,000 for the endowment for the Bar Foundation. For more photos from both events, see Pages 12 and 13.

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Philadelphia Bar Association Joins Fight to End Restrictions on Gun-Crime Data

By Jane Dalton

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Association’s LPM Division Provides Support

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Part of the Philadelphia Bar Association’s mission is to attract business, including international business, to the city. Chancellor Jane Dalton told members of the International Law Committee, “I am particularly interested in the international aspects of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Bar.” During Dalton’s June 28 introduction, Scullin explained that as Chancellor, Dalton has publicly committed to “the importance of expanding international outreach, building bridges with other countries, and thinking globally to remain competitive.” Dalon is currently developing an exchange program with the Israel Bar. Earlier this year, Dalton was invited to travel to Israel where she met with leaders of the Israeli Bar, as well as Israeli lawyers, judges and legislators.

Of her travels, Dalton said she was most struck by two seemingly opposing responses from local bar members. “We met a number of people who were originally from Philadelphia” but on the other hand “so many lawyers had no information about us or knowledge of Philadelphia.”

Dalton spoke early about her goal of developing an Israeli exchange program with the local bar. She admits that the initiative has been hampered by visa concerns that may not be resolved in time to start this fall as hoped but said “a number of law firms in Philadelphia and Israel have expressed interest in hosting students.”

Dalton also spoke of her recent attendance at an Israeli Bar conference where she participated in an International Bar reception. She was struck by the fact that, despite having delegations from China, Malaysia, France and Russia, “often times the people who came were the lawyers and not necessarily bar leaders.”

As she explained, despite the diverse delegations, partnerships with the local bar and local businesses were not stressed enough. “This conference is a venue for the bar to market itself,” the Chancellor said.

Dalton also told the Committee about her broader role for international initiatives. “It seems to me that one of the things we really have not done is to look strategically and decide where we want ourselves to be. We’ve responded on an ad-hoc basis to particular initiatives.”

“At this point, we would benefit by having a broader inquiry into where are we going and how we want to get there,” said Dalton. Her efforts would support partnering with the Business Law Section and IP practice groups “because technology is one of the main reasons people come here for legal advice, or go elsewhere.”

In this respect, Dalton told the Committee that she was looking to establish a task force to help with this goal. She also suggested the formation of an international conference of bar leaders from countries and cities of particular strategic interest to Philadelphia.

Following her remarks, Dalton took questions from those in attendance and the overall remarks focused on what more the Bar could be doing internationally. A resounding theme of the questions, and the answers from both Dalton and the committee co-chairs, was stressing the importance of business promotion and outreach to countries like China.

Overall, the committee and Chancellor Dalton spoke about the need for the Bar and its members to take proactive steps toward international initiatives and keep the Bar’s effort thus far at the forefront of Bar activities.

“We’re going to continue to work on it and increase what we do,” said Dalton.

Brian K. Sims is an associate editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.
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Firms Renew Raising the Bar Campaign Pledge

By Mark A. Tarasiewicz

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation – the charitable arm of the Philadelphia Bar Association – has announced that more than half of the city’s law firms that participated in the Foundation’s inaugural “Raising the Bar” campaign have already renewed their commitment for this year. This historic endeavor raises critical funds to provide legal services to those who need, but cannot afford, help.

The 2007 “Raising the Bar” campaign, begun in January, asks every law firm in Philadelphia to pledge a minimum of $300 per lawyer to public interest and other legal services organizations. In 2006 – the campaign’s inaugural year – 133 firms contributed nearly $1.5 million, a 31 percent increase over the amount that firms donated individually in 2005.

Halfway through 2007, 71 firms have reaffirmed their commitment to legal services by agreeing to participate in “Raising the Bar” as of this writing. These firms represent more than 3,600 attorneys. The list of firms is updated regularly at philadelphiabar.org.

“The law firm community can make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate in our community by stepping up to the plate in support of the Raising the Bar campaign,” said Bar Foundation President Elaine M. Rinaldi. “We need the financial support of every law firm to ensure that Philadelphia is a place where everyone has access to justice.”

According to Bar Association Chancellor Jane Dalton, “Raising the Bar presents Philadelphia law firms with the opportunity to provide consistent financial support to sustain our vitally important and nationally recognized public interest legal service providers. We anticipate increased law firm participation in this important initiative.”

Alan M. Feldman, immediate past Chancellor of the Association, and Grant S. Palmer, a partner at Blank Rome LLP, are the co-chairs of the 2007 “Raising the Bar” campaign. They expect to build on last year’s success by encouraging at least 150 firms to pledge $1.7 million to help assure that those who need a lawyer will have a lawyer, regardless of economic or social status.

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation’s mission is to promote access to justice, particularly for those struggling with poverty, abuse and discrimination. The Foundation provides grants and technical assistance to legal services organizations that have demonstrated both a need for financial support and an effective program for assisting needy clients who otherwise cannot afford an attorney. During 2006, the Bar Foundation funded 30 legal organizations with grants ranging in size from $2,750 to $102,000.

There are three ways for Philadelphia law firms and individual lawyers to contribute to “Raising the Bar”:

- Make direct donations to any of the Philadelphia public interest law agencies supported by the Bar Foundation;
- Make a donation to the Bar Foundation with a “donor option” as to how the donation should be allocated among the legal services organizations.

Additional information about the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, including grant applications and criteria, is available at philadelphiabar.org. For more information, contact Maureen Mingey, executive director of the Bar Foundation, at mmingey@philabar.org.

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**Attorney in Torture Case Speaks Out**

*By Michael J. Carroll*

**It should be no surprise that Susan L. Burke**, counsel for Iraqi torture victims, is the daughter of a career military man. Members of the U.S. military have been implicated in torture and other crimes against Iraqis. They have also been exposing and condemning wrongdoing at considerable professional, and sometimes personal risk.

