Dalton to Outline Her Plans for 2007 as She Becomes Bar’s 80th Chancellor

by Beth Huffman

Like the traveler in Robert Frost’s epic poem “The Road Not Taken,” Jane Leslie Dalton chose the “road less traveled.” Dalton, the Philadelphia Bar Association’s 80th Chancellor, has blazed a trail for other women as an attorney and as a civic leader.

The fourth woman to serve as the Association’s elected leader, Dalton was the first women associate and the first woman partner at Duane Morris LLP. She is one of the nation’s premier employment attorneys, representing employers in class actions and in high-profile cases. She was recognized in 2006 as a Super Lawyer by Philadelphia magazine and as a Woman of Distinction in 2005 by the Philadelphia Business Journal.

Dalton has risen steadily in leadership positions at the Association, serving as chair of the Board of Governors as well as chair or co-chair of various committees before being elected Vice Chancellor for 2005. Dalton will outline her plans for her year as Chancellor at the Association’s Annual Meeting Luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 12 p.m. at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue.

An active member of the community, she served from 1994-2001 as the chair of the Police Advisory Commission. She was appointed to the Judicial Council of Pennsylvania in 2003 by Gov. Edward G. Rendell. In 2006, U.S. District Court Chief Judge Harvey Bartle III of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania asked her to chair the committee to recommend qualified candidates for magistrate judge to the court.

Raised in Cleveland as the oldest of five children born to an engineer and a homemaker, Dalton excelled in

Big Firms Report on Pro Bono Work

by Mary Gay Scanlon

Lawyers at 20 of Philadelphia’s largest law firms performed more than 106,000 hours of pro bono service to the disadvantaged last year, an average of more than 37 hours per attorney, according to a survey compiled by the Law Firm Pro Bono Committee. The survey, conducted annually since 2003, is being released publicly for the first time in an effort to benchmark and promote pro bono efforts by the city’s larger firms.

The survey asked the 30 law firms having the largest Philadelphia offices to report on three pro bono indicators for the 2005 fiscal year: the average number of pro bono hours per attorney; the percentage of attorneys who exceeded the ABA recommendation of 50 hours of annual pro bono service; and the percentage of attorneys who performed any pro bono service in 2005. The survey sought only data concerning Philadelphia-based attorneys. The number of attorneys at the 30 largest firms ranged from 526 to 52. This year, in a departure from past practice, the Law Firm Pro Bono Committee advised the firms that it would seek approval from the Board continued on page 21
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Lessons Learned From Year as Chancellor

by Alan M. Feldman

As I approach the end of my term as Chancellor, I've given some thought to how my experience may influence me as I resume my career as a plaintiff’s trial lawyer. The year I spent as the leader of the Philadelphia Bar Association (and my “training” years as Vice Chancellor and Chancellor) taught me several lessons that are relevant to everyone in our Association who is involved in matters unrelated to Bar membership, whether in the office to speak out on an issue of only peripheral concern to the membership to his previous column. The 2006 issue number 35, No. 10, in which he took it upon himself to formulate and express as Association policy his personal opinion on the very divisive constitutional issue of gun control. He, in line with current local political dogma, recharacterized the issue of violent criminal human behavior as “gun violence,” as if inanimate objects were the cause of murder. Suffice it to say that his October column contained no valid reasoning, was blatantly political, and obfuscated the real issue by means of gross and deliberate misinformation. It was, to say the least, an embarrassment, whether or not you agree with his position. As an expression of purported Association policy on an issue of constitutional import upon which reasonable members can and do differ, it was highly inappropriate.

Whatever he may believe to the contrary, Mr. Feldman was not elected to speak for the members of the Association concerning every issue. He apparently feels that an issue which comes to his attention laterally make Association policy on any matter whatsoever upon which a position has not already been taken by the Board or by formal resolution of the membership, and to disseminate same as if a consensus on the issue had been reached within the Association. He based his opinion upon a bylaw provision permitting the Chancellor to “speak for the Association” on “other matters.” He evidently interprets this provision as conferring upon him a personal right and divine duty to unilaterally make Association policy on every issue which comes to his attention. He apparently feels that an Association policy must exist on every subject about which he is asked a question. This attitude exudes a level of egotism and arrogance in Mr. Feldman which may serve his clients well but does grave disservice to the membership of this Association, all of whom are intelligent individuals with reasoned individual opinions on many, if not most, matters.

It appears that Mr. Feldman’s rather defensive November column was prompted by the response of some of the membership to his previous column in the October 2006 issue, Vol. 35, No. 10, in which he took it upon himself to formulate and express as Association policy his personal opinion on the very divisive constitutional issue of gun control. He, in line with current local political dogma, recharacterized the issue of violent criminal human behavior as “gun violence,” as if inanimate objects were the cause of murder. Suffice it to say that his October column contained no valid reasoning, was blatantly political, and obfuscated the real issue by means of gross and deliberate misinformation. It was, to say the least, an embarrassment, whether or not you agree with his position. As an expression of purported Association policy on an issue of constitutional import upon which reasonable members can and do differ, it was highly inappropriate.

Whatever he may believe to the contrary, Mr. Feldman was not elected to speak for the members of the Association concerning every issue under the sun. If this is his attitude, he should be removed from office as soon as possible, preferably by a bylaw provision, upon which he bases his usurpation of members’ rights to independent opinion on issues unrelated to Bar membership, should be clarified and restricted.

Sincerely,

John King

Chancellor’s Note: The Association’s position on guns is not new, resolutions favoring gun control measures were passed by the Board in 1989 and again in 1999. This year, we simply continued to support Philadelphia’s fight for the right to limit gun sales (together with more than 40 other cities and professional organizations). It’s an important fiscal issue, and I think significant to the legal community as well, for the reasons I offered in my October column. Incidentally, I share the writer’s view that there are certainly many issues the Bar Association should not advocate for (or against) when there is no consensus, the matter is of only peripheral concern to lawyers, or other reasons exist for not becoming involved. - Alan M. Feldman

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Rule Changes Alter E-Discovery Landscape

by Steven E. Bizar and Landon Jones

Amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure that significantly altered the treatment of electronically stored information under federal discovery rules went into effect on Dec. 1. The amendments to Rules 16, 26, 33, 34, 37, and 45, along with revisions to Form 55, update the discovery framework to take account of the increasingly important role electronically stored information plays in modern life, while simultaneously accommodating its unique burdens and complications for litigants relative to paper-based information.

The most fundamental, but perhaps least consequential, of the amendments is the explicit inclusion in Rule 16(a) of “electronically stored information” as a separate category of items subject to production, in addition to “documents.” Amendments to Rules 26(a)(3), 35(e)(3) and 45 similarly reflect the commonsense principles that affirmative disclosure obligations should apply to electronically stored information just as they do other documents, that electronically stored information may properly be produced as a “business record” in response to interrogatories, and that electronically stored information may be the proper subject of a subpoena. These changes are inconsequential in that, operating under the existing rule, litigants and courts for years have defined or construed the word “documents” to include most forms of electronically stored information. Indeed, the Committee Notes state that, even following the amendments, “documents” should generally still be understood to encompass electronically stored information. Nevertheless, the changes are fundamental in their recognition that the unique concerns attending the production of electronically stored information merit treatment of such information in a separate category.

Having established that electronically stored information is a proper subject of discovery, the remainder of the amendments largely address mitigating the associated burdens. First, in light of the frequency of immense volumes of electronically stored information and the associated burden of monitoring the information for protected content, Rule 26(l)(2)(B), which applies generally to all forms of discovery, provides procedures for a party to maintain a claim of privilege following the inadvertent disclosure of privileged information. Second, the amendment to Rule 26(l)(2)(B), along with new subsections 34(l)(3)(i, ii, and iii), addresses the technological complications inherent in many forms of electronically stored information. Those provisions respectively provide that a party need not provide discovery of electronically stored information from sources that are “not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost,” that, absent a request for a particular form, the default form for producing electronically stored information is that in which it is ordinarily maintained or reasonably usable, and that a party need not produce the same such information in more than one form. Finally, the amendment to Rule 57 provides a limited accommodation of the dynamic nature of electronically stored information, providing litigants a safe harbor wherein they are generally immune from sanctions “for failing to provide electronically stored information lost as a result of the routine, good-faith operation of an electronic information system.”