Whether for fear of future torture of captured U.S. personnel, outrage over dishonesty that spills over to all military, or basic decency and a sense of right and wrong - the best of the American military abhors torture.

Burke spoke at the July meeting of the Civil Rights Committee about *Saleh v. Titan*, in which she is suing government contractors who tortured prisoners. In 2006 government contracts totaled about $400 billion dollars, almost twice the year 2000 figure. Some consider contractors a fourth branch of government. Too often that fourth branch is beyond the reach and review of the American public, Congress and even the contracting agencies. But in Burke’s case, the fact that the torturers were contractors and not U.S. military personnel provided the legal space that allowed the litigation to go forward.

Burke outlined horrors visited upon prisoners in U.S. custody in Iraq. She noted that much of the American public has formed the false if comforting belief that abuse at Abu Ghraib and other Iraqi prisons and camps was more humiliation than torture, or that it was within some vague notion of “torture lite.” An enabling administration and a too often too compliant press did not help the public confront the truth.

The truth is that the torture techniques used by and in the name of the U.S. would be quite familiar to the guards and prisoner victims of the Chilean, Brazilian and other dictatorships of past decades. We as a nation once condemned without reservation torture through the use of extreme cold and heat, sleep deprivation, prolonged exposure to dangerous and painful levels of light and sound, and the total deprivation of light and sound. We condemned electric shocks, beatings, sexual abuse and humiliation, and rape used by repressive regimes. We now equivocate, ignore and deny. We fear 9/11/01 and future 9/11s.

Military authorities believe that 80 percent of those imprisoned were innocent of wrongdoing. There are more than 1,000 Iraqi torture victims who could be plaintiffs in Burke’s action but only about 200 have come forward. The rest have been tortured into silence or cannot be found.

Burke’s case is strong but such cases are not always determined by law alone. Courts and juries decide in the context of events and fears of the day. But regardless of the ultimate outcome, her efforts have helped reveal an ugliness that was hidden. She has made it harder and perhaps impossible for credible future denials professing ignorance of what was happening in the prisons and in the camps of Iraq.

Michael J. Carroll is co-chair of the Civil Rights Committee.

**GREETING NEW CITIZENS**

Photo by Mark A. Tarasiewicz

**MINORITIES IN THE PROFESSION COMMITTEE**

**Agencies Monitor Immigration Changes**

*By Kathryn C. Harr*

“Imagine litigating a case for someone who is claiming asylum, someone who has been brutally tortured and persecuted, and you have to explain exactly what’s happened to them through an interpreter in three hours. That’s the amount of time that we are given to present a case to an immigration judge,” Ayodele Gansallo of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) explained at the June 28 meeting of the Minorities in the Profession Committee. With no clerks to help and no checks in place to ensure uniformity across the country, immigration judges are overwhelmed with the number of cases, creating multi-year backlogs on average.

“The right to due process is totally ignored,” Gansallo added, noting that this concept should be centrally addressed within any immigration reform legislation. The need for comprehensive reform legislation, which differs from the pervasive enforcement approach, is dire, explained Regan Cooper, of the Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition. The latest version of legislation is currently stalled in the Senate with little chance of rescission.

Cooper described a “shadow” population of 12 million undocumented people, 3 million of whom are children. Fearful of going to law enforcement for any reason and being exposed, these workers are subject to rampant exploitation.

Art Read, general counsel for the Friends of Farmworkers, recommended a pro-immigrant, pro-worker approach to reform, to “turn some of that anti-immigrant hysteria into a worker solidarity movement.” He noted that any reform will need the help of the business community, which currently plays a strong role in dictating the terms of the reform.

“New arrivals to this country and this city have really fueled this economy,” said Nan Feyler, executive director of the Nationalities Service Center. For example, the influx of immigrants has offset the decline in major cities. Pennsylvania has had a 41 percent increase in its immigrants between 2001 and 2005, compared to 16 percent nationally. More than half are from Latin America. She said 11 percent of Philadelphia’s population is foreign born. Cooper noted that in Philadelphia, a memorandum from the City Solicitor’s office mandates that neither services nor law enforcement may inquire about immigration status.

Currently, Philadelphia has the second highest Liberian community in the nation, but specific immigrant populations are constantly shifting depending on state department policies, Feyler explained. “We’re hoping that in the next year or two we’ll begin to see Iraqi refugees,” she added, who would include the “tens of thousands Iraqi refugees who are now in Syria and Jordan who helped support the United States armed forces and who have not really been given refugee status and permitted to come.”

“If things are not going to move on the federal level,” Read urged, “then paying attention to the state and local issues and attacks on immigrants in that context becomes even more important.” Read spoke to the pervasive practice of preying on immigrants by people claiming to be able to help immigrants obtain legal status. The need for pro bono service to fill the immigrant resource gap is significant. “My representation is a life or death issue,” Gansallo described her work.

Both HIAS and the Nationalities Service Center offer programs for attorneys to volunteer to help immigrant communities. Immigration work can be a “wonderful and interesting challenge,” Feyler added.

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Gun Control, Public Policy and the 2nd Amendment

By Douglas Gaston

Last fall I attended the funeral for Erron Watson. Erron, 21, was shot while walking his dog near his grandmother’s home in North Philadelphia. Erron was the cousin of someone very special to me and she will be haunted for the rest of her life by the sight of his lifeless body lying on the ground. To most people Erron is merely a statistic – number 289 on the Inquirer’s list of Philadelphia homicide victims in 2006. But to the family and friends who mourned his death, he was a gentle, fun-loving teddy bear of a guy who did not deserve such a fate. At his funeral I came to the realization that there is no consolation for a distraught and devastated mother whose son has been ruthlessly murdered or a family that has lost a brother, uncle, nephew and cousin.