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**Board OKs $5.84M Budget for 2007**

The Board of Governors has approved a $5.84 million budget for 2007, a 1 percent increase over the current spending plan. The vote came at the Board’s Oct. 26 meeting.

Chancellor-Elect Jane L. Dalton said total revenue in 2007 is budgeted to exceed total annualized 2006 revenues by less than $5,000. Total expenses are budgeted to exceed total annualized 2006 expenses by less than $20,000.

Dalton said the major reason for the increase in expenses is an 18 percent increase in the cost of health insurance. With respect to revenues, modest increases in some categories are offset by decreases in others.

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**YLD Earns Top ABA Honors for 2020, Scholarship Efforts**

**by Amy Muldoon**

The Young Lawyers Division was recently honored with two national First Place Awards of Achievement from the American Bar Association for the Philadelphia 2020 Lunchtime Series and the YLD Minority Bar Scholarship Program. The YLD Comedy Night charitable fund-raiser also won a Certificate of Performance in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in service to the public.

The Philadelphia 2020 lunchtime series, one of the most innovative YLD programs in recent years, was conceived by 2005 YLD Chair Natalie Kissel. It has a goal to work with other young professional groups in the city to help make Philadelphia more vibrant and competitive with other cities in attracting and retaining young professionals. Another function of the Philadelphia 2020 lunchtime series is to publicize Philadelphia’s many assets as a potential world-class city.

“Of all of us who love Philadelphia, realize it has limitless potential to become one of the greatest cities in the country, if not the world,” said Kissel. “Young lawyers are the future leaders of this city and should lead the charge in advocating reforms and strategic planning to make our city economically competitive with other cities.”

Recent Philadelphia 2020 lunchtime seminar topics have included a presentation by the Philadelphia Olympic bid committee, an ethics in politics discussion with U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter, U.S. Attorney Patrick Meehan and then-City Councilman Michael Nutter, and a panel discussion with young politicians.

The YLD Minority Bar Scholarship Program was created this year by unanimous internal resolution of the YLD Executive Committee. Through the scholarship program, the YLD provides financial support to well-deserving Philadelphia area minority law students who have excelled in the classroom and demonstrated a commitment to the community. Scholarship recipients were selected based on academic achievement; demonstrated commitment to community service and involvement; financial need; and career aspirations and goals.

In this, the inaugural year of the Minority Bar Scholarship Program, the

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**Philadelphia Bar Association Budget for 2007**

**Sources of Funds**

- Membership Dues: $2,162,070
- Lawyer Referral Service: $735,000
- Committee Programs: $4,500
- Publications: $50,000
- Internet and Direct Mail: $4,000
- Royalty Income: $2,355
- Management Fee: $10,000
- Special Events: $25,950
- YLD Program: $3,000
- Outside Groups: $38,550
- Other Income (including catering and reproduction costs): $9,650
- **Total Funds**: $3,845,975

**Application of Funds**

**Program Services**

- Lawyer Referral: $521,397
- Committee Activities: $4,000
- Meeting Services and Special Events: $34,000
- Communications: $19,620
- Contributions: $170,149
- Legal Services: $4,628
- Publications: $39,540
- Member Services: $43,950
- Executive: $24,197
- Finance and Administration: $43,950
- YLD Program: $30,000
- Overhead: $29,411
- **Total Program Services**: $1,065,420

**Support Services**

- Salaries: $1,413,527
- Benefits: $412,599
- Stationery, Postage and Office Expense: $41,720
- **Total Support Services**: $1,970,446

**Net of All Activities**: $3,845,916

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Andrew Hamilton Gala

30th Street Station Soiree Raises $275,000

Joseph A. Sullivan (top photo, center), special counsel and director of pro bono programs at Pepper Hamilton LLP, accepted the Citizens Bank Pro Bono Award on behalf of Pepper Hamilton before the Hamilton Gala on Nov. 9. Pictured with Sullivan are Robert D. Lane Jr. (left), president of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, and Christopher Ritchie of Citizens Bank. The Citizens Bank Pro Bono Award was established to recognize local law firms that excel in the delivery of pro bono legal representation and celebrates their efforts to develop innovative, comprehensive strategies that encourage attorneys to incorporate pro bono work into their general practices. Frank Cervone (left), executive director of the Support Center for Child Advocates, accepts the Philadelphia Bar Foundation Award, which is given annually to an attorney working in the nonprofit legal services community.

Lenore Carpenter of Equality Advocates of Pennsylvania (above) accepts one of three Morris M. Shuster Fellowships prior to the Nov. 9 Hamilton Gala as James Malone looks on. The Shuster Fellowships assist public interest lawyers who have completed five or more years of service but face large student loan obligations that threaten their ongoing service as public interest lawyers. Erica Basich of Women Against Abuson and Kimberly Kryzanik of the SeniorLAW Center also received Shuster Fellowships at the event. Nearly 500 people attended the Andrew Hamilton Gala at 30th Street Station, where the theme was Neighborhoods of Philadelphia. The event raised $275,000 for the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, which will use the proceeds to fund public interest law agencies in Philadelphia.
After 30 Years on Job, Thrill is Still There

by Kenneth Shear

I think it was James Taylor who crooned, “The secret of life is enjoying the passage of time.”

Having spent 30 years as executive director of the Philadelphia Bar Association, that lyric resonates. There’s a little piece of me that chuckles at the thought that this most distinguished association of lawyers has permitted me, a non-lawyer, the opportunity to manage its day-to-day affairs, staff and finances. That little piece of me is often overwhelmed by the ongoing interesting, challenging and often-intriguing events that I have been consumed with for such a long time in this position.

When I finished undergraduate school and received a graduate degree in Political Science at Temple, I was fascinated by the possibility of being considered by a nonprofit organization that had as part of its mission policy making at the municipal and state levels. When the position of executive director became available I quickly submitted a résumé hoping to be considered for a position in an organization that I knew was prestigious, influential and certainly well known throughout the City of Philadelphia. When the offer of employment was made, I couldn’t believe that I was about to be entrusted with the top administrative position. In all candor, 30 years later I still can’t believe it!

It is accurate to say that no two days here have been the same. Day one can be spent planning for a Quarterly Meeting or conference, and day two can be spent dealing with some breaking matter in the news that affects the administration of justice in our city and in our state. I have had the unique opportunity to be part of the policy-making process and have worked closely with myriad personalities, all having common cause to advance the good work of the lawyers of this city through this association.

I have met and worked with individuals I consider close friends who have been elected or appointed to significant positions of authority throughout the country. I’m still delightfully surprised when I am called by these individuals, seeking my input. Thirty years represents 120 quarterly meetings and a host of bench-bar conferences, board and committee meetings. That often represents a lot of coffee, cold cuts and chocolate chip cookies. It also represents certain anticipated consequences. These would include time and evenings away from the family, and yet not doubting for an instant their complete support and understanding in the job to be done.

I have always told new members of the staff that they are about to spend at least one-half of their waking hours at the job place. If you do not like what you are doing, you cannot continue to make that commitment and not do harm to yourself both physically and emotionally. I can confess to you, our members, that I still arrive at work at approximately 6:50 am. with enthusiasm, a newspaper and a cup of coffee, looking forward to the day’s events.

Schnader would like to congratulate
our partner, SAM SILVER, and Dechert LLP
partner, STEVE BROWN, on being selected as
Co-Recipients of the 2006 Wachovia Fidelity Award,
honoring their work in helping to improve
the administration of justice and their faithfulness
to the profession.
by Brian K. Sims

Philadelphia Municipal Court President Judge Louis J. Presenza stressed the importance of public service after accepting the Association’s Justice William J. Brennan Jr. Distinguished Jurist Award at the Oct. 30 Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon.