We will never know whether Erron’s death could have been prevented by tougher gun laws, but we owe it to him, his family, his infant daughter, and the family and friends of all the other victims to do everything legally permissible to prevent similar senseless tragedies.

Philadelphia may have the dubious distinction of leading the nation in gun-related killings, but the problem of gun violence is not just a state or local issue. According to the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence, firearms were used to murder 11,624 people in the U.S. in 2004 (compared to 184 in Canada), firearm homicide was the leading cause of death in 2004 (compared to 184 in Canada), and approximately 80 percent of the costs of treating firearms-related injuries are paid for by taxpayers.

The issue is not whether the federal government (or state governments) can or will ban completely the ownership of handguns. The issue is more about how to prevent senseless tragedies. Another way of saying this is the cost to society in terms of loss of life and the cost to taxpayers warrant intelligent, narrowly tailored, reasonable gun control laws.

New Jersey passed a similar law that, while laudable, will be less effective if a neighboring state fails to take steps to reduce gun trafficking. The recent refusal by the House Appropriations Committee to repeal the Tiahrt Amendment and remove restrictions that limit law enforcement access to federal data about guns recovered in crimes is further evidence of misplaced priorities.

So why is comprehensive and effective gun legislation unattainable? A popular view is that the gun lobby is too powerful for elected officials to oppose. A more cynical view is that as a society we do not value the lives of young African-American men who make up a disproportionate percentage of the victims. Beyond cynical and bordering on reckless is the “more guns, less crime” view that would allow almost anyone to carry a concealed handgun in public.

If we truly want to address the issues of violent crime, a more rational and constitutionally permissible approach would begin with the following propositions: (i) the Second Amendment right to bear arms is not absolute; (ii) handguns are inherently dangerous; and (iii) the cost to society in terms of loss of life and the cost to taxpayers warrant intelligent, narrowly tailored, reasonable gun control laws. Underlying issues such as drugs and alcohol abuse, poverty, domestic violence and lack of opportunity play a role in the cycle of violent crime. If, however, we do not reduce the number of guns, stop illegal trafficking and impose higher standards of safety and care, the deaths and related costs to society will continue to rise. That’s a bad public policy choice.

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Workers’ Comp Section Seeks Hampton Award Nominees

The Association’s Workers’ Compensation Section will present its 7th annual Martha Hampton Award later this year. This award was named in honor of an attorney who was committed to the practice of workers compensation law. Each year a committee reviews nominations as to the attorney or judge who best exemplifies Martha's unique compassion and dedication to her professions among her peers. She had the ability to be a strong educator to many of us. She also maintained close friendships among her peers. She enjoyed the role she played as a mentor or advocate in the courtroom and the next moment have coffee with opposing counsel discussing only personal matters not legal ones. It is this respect for people and the profession that led to the creation of this award.

Hampton’s interests went beyond the individual cases she litigated. She believed in the viability and importance of the Workers’ Compensation Section and served as a co-chair of the section. Her involvement included writing informative articles to testifying before subcommittees in Harrisburg on proposed legislation.

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It should be noted all members of the bar and bench who practice workers’ compensation law are eligible. This is not an award restricted to claimants’ attorneys. Past winners have included counsel from both sides of the aisle as well as from the bench.

This year’s Award Committee will be chaired by Marc S. Jacobs (a partner with Hampton at Galfand Berger) and the co-chairs of the section from last year, Judge Patricia M. Bachman, Valerie H. Lieberman and Eric L. Segal. In addition to the award, a charitable contribution is made each year to Kids Chance by Galfand Berger, on behalf of the Section. Kids Chance offers scholarships to children who have lost a parent due to a work-related injury.

Your nominations are important. We encourage your participation. Please include your thoughts for making your nomination.

All nominations can be e-mailed to Marc S. Jacobs at mjacob@galfandberger.com or mailed to Jacobs at 1818 Market St., 23rd Floor, Philadelphia, Pa. 19103.

By Alan Nochumson

When your workday slows down because your client or supervisor is on vacation, physically or mentally, you should really take this time of the year as an opportunity to refocus on your personal and professional wellness.

As summer approaches, many of us are attempting to shed that unwanted weight we obtained during the winter season. If you have not already, dust off your gym membership and start that journey to physical fitness. Whether your motivation for doing so is due to health concerns or fear of being mistaken for a beached whale, by spending time in the gym only a couple of days a week, you will regain that hop in your step which has sorely been missing for months.

You should also find time to escape from the office and spend time with your family. I am as guilty as anyone, but you, your family, your clients, and your law firm really need you to unwind. All work and no play make you a very stressed and unproductive attorney. Even a week away from the office will give that extra boost of energy that will allow you to finish the year with the proverbial bang.

This hull also gives you an excuse to organize your office. If I am an indication, your client files need that “extra special attention.” For the past couple of months, I am sure your files have been neglected in lieu of actually servicing your clients’ legal needs. An unorganized office makes you less efficient and affects your state of mind. By uncluttering your office, you will be, in essence, uncluttering your mind.

Finally, this time of the year should be your chance to network with potential clients and referral sources as much as possible. Think about it, there is no better excuse to take that extra long lunch or for you to leave work early for drinks or a happy hour in the name of business development. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

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Bar Association Bikers Raise $91,000 for ACS

Bar Association Secretary John E. Savoth (left in left photo) and his son, Nate, were among the 174 members of the Philadelphia Bar Association team in the July 15 American Cancer Society Bike-a-Thon. Cyclists rode nearly 70 miles from the Ben Franklin Bridge to the Buena Vista Camping Park in Buena, N.J. Members of the Bar Association team hope to increase their fund-raising goal to $125,000 by Aug. 15. More than 5,000 riders competed in the event, raising more than $1.5 million. To contribute, visit acsbike.org.
Golfers Hit the Links to Benefit Bar Foundation

Bar Foundation President Elaine M. Rinaldi (above) meets with event co-chair Rod Wittenberg before play began at the 18th Annual Philadelphia Bar Foundation Golf Outing at The ACE Club in Lafayette Hill, Pa. on June 26. More than 100 golfers raised $93,000 for the Bar Foundation.

Putting contest winners (above, from left) Hank Mahoney, Scott F. Cooper, Ray Hutnik and Brian McGrath gather at the completion of the event, which ended in a four-way tie. U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Golden (left in right photo) and Barry Simpson wait to begin their rounds.

Michael B. Hayes follows his tee-shot on the 4th hole, where players had a chance to win a lease on a Lexus for a hole-in-one.
Nominations are now being accepted for the Philadelphia Bar Association's 2007 Wachovia Fidelity Award, presented annually to a member of the Association, who through volunteer activities, rendered over a considerable period of time, has made significant improvements to the administration of justice.

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- Distinguished service consistently rendered over a considerable period of time or a single outstanding achievement in a particular year. (The fact that this single achievement may have occurred some years ago in not material so long as it has not been recognized.);
- The accomplishment must arise from voluntary activities rather than for service rendered as a paid professional;
- It is preferred that the recipient be a member of the Philadelphia Bar Association not now in public office or directly involved with the court operations or any other public service activity.


Nominations should be made in writing. Please include a detailed statement setting forth information and reasons why you are recommending the nominee. Nominations should be sent to Tracey McCloskey, Philadelphia Bar Association, c/o Fidelity Award Committee, 1101 Market St., 11th Floor, Philadelphia PA 19107. The deadline is Friday, Oct. 12.

Full scholarships to the 2007 Bench-Bar Conference, to be held September 28-29 at Bally’s in Atlantic City, are available again this year by lottery to Association members who are public interest or government service attorneys.

Scholarship winners will be drawn and announced on Wednesday, Sept. 5 during a reception beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., in the 11th Floor Conference Center. To enter the lottery, please submit your name and organization to Areetha Carter at acarter@philabar.org by Thursday, Aug. 30. Scholarships include one night hotel room at Bally’s as well as all conference fees, CLE credits and meals. For more information on the 2007 Bench-Bar Conference, visit philadelphiabar.org.
**Former Justice Nigro Relishes New Role**

**By Heather J. Holloway**

When one door closes, another opens. This was the lesson learned by former Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Russell M. Nigro when he lost the race to retain his seat on the court.

Shortly after leaving the bench, Nigro was approached by counsel in a case that had been litigated for quite some time. Although Nigro later learned that neither attorney actually believed that the case would settle, each asked Nigro to mediate. Drawing on his 8 1/2 years of experience as a trial judge and utilizing the skills that he employed when trying to settle cases from the bench, Nigro successfully mediated the action. This engagement led to his new career as a mediator/arbitrator, which he describes as financially rewarding, fun and fulfilling.

Speaking before the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee earlier this summer, Nigro identified three requirements for a successful mediation. He said lawyers must provide documentation to the mediator; the mediator must read the materials submitted in an effort to learn the case as well as counsel; and the parties must appear with an open mind and they must be willing to listen to the mediator and objectively discuss both the strengths and weaknesses of their case. Unless there is personal animosity between the litigants, then the monetary aspects of litigation can usually be resolved.

Even when there are non-monetary issues, mediation may be an attractive alternative to litigation. Recalling his mediation of a medical malpractice action resulting from the death of a child, Nigro explained that the mother was unwilling to settle for any figure because she wanted continued on page 16

**Netiquette, Guidelines for Bar’s Listserv Users**

Bar Association List Serves or electronic mailing lists are one of the most useful means of member communication, since they enable their members to instantly transmit or receive information and opinions on matters of common interest. When a message is sent to an electronic mailing list the list server immediately distributes it to all subscribers. Conversely, when replies to that message are “mailed,” they, too, are broadcast to the entire list of subscribers in a matter of minutes or seconds, making this a highly interactive form of communication for Bar Association members.

The following suggested guidelines are intended to make the electronic mailing lists valuable and productive for all subscribers.

- Be germane. Tailor your message to the issue being addressed or for discussion, since that will tend to produce the most focused and valuable responses from your colleagues. To ensure a positive experience for all subscribers, please avoid religious or political issues. Do not publish, post, distribute, or disseminate views or materials that expose political views or solicit for political candidates.
- Referrals. The list is not to be used as a means to obtain referrals to other attorneys in the five-county region. The Association maintains a Lawyer Referral Information Service for this purpose, which is available to any attorney looking for a referral.
- Know your audience. It is important to recognize that your audience may have varying degrees of knowledge and experience with technology. Keeping this in mind will help to ensure that your ideas reach everyone’s eyes.
- Briefly is important. Please keep your messages as short and to the point as is consistent with conveying the substance of your thoughts.
- Identify yourself. Please sign your message with your full name and Philadelphia Bar Association affiliation. Among other things, this gives your colleagues the opportunity to consult directly with you on questions or issues that may have come up during the course of the discussion.
- Provide a subject line. Posting a subject line that reflects your message’s contents enables your colleagues to prioritize their reading. This is an important courtesy, particularly when the list of subscribers is large and there is a high volume of transmissions.
- If possible avoid attachments. Attachments can be very useful, but frequently they are incompatible with your audience’s software. Therefore, when possible, avoid using them.
- Be careful with replies. It is important to remember that all messages and replies posted to the list are sent to the entire list. Consequently, if you wish to transmit something of a more personal or private nature, please send it directly to the recipient rather than through the electronic mailing list. When possible, avoid replies that include prior correspondence since long messages tend to slow the process.
- Please do not use auto-reply. Electronic mailing lists often include a large number of individuals, which makes auto-replies undesirable.
- Keeping it simple is your best bet. A short message using simple formatting is your best bet to ensure that all the intended recipients can view your transmission without difficulty.
- Avoid auto-replies. Postings to the list should never make disparaging remarks about any individuals or organizations. The Philadelphia Bar Association in its sole discretion, may, at any time and from time to time and without notice, remove postings that are deemed objectionable and ban subscribers who have violated these guidelines.