Presenza, first elected as a Municipal Court judge almost 25 years ago, has been a highly visible and noted champion of legal ethics and accountability throughout his career. First elected president judge in 1999, the Villanova Law School graduate will complete his second term in the role in 2009.

In his opening remarks at the ceremony, Chancellor Alan M. Feldman reminded those in attendance of the tremendous honor being bestowed upon Judge Presenza by reading aloud the names of the past honorees, including Judge Brennan himself.

October Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon

Roberta D. Pichini (from left), Philadelphia Municipal Court President Judge Louis J. Presenza, former President of Ireland Mary Robinson and Chancellor Alan M. Feldman gather prior to the Oct. 30 Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon. Pichini received the Sandra Day O’Connor Award and Judge Presenza was honored with the Association’s Justice William J. Brennan Jr. Distinguished Jurist Award.

Public Service is Key, Judge Tells Bar

annually to a past or present member of the judiciary who best exemplifies the principles and standards of the late Supreme Court justice and his commitment to excellence in the administration of justice.

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O’Connor Winner: Eliminate Obstacles

by Asima Panigrahi

The legal profession needs to eliminate obstacles for success for all members of the bar, Roberta D. Pichini, recipient of the 2006 Sandra Day O’Connor Award, told members of the Association when accepting her award on Oct. 30.

Pichini inquired as to the many women in the past who have entered the legal profession with enthusiasm, only to leave with disappointment, wondering who was there for these women and was enough done to help them. She then made a plea to the more than 500 people in attendance at the Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon to “take the energy and the commitment in this room and continue focusing on eliminating meaningless obstacles to success for all members of the bar.”

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October Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon

Barriers Still Exist for Women in Law, Robinson Says

by Jeff Lyons

There has been much evidence of progress by women in law schools, in the profession and in the judiciary, yet there are barriers and a lack of support that can make a difference, former President of Ireland Mary Robinson told Bar Association members on Oct. 30.

Robinson, the keynote speaker at the Association’s Oct. 30 Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon, is the former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. She was the first woman president of Ireland.

“T’m wedged between two brothers – two older than me and two younger. So I had to have an interest in human rights at a very early stage," Robinson told a packed ballroom of more than 500 people at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue.

“My grandfather was a lawyer in town who had to retire early because of ill health. He had been a passionate lawyer for the small guy – the small tenant against the landlord. He made the law relevant for people too poor to pay a fee. He was also of the generation that didn’t know how to speak to a child. From the age of about 10 onwards, he spoke to me as if I were an adult. He and I used to have these wonderful conversations and he and I would talk about the law. I knew from an early age that the law was an instrument for social change," she recalled.

Robinson studied law at Trinity College in Ireland and came to the U.S. to earn her LLM. When she returned to Ireland in 1968, she was the only woman attorney in her region. She was one of the first women to accomplish many things in Ireland.

“I tended to be first – not necessarily absolutely first. When you’re the only one, it tends to be difficult to make a difference. I found the same thing when I was elected to the Irish continued on page 25
ABA President Visits Philadelphia

American Bar Association President Karen Mathis (center) is joined by Chancellor-Elect Jane L. Dalton and Widener University School of Law Dean Linda L. Ammons (left) at a reception in Mathis’ honor at the offices of McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter. Mathis is a partner in McElroy Deutsch’s Denver office.

Program Eases Crowding in Prisons, Moves Cases Quickly Through Courts

by Jeff Lyons

The First Judicial District has taken a number of steps to move felony cases through the justice system more quickly.

Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Administrative Judge James J. Fitzgerald III said the FJD’s intensified case resolution program began on Sept. 11. Three years ago, Judge Fitzgerald formed a criminal justice coordinating committee to address the issue of overcrowding in the county prison. Mayor John Street had commissioned Temple University Prof. John Goldkamp to come up with a plan to reduce prison overcrowding. That report is due before the end of the year. Among Goldkamp’s findings:

• More than 5,000 of the 9,000 inmates in the county prison have open cases.
• Conditions at the county prison have fostered a federal lawsuit that alleges the facility is overcrowded.
• The time between arrest, preliminary hearing and trial disposition on major cases has increased significantly, meaning longer pretrial stays in the county prison.

The FJD instituted the following procedures to move more cases through the system and reduce crowding in the county prison.

• Judges will be on the bench no later than 9:30 a.m. every day, with sheriff’s officers, assistant district attorneys and defense counsel ready to proceed. “With the earlier start, we’ll be able to get more done,” Judge Fitzgerald said. He added the fewer “unnecessary” continuances will be granted, thus speeding up the process.
• Two additional judges have been moved over from the Civil Division to hear major criminal cases.
• Judge Pamela Dembe has been named deputy supervising judge and Judge Jeffrey P. Minehart has been named coordinating judge for section calendaring to help with scheduling. They will monitor the caseload of each continued on page 27

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Finally, I would like to thank my wife Melissa for her support and understanding. Serving as chair of the YLD takes time, a lot of time, and as a result this past year I was not able to spend nearly as much time as I would have liked with Melissa and our son Nolan. Melissa, without your constant help I never would have been able to juggie it all – thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Before I sign off as YLD chair, I have one more note of special thanks to extend – Jeff Lyons, managing editor of the Bar Reporter, thank you for your patience every month as I snuck my Bar Reporter columns under your door at the last minute.

Have a great holiday season everyone, and here’s to another banner year for the YLD in 2007!

Michael B. Hayes, an associate at Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP, is chair of the Young Lawyers Division.
Alexander Kerr

Professional Background:
Managing Partner, McCarter & English, LLP; University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Association Activities:

Other Activities:

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Shareholder, Abraham, Lowenstein & Bushman, P.C.; Fordham University School Of Law.

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Candidate’s Statement:
What does it mean to be Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association?
It is the opportunity to serve the needs of our diverse professional family and contribute to the growth of this organization. I have the experience and ability to do so.
I have practiced in every division of the First Judicial District, worked with our judges on issues of mutual concern and will continue working with them to maintain judicial independence. The Association’s future must be made certain through new and renewed membership. Access and service must be expanded through technology, but to do so the Association must remain financially solid. I know the importance of numbers and my experience can ensure its continuation and expansion.
Legal services must be provided to all society’s members. I will lobby for institutionalized legal services funding at the highest levels of government. We must also charge Philadelphia’s wage and business tax structure. A vibrant, expanding business community provides ongoing business for lawyers and will make our city more attractive to the young associates who are the future of both our Association and profession.

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Eight Seek 5 Seats on Board of Governors

Gaetan J. Alfano

Professional Background: Founding shareholder, Miller, Alfano & Raspanti, P.C.; Villanova University School of Law, J.D. 1980.

Association Activities: Member, Business Law Section, State Civil Litigation Section, Appellate Courts Committee, Rules and Procedures Committee.

Other Activities: Board of Governors, The Justinian Society; former chancellor, treasurer, The Justinian Foundation; former secretary-treasurer, The Justinian Foundation; former treasurer, the Lawyers Club; member, Hearing Committee of Disciplinary Board of Supreme Court of Pennsylvania; member, Delaware Joint Toll Bridge Commission; member, International Association of Insurance Receivers; member, American Arbitration Association Panel of Neutrals.

Candidate’s Statement: I started my own law firm, Miller, Alfano & Raspanti, 17 years ago. It has become the largest minority-owned firm in Philadelphia, and we remain committed to diversity in every aspect of our business and our practice. I served as the chancellor of the Justinian Society from 2004-2006, and I am heavily involved in community service through the Justinian Foundation. I assisted in raising a treasury of $500,000, which has been used to award law school scholarships. I previously served as treasurer of the Lawyers Club. I was just appointed last year by Gov. Rendell to serve as a Commissioner on the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission. I am someone who brings vision, hard work, and a high degree of organization to every endeavor. I believe I would be an asset to the Board of Governors and would consider it an honor to be elected.

Karen L. Detamore

Professional Background: Executive Director, Friends of Farmworkers, Pennsylvania Farmworker Legal Services Program; Rutgers University School of Law, Camden, N.J.