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**What Was the Last Live Musical Event You Attended?**

- **Clarke**
  “I saw The Roots play just a few weeks ago. It was one of the best shows of theirs that I’ve ever seen.”

- **Carlson**
  “I got to see the Dave Matthews Band for the first time at the Tweeter Center in Camden. I went with some people from my office and we had a blast.”

- **Sulejman**
  “I saw Depeche Mode up in Holmdel, N.J. It was the second time I’ve seen them. It wasn’t the best show, because the lead singer was just getting over laryngitis, but it was still good.”

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all over the country that united behind this issue.

Why did your Bar Association join with the mayor of New York City and others on this common sense issue? Law enforcement must be provided with the tools necessary to track those who supply these deadly, warens on the streets in which we all live and work. Such information is vitally needed to stem the gun violence in the City of Philadelphia. This is not about chopping away at Second Amendment rights. It’s about empowering local authorities to do basic police work.

We believe that most Philadelphians, indeed, most Americans, support strong efforts to control illegal guns. And we also believe that most Americans support the sharing of vital information that would help prevent such illegal trafficking. With more than 30,000 victims of gun-related violence each year in this country, as a legal profession it is our duty to help law enforcement to end this senseless slaughter.

Accordingly, your Bar Association will continue to build coalitions with like-minded groups that are working to give law enforcement agencies access to appropriate information to protect our communities and our neighborhoods.

Common sense may not have carried the day in Washington, but we will persist in our efforts until the Rule of Law replaces the law(lessness) of the streets.

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answers regarding the events that lead to her child’s death. The hospital had already accepted liability and she was not likely to receive the answers that she sought from a trial on damage issues only. Instead, Nigro persuaded the parties to proceed with mediation with certain hospital officials in attendance who answered questions posed by the mother and approved by Nigro in advance of the mediation.

Nigro, who also performs arbitration services, noted that litigants pursue mediation instead of trial because it is less expensive and eliminates many of the variables, such as questionable motion determinations and jury verdicts. Likewise, arbitration is often sought when the parties have exhausted settlement efforts because it too is less expensive, eliminates the risk of excessive jury awards and often is conducted under a high/low agreement. Both alternatives can significantly reduce the time that the parties are entangled in the litigation process.

Nigro commented that he gets more satisfaction out of serving as a mediator rather than an arbitrator. Comparing the mediation process to a puzzle, Nigro likes the challenge of having to come up with a resolution that will “get everyone to the promise land.” He noted that mediators are often able to push the litigants even harder than their own attorneys. This, he thinks, may be particularly so when he serves as a mediator, as he speculates that many attorneys select him believing that their clients will find a former Pennsylvania Supreme Court justice to be persuasive.

Former Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Russell M. Nigro now works as a mediator and arbitrator.

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sent annually to a woman attorney who has demonstrated superior legal talent, achieved significant legal accomplishments and has furthered the advancement of women in both the profession and the community.

Hart came to Temple from the University of New Hampshire, where she served as president beginning in July 2002. Before leading UNH, she was provost and vice president for academic affairs at Claremont Graduate University in Claremont, Calif. Hart also served as professor of educational leadership, dean of the Graduate School and special assistant to the president at the University of Utah.

Hart received an M.A. in History and a Ph.D. in Educational Administration, both from the University of Utah. Her research interests include leadership succession and development, work redesign and organizational behavior in educational organizations, and academic freedom and freedom of speech in higher education.

During her career, Hart has been actively involved in leadership roles in numerous professional and service organizations. She is chair-elect of the Commission on International Programs of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges. While president at UNH, Hart served on the Board of Trustees of the University System of New Hampshire, the Board of Directors of Citizens Bank of New Hampshire, and the Board of Governors of New Hampshire Public Television, as well as serving as an incorporator of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

Her publications include more than 85 articles and book chapters and five books and edited volumes, among them The Principalship: A Theory of Professional Learning and Practice (1996) with Paul V. Bredeson and Designing and Conducting Research (1996) with Clifford J. Drew and Michael L. Hardman. Hart has also served as editor of Educational Administration Quarterly, the top-referenced research journal in her field.

She has been recognized for her achievements and service by many organizations, including the Business and Professional Women’s Foundation, the University Council for Educational Administration, and the Utah Women’s Forum, and has been honored as a Distinguished Alumna of the College of Humanities of the University of Utah.

In addition to her academic and administrative work, Hart has been a consultant to many educational institutions, universities, and nonprofit organizations both nationally and internationally.

Hart and her husband, Randy, have four daughters, two grandchildren, and four great-grandsons.

The Sandra Day O’Connor Award was established in 1993 to recognize the important contributions that women attorneys in Philadelphia have made to the legal profession.

That year, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor presented the first award to U.S. District Court Senior Judge Norma L. Shapiro. The award has since been presented to late Juanita Kidd Stout, former justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court; Deborah R. Willig, first woman Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association; Professor Marina Angel, of the Temple University Beasley School of Law faculty; Third Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Dolores K. Sloviter (former Chief Judge); U.S. District Court Judge Anita B. Brody; Leslie Anne Miller, first woman president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association; Lila G. Roomeberg of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP; the late Judge Judith J. Jamison; Ellen T. Greenlee, chief defender of the Defender Association of Philadelphia; former Chancellor Audrey C. Talley; U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Marjorie O. Rendell; Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge Phyllis W. Beck; and Roberta D. Pichini.