Association Activities: Member of the Board of Governors (Public Interest Section Representative) 2005-2006; co-chair, Committee on the Legal Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 2006; chair, Public Interest Section, 2004; secretary, Public Interest Section, 2005; executive committee, Public Interest Section, 1999-2006; co-chair, Committee on the Legal Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men, 2006; Ruth Bader Ginsburg Essay Contest judge; current member of Delivery of Legal Services Committee; Civil Rights Committee, Bar-News Media Committee, Minorities in the Profession Committee, Women in the Profession Committee, Women’s Rights Committee; Language Access Task Force; representative of Public Interest Section to the Legislative Liaison Committee; Planning Committee for 2006 Public Interest CLE

Candidate’s Statement: I have worked successfully with different segments of the bar: those in large and small firms, in government and public service, professors and students, and the judiciary. I have worked to promote fairness and inclusion for women and all racial and ethnic groups in our society, as well as those with disabilities. I have worked to end discrimination based on sexual orientation. I understand the importance of the Association’s support of the business needs of its members. For example, the cost of health insurance coverage has become exorbitant for firms and public interest organizations. The crushing burden of law school debt for new attorneys is a serious concern for us all. The Association must also take a stand to preserve fundamental legal rights, such as the right to counsel and the separation of powers. I hope you will permit me to represent you in the governance of the Association.

Michael B. Hayes

Professional Experience: Associate, Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP; Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law.

Association Activities: Chair, Executive Committee of the Young Lawyers Division, 2006; member, Executive Committee of the Young Lawyers Division, 2002-present; investigator, Commission for Judicial Selection and Retention, 2003-present; co-chair, organizer and participant in the following Young Lawyers Division public service programs from 2002-present: Law Week, Legal Line, Mock Trial Camp, Harvest for the Homeless, Champions of Caring, Ronald McDonald House Volunteer Breakfasts, and the Michael K. Smith Oratorical Contest, successfully sought unanimous passage by the YLD Executive Committee of internal resolutions creating the YLD Minority Bar Association Scholarship program and an annual online certification program for young lawyers performing substantial pro bono legal service; inaugural member of the Young Lawyers Division.

Candidate’s Statement:
I care deeply about our profession and our city. As a member and, most recently, chair of the Young Lawyers Division, I helped create and coordinate programs designed to advance young lawyers, educate the public, and benefit the most vulnerable in our society. This past year, I worked to create a groundbreaking YLD scholarship program for minority law students, as well as an online certification program for young lawyers performing significant pro bono legal service. Through the years, I have done my best to “walk the walk,” maintaining a continuous stream of pro bono representations while serving as an attorney-coach in the Philadelphia high school mock trial competition. I would be honored to have your support as I seek re-election to the Board of Governors, where I will continue to do my utmost to elevate our profession and the community we serve.

Natalie Klyashtron
Professional Background:
Of counsel, Nochumson, P.C.; Temple University Beasley School of Law.
Association Activities:
Other Activities:

Candidate’s Statement:
Having previously served a two-year term on the Board of Governors in my capacity as chair of the Young Lawyers Division, I now seek to serve you again as an elected member of the Board.

I bring a unique voice in that I am the sole candidate who represents the younger, female attorney in a small firm.

Although young lawyers are the future of the profession, our numbers in the Bar Association have declined over the past two decades. Increasing the number of young lawyers in the Association’s membership and leadership ranks is a necessity, both for its fiscal survival and the future of our profession. Diversity must also be a priority. Our Association needs to be a leader in encouraging proactive, specific steps to increase leadership opportunities for women and minorities. Additionally, we need to expand and diversify our member services, especially for solo practitioners and small to medium-sized firms.

Wesley R. Payne
Professional Background:
Partner, White and Williams, LLP; University of Maryland School of Law.
Association Activities:
Member, Minority Bar Committee; panelist – Racial Diversity and the Law, Philadelphia Bar Association Speakers Series, 2006.

Other Activities:
Judge Pro Tem, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas; Board of Directors, Philadelphia Diversity Law Group, Inc; Philadelphia Bar Association Defense Counsel; Pennsylvania Defense Institute; director, North East Region and chair, Rules Committee, Barriers’ Association of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Bar Association Minority Bar and Judicial Administration Committees; Defense Research Institute, Diversity and Toxic Tort & Environmental Law Committees; co-chair Homeless Advocacy Project Practice Group; Volunteer for the Indigent Program, case volunteer and Tangled Title Practice Group; Washington and Lee University, Alumni Admissions Program.

Candidate’s Statement:
I ask for your vote for a seat on the Board of Governors. I stand committed to the diversification of the practice and public service. Over the last 18 years, my career has afforded me practical, significant leadership, mentoring, and pro bono experiences, including: 
• Managing an in-house litigation officer and a legal clinic.
• Mentoring attorneys; and,
• Chairing the firm’s Diversity Committee and co-chairing the HAP practice group.

My experiences as a judge pro tem and handling pro bono cases have reinforced for me the importance of incorporating service to the legal community in one’s practice. I seek to put these experiences to use and to contribute my ideas, energy and hard work to continue the Philadelphia Bar Association’s efforts to further enrich the organization through the inclusion of attorneys of diverse backgrounds, while continuing its efforts assisting those among us who wouldn’t otherwise have full and equal access to the courts.

Rosemary Pinto
Professional Background:
Partner, Feldman & Pinto, PC, Villanova University Law School.
Association Activities:
Member, Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention, Executive Committee; Public Interest Section; chair, Women’s Rights Committee; member, State Civil Litigation Section; member, Medical Legal Committee; participant/spoon contributor, Philadelphia Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, Law Week, Spring Gala, Auction, Comedy Night and Zoobaloo.

Other Activities:
Judge pro tem for Philadelphia County Court of Common Please, frequent lecturer for the Philadelphia Bar Institute, Pennsylvania Bar Institute and the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association on product liability, medical malpractice and trial tactics; representation, pro bono of indigent victims for Women Against Abuse.

Candidate’s Statement:
If honored to serve on the Board of Governors I have four goals. First, I would continue to aid the financial and legal support that the Association gives to the Public Interest Section to address discrimination, violence, and continue on page 15

Bar to Elect Officers, Board Members
The Philadelphia Bar Association’s Annual Election of officers and members of the Board of Governors will be held on Tuesday, December 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Ballroom level of the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets. Officers to be elected are Vice Chancellor, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer and five members of the Board of Governors for three-year terms.

According to Article IV, Section 406, Paragraph B, “The election shall be by (1) secret mailed ballot and (2) paper ballot or voting machine. In addition, Members may vote electronically over the Internet to the extent permitted by law pursuant to procedures established by the Board to preserve the confidentiality of the Member’s vote and the integrity of the voting process. Voting machines, if available, shall be preferred for in-person voting, unless there is an election at which there is no contest. The position of the nominee on the ballot shall be determined by lot. The drawing of lots shall be conducted by the Judge of Elections not less than 25 days before the Annual Meeting in the presence of the nominees and/or their representatives. The form of the ballot shall be prescribed by the Board. A ballot shall be sent by the Association by mail to every Association member eligible to vote at least two weeks prior to the date set for the Annual Meeting. A mailed ballot shall not be counted unless it has been received at the office of the Association no later than 10 a.m. three business days prior to the date set for the Annual Meeting and in such manner as to preserve the confidentiality of the Member’s vote. The Judge of Elections shall count the mailed ballots after the polls have been closed.”

Candidates for the office of:

Vice Chancellor
Sayde J. Ladov *
Alexander Kerr
Secretary
John E. Savold *
Treasurer
Scott E. Cooper *
Assistant Secretary
Kathleen D. Wilkinson *
Assistant Treasurer
Jeffrey M. Lindy *

Board of Governors
(elect five)
Wesley R. Payne
Jacqueline G. Segal
Shelley R. Smith *
Michael B. Hayes
Karen L. Detamore *
Natalie Klyashtron
Rosemary Pinto
Gaelen J. Affano *

* Nominated by Nominating Committee
SECTION CANDIDATES

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This year, all candidates for Bar line offices are unopposed. The candidates are John E. Savoth, secretary; Scott E. Cooper, treasurer; Kathleen D. Wilkinson, assistant secretary; and Jeffrey M. Lindy, assistant treasurer.

John E. Savoth is a partner in the Law Firm of Fedullo & Savoth and a graduate of Widener University School of Law. He is presently secretary of the Association. He was chair of the Board of Governors in 1997 and vice chair in 1996. He is currently a member of the Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention. He served on the Board of Governors from 1995 to 1998 and chairman of the Homeless Advocacy Project from 1997 to 1996. Savoth was a hearing committee member of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania from 1991 to 1997. He was chair of the Hearing Committee L10 from 1996 to 1997.

Scott E. Cooper currently serves as treasurer of the Association and is a partner in the Labor and Employment Department at Blank Rome LLP.

Kathleen D. Wilkinson is a partner at Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker LLP, a 1992 graduate of the Temple University Beasley School of Law. He currently is a member of the Association’s Cabinet, chairs the Association’s Audit Committee and is a member of the Budget Committee. He has served on the Board of Governors from 2004 to the present and 1998 to 2003. He is a member of the Pyramid Club Board of Governors, Temple Inn of Court (1992 to 1996) and the Multiple Sclerosis Leadership Class of 1996. He also is a court-certified arbitrator for the Philadelphia Law Section.

Jeffrey M. Lindy is a graduate of Villanova University School of Law and immediate-past president of the J. Willard O’Brien Inn of Court. She is currently assistant secretary of the Association. She has served as a member of the Board of Governors from 2000 to 2003. She was co-chair of the Women in the Profession Committee in 1996 and 1999. She is co-chair of the State Civil Litigation Section and served as the section’s secretary in 2003. She was co-chair of the State Civil Litigation Committee in 2004.

Kathleen D. Wilkinson also participated in forming and, then presenting on behalf of the Association, the first Ruth Bader Ginsburg Legal Writing Competition Award in the presence of Justice Ginsburg and O’Connor in 2005. She continues to serve as co-chair of the committee.

In 2003, Wilkinson was appointed to the Rules of Evidence Committee of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and to the Interbranch Commission on Gender, Racial and Ethnic Fairness by Gov. Rendell. Wilkinson is an active member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and was honored for development of programs for women attorneys. She is a member of the Forum of Executive Women.

Jeffrey M. Lindy, principal in the Law Offices of Jeffrey M. Lindy, is former chair of the Association’s Board of Governors. He is currently an associate or assistant treasurer and was a member of the Board of Governors in 1997 and from 2000 to 2005. Lindy is a graduate of Temple University Beasley School of Law.

Lindy was co-chair of the Association’s Bench-Bar Conference in 2004 and has been a member of the Public Interest Section, Bar Survey, Civil Rights, Membership/Bar Placement and Nominating Committees. Outside the Association, Lindy has served as president of the Bala Cynwyd Civic Association and serves on the Boards of the Union Fire Association (Lower Merion Township, Pa.), Philadelphia Research and Education Foundation and the Gateway School.

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Candidate’s Statement:

I have spent most of my 16-year career as a public servant, representing the city and the Mayor’s Office in more than 60 federal trials and in policy matters. I have managed units and practice groups within the Law Department and have negotiated and worked with leaders at the highest levels of local government, non-profit organizations and labor organizations. I now continue much of this work in private practice. If elected to the Board of Governors I will bring my perspective and experience as a member of the group of lawyers who serve the citizens of our community as leaders and policymakers, a segment of the legal community that is underrepresented in Bar leadership.

Shelley R. Smith

Professional Background:

Of Counsel, Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP; Villanova University School of Law.

Association Activities:

Co-Chair, Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention; Member, Federal Courts Committee;

Other Activities:

This year, I worked tirelessly making the Family Law Section more respon- sive to members’ needs, doubling Sec- tion participation, initiating charitable fund-raising and establishing a Phila- delphia Family Law Inn of Court. The Section regularly deals with issues affect- ing lawyers, judges and clients in light of contemporary social problems and civil rights. I want to bring my ex- perience and perspective as Section chair and member to the broader work of the Board of Governors. If elected, I will solicit and consider the viewpoints of the Association’s diverse member- ship to ensure its policies reflect cur- rent prevailing interests. With your support, I will bring my dedication, en- ergy, and commitment to the Board of Governors.

JACQUELINE G. SEGAL

Professional Background:

Associate, Fox Rothschild LLP; Temple University School of Law.

Association Activities:

Chair, Family Law Section, 2006; Chair, Family Law Section Executive Committee, 2006; member, Committee on Judicial Selection and Retention, 2006; member, Chancellors’ Ad Hoc Committee for Pandemic/Disaster Planning, 2006; member, Section Chairs Committee, 2006; Family Law Section: chair-elect, 2005, treasurer, 2004, secre- tary (2003), member, Executive Com- mittee, 1997-present, chair, Child Sup- port Legislation Committee, 2004; chair, Divorce and Equitable Distribution Committee, 1997-2002, chair, Domestic Violence Committee, 1994-1996.

Other Activities:


Candidate’s Statement:

Establishing official Bar Association policy demands dedication, energy and commitment to its members’ ideals and goals. My 12 years of service as Family Law Section chair, Executive Committee member and committee chair, and membership on Chancellors’ commit- tee, demonstrate these qualities.

This year, I worked tirelessly making the Family Law Section more respec- tive to members’ needs, doubling Sec- tion participation, initiating charitable fund-raising and establishing a Phila- delphia Family Law Inn of Court. The Section regularly deals with issues affect- ing lawyers, judges and clients in light of contemporary social problems and civil rights. I want to bring my ex- perience and perspective as Section chair and member to the broader work of the Board of Governors. If elected, I will solicit and consider the viewpoints of the Association’s diverse member- ship to ensure its policies reflect cur- rent prevailing interests. With your support, I will bring my dedication, en- ergy, and commitment to the Board of Governors.

SHELLEY R. SMITH

Candidate’s Statement:

I have spent most of my 16-year career as a public servant, representing the city and the Mayor’s Office in more than 60 federal trials and in policy matters. I have managed units and practice groups within the Law Depart- ment and have negotiated and worked with leaders at the highest levels of local government, non-profit organiza- tions and labor organizations. I now continue much of this work in private practice. If elected to the Board of Governors I will bring my perspective and experience as a member of the group of lawyers who serve the citizens of our community as leaders and policymakers, a segment of the legal community that is underrepresented in Bar leadership.

I have developed a reputa- tion for intelligence, integrity and pro- fessionalism that will serve the Board of Governors well if I am elected.

JACQUELINE G. SEGAL

Professional Background:

Associate, Fox Rothschild LLP; Temple University School of Law.

Association Activities:

Chair, Family Law Section, 2006; Chair, Family Law Section Executive Committee, 2006; member, Committee on Judicial Selection and Retention,
11 Seek 7 Seats on YLD Executive Committee

Joshua Burg

Professional Background:
Associate, Bochetto & Lentz, P.C.; Widener University School of Law.

Activities:

Candidate's Statement:
I am dedicated to fostering the growth of the Young Lawyers Division because I believe in it. I myself have benefited from the Bar Association's programs and would be greatly honored to have the opportunity to serve the YLD through an Executive Committee position. I have enjoyed spending time volunteering for Philadelphia Bar Association service programs, such as appearing in more than a dozen custody and protection from abuse cases for the Women's Rights Committee program and voicing during Law Week. As a YLD Executive Committee member I will be devoted to encouraging the development of new lawyers and improving the quality of our legal system.

Danny Cevallos

Professional Background:
Associate, Bochetto & Lentz, P.C.; University of Notre Dame Law School.

Activities:
Adjunct professor of undergraduate sociology at St. Joseph’s University, intern mentor for the undergraduate criminal justice program at LaSalle University, member, Board of Directors of the Center City Residents’ Association, Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association, Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, Philadelphia Lawyers’ Club.