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My entire family left our home in the summer months every Sunday late afternoon for Chinatown. We drove enveloped within the cabin of a new shining black 1954 Buick Century whose chrome-plated bumpers reflected light onto every building we passed. In dense traffic as we headed for the Chinese Wall, the car’s radio mesmerized my sister and me with the suspense of the “Shadow,” followed by the blury drawings of Rochester bemoaning the penny-pinching proprieties of Jack Benny.

In the mid-1950s, two Chinese restaurants created block-long lines: South China on 9th Street near Vine and Shanghai Garden at 919 Race St. The queues were populated by “real eaters,” those whose bellies had stretch marks actually visible through the bloated transparency of thin cotton shirts, blouses, pants or skirts. It was not the custom to travel to Chinatown to dine; rather to stuff one’s self silly, then rest, and start eating anew.

My father ordered for the four of us, “Won-Ton Soup for six, please, extra mustard; two shrimp egg rolls, extra mustard; two chicken chow mein; four orders of spare ribs; three shrimp-in-lobster sauce, a pork fried rice and two white rice; one pepper steak.”

Mom: “Won’t be enough.”
Pop: “We’ll rest; we’ll see.”

No sooner did our waiter disappear through red vinyl doors into a bustling kitchen, than he was out again rolling a huge silver butter full of soup tureens, domed platters, glass teapots, bowls, dishes, silverware, cellophane packets of soy, mustard and, of course, a plethora of two-gallon pitchers of ice water.

When all were stuffed, my mother taught us the true meaning of charity:

Mom: “You didn’t order ice cream; it comes with the Column B meal!”
Me: “Ma, I can’t breathe, I’ll bust.”
Mom: “That’s no excuse. Mister-Think-Of-Yourself-Only-Selfish-Person. Your sister maybe wants some extra. Try remembering to consider someone other than you.”

It seemed incomprehensible, viewing my little sister across the table, how she could even open her mouth. She’d fallen into an MSG coma after having wantonly devoured humungous piles of fried rolls, noodles, and ribs. Spatterings of rice dribbled from her mouth. Nevertheless, Mom was able to force my sister’s lips open involuntarily by placing a thumb and index finger on either side of the child’s cheeks, and pressing. It was not thereafter difficult to spoom feed her the speckled vanilla ice cream I’d eventually ordered to be “charitable.”

On the ride home, lacist, gaseous explosions emanated from my sister’s biliously bulging body, punctuating the radio airwave’s banter of Bert Parks on “Name That Tune,” and making cacophony of Hal March’s $64 questions. Near home, Kate Smith choked while attempting to sing “God Bless America.”

Upon entering Lee How Fook, which opened in 1983, one views nine wooden tables of assorted square or circular (lazyszehwian) sizes in a comfortable room that’s steamy and small. A banquet room is appended beyond the kitchen, just past the statue of Buddha. I began patronizing this eatery more than 15 years ago when I discovered it’s as if being in Shanghai.

Plan an early arrival; bring your own beer or wine. Fabulous food is served from soup to final fortune cookie, casually and purposefully.

Chef Shing Chung and his wife Doris created Cantonese dishes beyond compare, until they gradually retired and slowly left the establishment to their daughter Sieu and her husband Andrew. Not a hemidemisemiquaver was missed. Now head chef Bo Mai still prepares each meal from scratch, and fanatically fresh. Doris Chung used to say: “So many lawyers too.”

Every bite is a delectable delight. And you attack your taste buds luxuriously, as no one rushes. Pursed lips become slippery as you attempt to whistle-cool the ingredients. Of thick noodles with ginger and pepper sauce, a pork fried rice and two white rice; one pepper steak. Despite the tongue’s quiver, every bite is a delectable delight.

Never miss anything in which abalone of any flavor is included. Alabone with shredded duck soup ($8.95) arrives in a silver tureen to feed four. It’s steaming contents seem to cavort as you ladle hunks of dark duck meat and yellow glistening abalone strips from the broth. Heated mildness immediately melds with silky softness, so your tongue is confused and cautions. As it relaxes, an involuntary gasp of larynx occurs, creating just enough room to swallow and moan concurrently. Similarly, but with an entirely dissimilar texture, an abalone with chicken hot pot ($10.50) bumbles in sealed crock pottery, until the lift of a lid reveals crackling Chinese vegetables swamped by dollops of chicken breast morsels and thin floating golden strands of abalone. Beancurds abound. Doris Chung used to say: “So many lawyers too full abalone!”

Moreover, whole fish are prepared in Fook’s kitchen, Mandarin style, skin crisped and seasoned, then steamed to a pearly white. Pick at the table-filleted striped bass or flounder leisurely and luxuriously, as no one rushes. Fried dried ho fun noodle with beef ($8.50) catapults enraged crescents of beef and invigorates them in a bath of thick noodles with ginger and pepper. Pursued lips become slippery as you attempt to whistle-cool the ingredients. The meat is marble bristled lurking with noodles of mens rea among the noodles, to attack your taste buds.

Review the rice platters, especially if accompanied by roast pork and greens, or squid, scallop, crabmeat and shrimp. Every bite is a delectable delight. And be adventurous with the menu. Los and meins have been replaced here by Shanghai chiu. YU NO HOO

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**Commentary**

**Preserve Excavations at President’s House**

By Enid H. Adler

Recently, I stopped at the excavations of the President’s House at 6th and Market Streets. I was struck by the same awe that, as a citizen of Philadelphia and lover of history, I feel every time I walk through Independence National Park.