Candidate's Statement:
I think the YLD can have a greater role in the young lawyer community. As a former associate with law firms of all sizes, from four to nearly 4,000, I understand the differences between the firms, and their respective experience for the young lawyer. The experience of the new associate at a giant firm is very separate from the attorney who joins a solo practitioner right out of law school. Each could lend to the other's experience, but they often don’t have the opportunity to make each other's acquaintance. The YLD can unite, as well as positively influence young lawyers in every area of practice, and every size law firm. I believe in using social and other events to make the YLD a unifying presence to new and young lawyers in the area.

Jennifer Segal Coatsworth

Professional Background:
Associate, Margolis Edelstein; Temple University Beasley School of Law.

Activities:
Member, American Bar Association, Pennsylvania Bar Association, Brandeis Law Society; secretary and counsel, Storybook Musical Theatre; president, University of Maryland Alumni Association, Philadelphia Region.

Candidate's Statement:
"Equal Justice Under Law," the inscription above the U.S. Supreme Court, is the standard that we, as young lawyers, should aim to achieve. With our hectic day-to-day lives as young associates in large or small firms, solo practitioners and public servants, however, it is easy to lose sight of this goal. If elected to the YLD Executive Committee, I would like to help the young lawyer community live up to this lofty standard by planning programs and events that make us aware of the world around us and teach us how to assist our clients and our fellow citizens effectively and with compassion, no matter their background.

About the Candidates

These 11 candidates seek election to seven seats on the Young Lawyers Division (YLD) Executive Committee in the Association’s Annual Election on Dec. 5. Committee members serve three-year terms. Those candidates who receive the seven highest vote totals in the election will fill the positions. Published here is information submitted by the candidates, who were invited to outline their professional background and provide a short statement. All candidates are members in good standing of the Philadelphia Bar Association and the YLD.

Election Notice

Candidates For YLD Executive Committee

Balloting for members of the Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee will take place on Thursday, Dec. 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Ballroom Level of the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets.

This year, 11 candidates are seeking election to seven seats available on the Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee. Committee members serve three-year terms.

Candidates for Office

Heather A. Suydam
Richard Vanderslice
Abby Y. DuFrayne

Joshua Burg
Danny Cevallos
Jennifer S. Coatsworth
Henry Yampolsky

David M. Koller
Michael Z. Mandale
Abigail R. Schiller
Joshua B. Ryan

Note: Only members in good standing of the Association’s Young Lawyers Division may cast votes in this election. Attorneys are members of the Division if (1) they have not yet reached or reached in 2006 the age of 37, or (2) they have not yet or reached in 2006 the third anniversary of their first admission to the bar of any state.
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of events and plan to continue my involvement. I have worked in both private practice and public interest and can be a strong advocate for the greater YLD membership. If elected to the Executive Committee, I plan to advance the YLD’s mission of bringing together young attorneys across practice areas to help promote diversity within the profession and continue to facilitate good relations with the community.

Heather A. Suydam Herrington

Professional Background:
Associate; Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker LLP; Temple University Beasley School of Law.

Activities:
Liaison, Women in the Profession Committee, Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee; member, Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Candidate’s Statement:
I believe the Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee is an outstanding opportunity to give back to the community and network with colleagues. This year, as I have recently experienced a number of positive personal life changes (marriage, a move to a new firm), I also seek to renew my commitment to the Executive Committee in order to promote and fulfill the pro bono resolution, and to address the needs within the community of young lawyers.

David M. Koller

Professional Background:
Associate; Astor Weiss Kaplan & Mandel, LLP; Villanova University School of Law.

Activities:
Leadership development program, Jewish Federation of Philadelphia, ambassador; Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce; Board of Advisors, Villanova University School of Law Alumni Association; member, University of Pennsylvania Admission Office Secondary School Committee.

Candidate’s Statement:
I have been an active member of the Young Lawyers Division of the Philadelphia Bar Association for more than four years. I am confident that I can inspire other young lawyers to recognize the benefits of active involvement in our organization. In the past, I have excelled in leadership positions with various local organizations. I also mentor law students as part of the Lawyering Together Program and served as commencement speaker and Student Bar Association president in law school. I am passionate about our profession and committed to serving the Philadelphia legal community. I am grateful for your support.

Michael Z. Mandale

Professional Background:
Of counsel, Toschi & Kaufmann, LLC; Widener University School of Law.

Activities:
Volunteer attorney; Support Center for Child Advocates; honorary trustee, Chapel of Four Chaplains.

Candidate’s Statement:
In the confidence derived from the study of what our predecessors have done, we look forward to the younger (members of the Association) to make a like record for the century to come.” Chief Justice James T. Mitchell said of the Law Association of Philadelphia at its 1902 centennial celebration. The members of the YLD shape the nucleus of the Association in the 21st century, a time that will surely be as illustrious as its past. It would be an honor to work with you, the present and future of our bar, while preserving the Association’s high and noble traditions on the YLD Executive Committee.

Richard Vanderslice

Professional Background:
Petrelli & Vanderslice, P.C.; Vermont Law School.

Activities:
Member, Young Democrats.

Candidate’s Statement:
I am committed to transforming the YLD into an organization that empowers, educates and serves the future of our legal community. Prior to becoming a member of the Philadelphia Bar Association, I practiced in San Francisco in the areas of personal injury, real estate, family law and legal malpractice defense. Upon arriving in Philadelphia, I experienced the camaraderie that we share in Philadelphia, which would make it an honor to further our experience in the legal profession by serving as a member of the Executive Committee and bring a new perspective to the Young Lawyers Division.

Henry Yampolsky

Professional Background:
Associate; Gallard Berger, LLP; Temple University Beasley School of Law.

Activities:
Member, Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee; Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, American Trial Lawyers Association, Pennsylvania Bar Association, American Bar Association.

Candidate’s Statement:
I am running for the Executive Committee of the YLD to continue to build a strong community of young professionals that does not only serve its members and the community at large, but also has a strong voice on the issues that affect young lawyers and face the greater legal community. As an immigrant who came to this country 13 years ago without speaking any English, I am not new to overcoming challenges and working hard. If elected, it would be my privilege to continue serving the young lawyers of the Philadelphia Bar Association.
Electronic filing and service of all legal papers, other than original process, is targeted to begin in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, Trial Division – Civil, in 2008, Supervising Judge William J. Manfredi has announced.

In remarks to the Rules and Procedures Committee on Nov. 1, Judge Manfredi observed that our courts have tried to mirror the U.S. economy as a whole over the last two decades. Noting that the economy has experienced unprecedented growth as a result of high levels of innovation due to technological advances in the areas of manufacturing and service, Judge Manfredi emphasized the importance of technology in the practice of law and the litigation process.

The court and law firms have been engaged in perfecting and modernizing their document management and case management systems for years. More particularly, Judge Manfredi detailed the evolution and improvements of the court system since 1993, resulting in the expedited and differentiated case management program. Judge Manfredi observed that as the court sounded its first foray into this area of innovation and technology, law firms were simultaneously implementing highly sophisticated computer information and case management systems.

“Law firms have reached the point where preparation and organization of documents is well advanced; however, there is a disconnect between the point when the law firms finish documents to be submitted to the court and the point that the court accepts the documents. E-filing is a project to eliminate that disconnect and ideally to allow the advances that you made in your law firms to connect seamlessly with the advances made and to be made in our court system,” Judge Manfredi said.

With the input of Dominic Rossi, deputy court administrator – legal services, and Charles A. Mapp Sr., deputy court administrator, Trial Division – Civil, Judge Manfredi gave a comprehensive view of the process.

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YLD AWARDS

The Philadelphia Bar Association’s Minority Law Student Scholarship Program provides scholarships to five minority candidates, each of whom was selected through a pre-selection process by our local minority bar associations.

“The YLD is very proud of its increasing partnership with our local minority bar associations and hopes, through the YLD Minority Bar Scholarship and other YLD initiatives, to help foster greater participation in the Philadelphia Bar Association by minorities,” said YLD Chair Michael B. Hayes. “Law students are literally the future of our profession, and we want to encourage minority law students, in particular, to become involved with the Philadelphia Bar Association and our local minority bar associations from day one.”

The annual Awards of Achievement Program provides ABA/YLD affiliated young lawyer organizations with the opportunity to submit their best projects for evaluation by a jury of their peers. This program encourages project development by recognizing the time, effort and skills expended by young lawyer organizations in implementing public service and bar service projects in their communities.

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"Lucky," she said. "I love what I do every day."

"Making a difference," for Jane Leslie Dalton. "I'm so proud of what I've accomplished over the years: from early in my career when I was a secretary; to today where I've been able to work in law school and continue my career. My work at Duane Morris that summer really made a difference for me."

"I just loved the work, it was so different from being in school," she said. "Having a client really made a difference for me!"

The next fork in her path came during her second year of law school. Just after she accepted a summer position with Duane Morris, she discovered she was expecting her first child. Dalton opted to stay in law school and continue her career. Her work at Duane Morris that summer impressed the firm and she received a call from Maurice Heckscher, chair of the firm, offering her a position upon graduation. Her work at Duane Morris that summer also made a difference for me."

Now more than three decades, four children and seven grandchildren later, Dalton is still at Duane Morris. She has seen many changes over the years: from early in her career when she had to remember to introduce herself as an attorney lest people think she was a secretary; to today where she is the leader of the first bar association in the United States.

And while her journey has been on the less-traveled road, "that has made all the difference," for Jane Leslie Dalton. "I'm so lucky," she said. "I love what I do every day."

The Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention of the Philadelphia Bar Association evaluates the qualifications of persons wishing to join the judiciary. Individuals who are filing for the 2007 primary election as judicial candidates for the Philadelphia Common Pleas or Municipal Courts should contact the Commission on Judicial Selection & Retention to check determined whether their ratings are current by contacting Carter at acarter@philabar.org or (215) 238-6511.

The Commission will complete all ratings for candidates running in the 2007 primary by Jan. 31, 2007; therefore, in order to ensure that each candidate receives a full and fair evaluation, no questionnaires will be accepted for evaluation after Dec. 15, 2006. Individuals are reminded that under the Commission's Guidelines, any candidates who do not participate in the Commission's evaluation process will receive "Not Recommended" ratings.

Notice to Potential Judicial Candidates

Philadelphia Bar Association Annual Meeting Luncheon

Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 12 p.m. at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue, Broad and Walnut Streets

• Featuring Chancellor-Elect Jane L. Dalton’s address to Bar membership.
• Presentation of the Wachovia Fidelity Award to Stephen D. Brown and Samuel W. Silver
• Presentation of the Cesare Beccaria Award

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A Harold Datz, Esquire 2006 Chair Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention

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**More Investigation Needed**

To the Editor:

In the October 2006 issue of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter, the Chancellor wrote of the efforts of the Bar Association in the Pennsylvania legislature to foster legislation regarding gun control.

If the effort should be successful, I expect that there will be a warm glow of accomplishment felt by those who have achieved the result. My question is, “What, in addition to good feelings, will have been achieved?”

As the Bar Association is supporting this legislation, shouldn’t we, as lawyers, examine and determine the efficacy of another law being added to the volumes already existing?

Will this law do more than the law prohibiting alcohol that was so much a failure that it was repealed; or the law prohibiting drug use that has resulted in expanding violence, fostering crime and creating international criminal empires?

There is at least one place I know of where teen-agers are given, without charge, automatic weapons which they keep at home and travel the streets with. In this place they do not have the problems the United States has. This place, if you haven’t guessed, is Israel. What do they do that we don’t do?

I recommend more investigation and analysis of the problem, not pasting a Band-Aid on a statute and walking away with a sense of accomplishment.

Yours very truly,

Jerome M. Charen
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Civil Rights Committee

Police Panel Discusses Mission

by Michael J. Carroll

Members of the Philadelphia Police Advisory Commission, the civilian panel that addresses problems and questions Philadelphians might have in their daily dealings with police, talked about the panel’s past and future at the Nov. 2 meeting of the Civil Rights Committee.

Police Advisory Commission Chairman Robert Nix, Executive Director William Johnson, and Deputy Director Kenyon Anderson were the featured panelists, along with Civil Rights Committee member Bruria Tal. Former Civil Rights Committee Chair Angus Love served as moderator.

The panelists gave a short oral history and distributed a written summary of the history of civilian oversight of police in Philadelphia, beginning with the 1950s and running through the present. The power, effectiveness, and very existence of civilian oversight ebbed and flowed during those years. The most recent rebirth of civilian oversight saw Association Chancellor-Elect Jane L. Dalton serve as the first chair of the Commission from February 1994 through March 2002.

In that epoch the most visible checks on errant officers were not to be found in the police department or in any branch of city government. What public civilian checks existed came in the form of federal civil rights suits brought by private counsel and occasionally by the federal government. The other major check was the press. One low point— and frightening point in a democracy—was reached when the major newspaper in the city was effectively shut down because it was blackballed by supporters of the mayor without any intervention by the police. The reason for the blockade: too many stories criticizing the police and the mayor.

Meaningful disciplining of officers by any branch of city government seemed rare, almost absent in those times. Things have changed for the better since those days but there is still much work to be done. Commissioners made the final point that the future of the Police Advisory Commission is bright but not certain. It is not yet a permanent governmental entity.

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Of course, the nuts and bolts of the production of electronically stored information, as before, will be left to the good faith negotiation of the litigants and the oversight of the court. To that end, new subsections 16(b)(5) and 16(b)(6) encourage the court to address in its Rule 16 scheduling order issues related to discovery of electronically stored information, including agreements for asserting claims of privilege after production. Likewise, amendments to Rule 26(f), along with revisions to Form 35, require parties, in connection with their submission of a discovery plan, to address issues relating to disclosure or discovery of electronically stored information, including the form in which it should be produced, the preservation of discoverable information, and agreements regarding procedures for asserting privilege. Now, for the first time, parties must affirmatively and explicitly address those issues that may have previously discussed only in passing. In all, the amendments to the Federal Rules put an end to any effort by litigants to dodge the thorny issues that attend the discovery of electronically stored information. Such information carries with it many benefits, such as the ability to search, compile, and compare vast quantities of information, but likewise comes with burdens and risks, including the cost of rendering stored information usable and the risk of inadvertent waiver of privilege. The amendments, if dutifully followed by conscientious litigants, should allow all parties to salvage some of the benefits while mitigating unnecessary burdens.

In Their Own Words

Make My Day: Use This Space

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Tenure Marked by Growth, Change

by Robert D. Lane Jr.

With this final column, as I come to the end of my two-year term as president of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, I would like to reflect on the changes and progress that have taken place over the last 24 months.

I am proud to report that the Bar Foundation remains steadfast in its mission – to promote and protect access to justice for those who can’t find their way there through the sometimes overwhelming impediments of poverty, discrimination, disability, prejudice and other life obstacles. That mission hasn’t changed, and I am delighted to say that the Bar Foundation is succeeding more than ever in meeting it. Just last month, we passed the significant milestone of increasing our endowment to $5 million. In December 2002, the value of the endowment stood at $2.49 million – we’ve doubled the endowment in just four years (when we assumed it would take five years)! Our goal is to double it again, to $10 million, in the next five years.

During these past two years, while we have remained dedicated to our central mission, we have not been afraid to try new approaches:

Raising the Bar: With the motivating support and unparalleled energy of our Chancellor Alan Feldman, this year we undertook a campaign that asked local law firms to contribute a minimum of $300 per lawyer (in their Philadelphia office) to the Foundation and/or to the 29 legal services agencies that we support. Thanks to Co-Chairs Wendy Beetlestone and Kathleen Wilkinson, this effort has enlisted 125 firms, pledging almost $1.5 million this year alone, a dramatic increase in overall giving over past years.

Cy Pres: We promoted an intensive effort to make members of the class action bench and bar aware that the Bar Foundation is an especially appropriate destination for the residual funds at the end of a class action suit. This program has already produced substantial awards to the Foundation thanks to the leadership of Debbie Gross and Chris Ritchie.