I have watched the reverence reflected in the faces of visitors from many countries as I toured these original, historic buildings where our founders met and deliberated our independence, wrote our Constitution and governed our nation during its first 10 years. Now, archeologists are uncovering another ultimate spot essential to our understanding of our national history, the house of our first presidents. A wave of excitement accompanied my seeing the actual curved stone-shaped remains of the window of what has been dubbed the “first” oval office, designed by George Washington. My interest was enhanced further by the archeologist’s description of a wall built above it. Much of the history of that era wasn’t pretty; but it was the reality of that civilization for good or ill. The same is true of the President’s House.

In Xian, China, for example, the government built a protective pavilion above the excavations of the famed Terra Cotta Soldiers, where visitors can observe the statues already unearthed and ongoing discoveries. There obviously are ways to protect such sites. Israel is the master of preserving historical excavations.

If the charitable foundations and citizens of Philadelphia, including the recently honored Philadelphia patron par excellence, Lenore Annenberg, could raise millions of dollars to keep the Thomas Eakins painting of the “Gross Clinic” here, surely they and others nationwide can do the same in Philadelphia to save and preserve these excavations for posterity. The time to act is now. Bar colleagues, let’s do it!

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By Marc W. Reuben

Watching Michael Moore’s latest, and best docu-mockumentary “Sicko,” I could not help but remember a case I handled against a medical provider more than a decade ago. The parties are irrelevant, except for the fact that a doctor was suing a provider who had arranged to pay him based upon the number of patients he saw in a given year. His grant for the medical care he provided was, like the way TastyKake used to do business, based on the number of folks he saw the year before. If he saw as many people in as much time, he got a flat fee and if he saw more people in less time he got a bonus, which the provider refused to pay him - thus setting the stage for my services. It tidied me that people with real problems were treated as commodities and the time it took to acknowledge their existence was tallied as medical treatment time, and grown people cared not a wit for the quality of service performed.

Moore’s film, which is about the healthcare fiasco in the Great Democracy, is an unbalanced look at how really bad healthcare services are in the U.S. compared to the rest of the civilized world. Our health system is slightly better than El Salvador’s and a good health problem will ruin most Americans. In most other countries outside Africa and the Middle East (save Israel) medical care is available to everyone. Americans who are in need of free medical care are advised to get sick outside the United States.

Moore’s movie is nowhere near as hysterically sarcastic as his other works, perhaps because the serious corruption of American morals in medical matters is just not a topic that lends itself to humor. Only the United States refuses to provide universal healthcare for its citizens. Perhaps because the serious corruption of American morals in medical matters is just not a topic that lends itself to humor. Only the United States refuses to provide universal healthcare for its citizens. Even Hillary Clinton, queen of the healthcare follies of 1993, has taken almost $1 million from the medical industry and the medical insurance industry and the medical industry - if that is not redundant - run the government. Millions of dollars are stuffed into the pockets of eager public servants who, like the Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell, call such bribery “free speech.” It is not free speech to walk up to members of Congress and stuff their pockets with campaign money. That is bribery.

Moore repeats the well-known stories of how insurers have created a predatory industry that thrives on refusing to pay for medical care, finding outlandish reasons for rejecting claims even when the purpose of the provider or HMO is to provide needed medical coverage. It is well noted that people die while covered by such providers. This is not the case in evil Cuba, the backward dictatorship just a few miles from our shores, where Moore took 9-11 responders who were refused care by American HMOs, Cuba, which is ranked lower than the U.S. in quality of medical services, was able to care for these people when their own country refused.

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Money Doesn’t Talk, So Ask About Her Job

I was in New York City for the Fourth of July and met some friends of a friend’s friend who was having a party on the Upper West Side. We all came together to celebrate our country’s freedom and independence from oppression—and, of course, to watch the fireworks on a 64-inch LCD plasma flat screen HD TV. It was a nice diverse group gathered in that cozy one-bedroom apartment—two individuals originally from India, two from Korea, one from Syria, one from Japan and two from Ohio. Except the guys from Ohio, none of us were born in the United States. But we all agreed that America is the best place to live.

We were getting to know one another and I had just started talking with Andrew when he asked what I did for a living. Upon learning that I was a lawyer, Andrew, quite simply, said that I must make a lot of money. Maybe inhaling two corndogs and two helpings of homemade Skyline chili spaghetti (sans onions) put me in a food coma because I did not have much of a comeback (I think I may have mumbled something like, “Um, no.”).

An hour later, when I had moved to a different corner of the apartment, I met Nick, who, after asking me what I did for a living, also stated matter-of-factly that I must make a lot of money. You would think I would have had a snappier response after having heard that same remark from Andrew, but instead, the second time around, I said, “Uh, no, not me.”

Talking about money (except to complain that I never have enough) always makes me feel uncomfortable so, I tried the old tried-and-true maneuver of deflect and reflect and said, “Oh, but you must make a lot of money yourself.”

But that statement sort of fell flat since I had not yet asked what he did for a living. I could not help but be struck that the only comment these two non-lawyers made when they learned I was a lawyer had to do with the money. The other non-lawyers in the apartment also chimed in and agreed that all lawyers make a lot of money.

Maybe their assumption is natural in light of the articles about the salaries of first-year associates in certain large firms and the headline-grabbing large verdicts. Of course, the truth is, while the profession is still struggling to achieve it, diversity is a reality when it comes to lawyers’ salaries. But it seems the common perception amongst many is that all lawyers make a lot of money.

I am hopeful that in time, the questions I get from those who learn that I am a lawyer will relate not to how much money I must make but to what I do as a lawyer. But I am at least gratified that Nick and Andrew’s comments were a step above the reaction I got from one of the doctors who saw me a couple of months ago—he mimicked the sign of the cross.

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Beccaria Presentation

The Justinian Society Chancellor Rudolph Garcia (from left) is joined by Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas President Judge C. Darnell Jones II, Philadelphia Municipal Court President Judge Louis J. Presenza, Chancellor Jane Dalton and Michael C. Rainone, chair emeritus of the Beccaria Award Committee, on June 28 in the Jury Assembly Room of the Criminal Justice Center. The Criminal Justice Section and The Justinian Society gathered to formally dedicate a bust of 18th century scholar Cesare Beccaria, an early proponent of many of the tenets of modern criminal law.

*Photo by Jeff Lyons*
Justice Sandra Schultz Newman, a member of Cozen O’Connor, was elected to the Council of The Pennsylvania Society at the annual spring meeting in Harrisburg.

Henrik D. Parker of Woodcock Washburn LLP participated in the American Intellectual Property Law Association Spring Meeting May 9-11 at the Seafort Hotel & World Trade Center in Boston.

Scott B. Schwartz, a member of Cozen O’Connor, recently participated on a panel discussion for the Intellectual Property Law Institute hosted by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and served as the co-host for a discussion on trademark dilution for the International Trademark Association.

Alan Nadel, a partner with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, recently received a Distinguished Alumni Service Award from the George Washington University Alumni Association. The award is presented to alumni who have demonstrated outstanding volunteer contributions to the University and community.

Joseph K. Hetrick, a partner with Dechert LLP, presented “Cross Border Marketing” at the Defense Research Institute Joint International Pre-Conference in London on May 16. He also presented “Law Firm Marketing & Management” at the Center for International Studies’ Fifth Annual Convention on June 1 in Zurich, Switzerland.

James M. Penny Jr., a partner with Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP, has been named a member to the Pennsylvania SPCA Board of Directors.

Jennifer A. Brandt, a member of Cozen O’Connor, recently served as a course planner and moderator for a new course sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute called “Sophisticated Issues in Family Law.”

George W. Broseman, a principal with Kaplin Stewart Reiter & Stein, P.C., has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Elite Charitable Foundation. The Elite Charitable Foundation is working on improving the quality of life for families in Philadelphia area.

Bruce H. Bikin, a partner with Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP, has been chosen to serve as the deputy chairman of the Delaware County Democratic Party, a post that makes him a voting member of the Delaware County Party Executive Committee.

Sandhya M. Feltos, a principal with Kaplin Stewart Reiter & Stein, P.C., was honored in May 2007 as a minority lawyer “on the verge” by The Legal Intelligencer and Pennsylvania Law Weekly.

Andrew J. Rudolph, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP, has been elected Fellow of the American College of Employee Benefit Counsel.


Stewart Cohen, a shareholder with Cohen, Placteilla & Roth, P.C., has been appointed to his first three-year term on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Disciplinary Board.

Margaret A. McCausland, a sole practitioner, recently spoke at PBI’s Employment Law Institute on the validity of releases and at the annual American Occupational Health Conference in New Orleans on the challenges of running a business while complying with the ADA and the FMLA.

Bennett G. Piker, a partner with Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young and former Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association, was recently appointed to the Council of Advisors of the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University Law School.

Richard J. Bortnick and Michael F. Metzger of Cozen O’Connor recently participated in Mealey’s Litigation Management Guidelines Conference.


Harold Fullmer, a partner with Woodcock Washburn LLP, presented a networking luncheon seminar entitled, “Intellectual Property Issues with Converters” on June 5 at the 2007 CMM International Conference in Rosemont, Illinois.

Henry M. Clinton of Eckert Seamans Cherry & Mellott, LLC received a distinguished service award from Philadelphia Alumni Association. Th e award is presented to alumni who have demonstrated outstanding volunteer contributions to the University and community.

Carl M. Buchholz, managing partner and CEO of Blank Rome LLP, has recently been named incoming Chair of the Tangled Title Fund Advisory Committee.


Rhonda Hill Wilson, a sole practitioner, presented “The Use of Technology in the Courtroom,” at the Mississippi Trial Lawyers Annual Convention in New Orleans on June 8. She addressed Advanced Nursing Home Litigation for the American Association for Justice Annual Convention in Boston on June 14.

Debra Aisenstein of RecordTrak recently presented a lecture for the Paralegal Studies Program of Community College of Philadelphia on how to build a personal injury file, gather medical records, and use on-line document repositories to make more effectively and efficiently handle cases.

Bortnick and Metzger delivered a presentation titled “What You Need to Know About Litigation Management Guidelines,” which examined the history and common elements of insurers’ guidelines and discussed current trends including the impact of electronic invoicing and budgeting on litigation management.

Jennifer A. Brandt of Cozen O’Connor recently served as a course instructor for the Defense Research Institute Intellectual Property Law Institute hosted by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and served as the co-host for a discussion on trademark dilution for the International Trademark Association.

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Ann Thornton Field, a member of Cozen O’Connor, has been named vice chair of the Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania.

Jan Levine, a partner at Dechert LLP, sponsored an University of Pennsylvania Association of Alumnae Book Award for a student at Community Learning Center, a nonprofit adult literacy program in North Philadelphia.

Margaret Thompson, a member of Cozen O’Connor, has been appointed to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Procedural Rules Committee for the Orphans’ Court.

Sazi P. Tulante, an associate with Hangley Aronchick Segal & Pudlin, recently graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Citizens’ Academy/Community Partnership Program.

Benjamin R. Barnett, a partner with Dechert LLP, presented “E-Dialogue with Law Firms & Outside Entities” at the Corporate E-Discovery Forum on June 15 in Washington, D.C.

Joseph V. Del Raso, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP, has been appointed a member of the President’s Commission on White House Fellows. Members of the Commission are appointed by the President.

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