Vendor Outreach: We focused unusually hard on recruiting the companies that work with lawyers and law firms, asking those vendors to partner with us to improve access to justice. Hearing from Committee Chair Glenn Blumenfeld and many other of our trustees, these companies, which make their livings servicing the legal community, have responded enthusiastically to our call to help shoulder some of the responsibilities we attorneys take so seriously.

The Hamilton Gala: Those who attended this year’s fabulous event have reacted enthusiastically to our new approach. Thanks to the ceaseless work of Co-Chairs Amy Gienasky and Debbie Gross, we dramatically changed the style and format of our traditional Hamilton Ball resulting in unprecedented increases in the number of people attending (almost 500) and the amount raised (we will net more than $50,000 more than we had anticipated at the beginning of the year).

Our other annual fund-raising efforts have continued to grow and gather serious momentum, under the leadership and hard work of Alec Kerr, Ed Chacker, Carol Huff and many others. These include our relatively new “Access to Justice” program (individuals who become members of the Foundation for $100 per year), our Hamilton Circle (individuals who pledge $1,000 a year).

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Minority Judges Share Stories and Advice

by Andrew K. McMullin

People come to the bench from all walks of life, traveling diverse paths to get there, a panel of judges told members of the Minorities in the Profession Committee at their Oct. 26 meeting.

Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judges John M. Younge, Leon Tucker, M. Teresa Sarmina, Renee Cardwell Hughes and Nitza I. Quinones Alejandro shared their stories about how they became judges and imparted their advice as to what it takes to become a judge.

“There is no one particular way to come to the bench,” Judge Younge said. “People come to the bench from all walks of life!”

Judge Younge explained the importance of public service. He indicated that he began his legal career by working for a Pennsylvania legislator, who also was an attorney, in exchange for free rent. “I learned how to work for people, how to serve people,” he stated.

Judge Younge credits his 10 years of experience serving the public, including his involvement in community politics and organizations, for the reason he won a seat on the Court of Common Pleas in 1995. “If you have any interest in becoming a judge,” he stated, “become aware and involved in the problems of people.”

“The run for public office is not for the faint of heart,” Judge Tucker said. When he decided to run for a seat on the bench, after spending many years as a practicing attorney and working for the Philadelphia District Attorney’s office, Judge Tucker realized that as a candidate he had to visit each and every part of the city.

He stated that by having traveled throughout the city, making friends and mustering support, he learned to appreciate the various cultures in Philadelphia. During his travels, Judge Tucker learned “why people do things in one part of the city, but wouldn’t dare do things in another.”

Not a Philadelphia native, nor well versed in politics or the political system, Judge Sarmina ran for the bench for the first time in 1991 and lost. “I didn’t have any endorsements or support,” she stated.

Judge Sarmina explained that as a result of her loss, she realized that besides raising money, a candidate needs to have an organization and people who will help you obtain the requisite signatures to get on the ballot.

“If you are intending to run,” Judge Sarmina said, “you should get very familiar with what the deadlines are, when petitions start to circulate and when you can start raising money.”

While Judge Hughes also expressed that it is expensive, time consuming and emotionally draining to run for judge, she said “if you choose the bench for the right reasons, you won’t regret the sacrifices to get here.”

Judge Hughes explained that if anyone is interested in becoming a judge, they need to conduct a serious self-evaluation to determine why they want to be a judge. She indicated that she never had an interest in becoming a judge, being content as a corporate attorney in private practice.

“You don’t do this for the money or the benefits,” Judge Hughes stated. “You do this for the passion.”

Passion for the law was what inspired Judge Quinones Alejandro to seek a spot on the bench. In 1990, due to the lack of Hispanics on the bench, she was nominated by the late Gov. Robert P. Casey to fill a vacancy on the court. But her nomination was never confirmed by the Senate.

Determined to make her way onto the bench, Judge Quinones Alejandro decided to run for judge the following year. In order to run, however, she had to quit her job as a federal employee. With very little savings to cover her living expenses, she turned to her family and friends for support.

While she struggled to navigate the Philadelphia political landscape, Judge Quinones Alejandro is glad she made the commitment to run for judge. “It was a fascinating experience,” she said. “I would do it again.”

Andrew K. McMullin is an associate with Blank Rome LLP.

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How Do You Relax After a Grueling Day at the Office?

“My favorite way to unwind after work is either going out to meet my friends for dinner/drinks or going home to work on renovating my house.”

- Thomas J. Petrelli Jr.

“I sing in a medical a cappella group, The Arrhythmias, that is affiliated with a nearby hospital.”

- Sara A. Aliabadi

“I have a 2-year-old granddaughter, so I like to unwind with her.”

- Howard Zavodnick
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from Villanova University Law School in 1981, the year Justice O’Connor was appointed to the nation's highest court. “We are all here, leaders of the bench and the bar, celebrating commitment,” said Pichini. The award dates back to 1995 and is given to outstanding women attorneys in Philadelphia who display legal excellence and actively promote women in the profession and in the community through mentoring.

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The award was presented by Stephanie Resnick, chair of the Brennan Award Committee and member of the Board of Governors. Judge Presenza epitomizes the criteria of the Brennan Award,” said Resnick. “While adhering to the highest ideals of judicial service, he has demonstrated innovative leadership in court administration with his implementation and supervision of the Philadelphia Drug Treatment Court.” “He has helped literally thousands of people recover from substance abuse,” said Resnick. “He could be the best possible ally in the struggle to heat addiction, or the worst enemy a shirker or pander could ever hope to meet.” In accepting the honor, Judge Presenza made it clear that his was a career that had been built on the shoulders of his countless friends, colleagues, and supporters. “You know I’m doing what I think’s my job to do,” said Judge Presenza. He stressed the importance and the virtue of public service. “If you’re as blessed in life as I am, many times over, you have to give something back.” In closing, the judge quoted baseball great Jackie Robinson, telling the audience: “life is meaningless unless you touch someone along the way.”

Nicholas G. Kondraschow, a 2006 Villanova University School of Law graduate, received the 4th Annual Ruth Bader Ginsburg Legal Writing Award. Mirenia S. Edelstein, a 2006 graduate of Temple University Beasley School of Law, earned second place. Another 2006 Temple graduate, Colleen Cortin, earned third place. Association members also approved an amendment to the Association’s bylaws at the meeting. The new amendment addresses the creation of a Law Practice Management Division of the Association.

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Nicholas G. Kondraschow, winner of the 4th Annual Ruth Bader Ginsburg Legal Writing Competition, meets with contest co-chairs Diane Edelman (left) and Kathleen D. Wilkinson at the Oct. 30 Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon.

Nicholas G. Kondraschow, an associate at Lavin, O’Neil, Ricci, Cochran, earned third place.

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“Your Honesty is our Commandement and supervision of the court administration with his introduction legislation that changed the laws regarding the use of condoms and birth control pills. She said she wasn’t prepared for the criticism that followed. “I was denounced from pulpits, there were editorials and hate letters. It was my first lesson in knowing that if you really feel something is right, be prepared to pay a price and be criticized. It was a good lesson to learn early on,” she said.

As women lawyers became more numerous, Robinson felt she and her colleagues were influencing what was happening. “When women were going forward and being appointed as judges, it was changing the way the courts were operating themselves and handing down judgments. I remember, as president of Ireland, on the advice of the Irish government, I appointed the first woman to the Supreme Court of Ireland. And I felt so old, because I had been a year ahead of her at law school. She and her colleagues on the Supreme Court have changed the manner and the approach of the court,” she said.

As UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Robinson was looking at protection for women at the international level because there is a need to recognize that the situation of women globally “is not a happy one. There is a huge pandemic of violence against women, some of it domestic violence, some of it women in conflict.”

“In my experience of talking to the poorest women in developing countries about their perception of human rights, they will say two things – the right to safe water and to be free of violence. And that encapsulates freedom from want so you could have clean, running water, and freedom from fear,” she said.

Robinson invoked the words of former first lady FDR’s Eleanor Roosevelt in talking about universal human rights. “Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places close to home, so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world. Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere. Without concerted citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain for progress in the larger world,” she said.

“The more I think about those words, the more I think how wise Eleanor was. The world had just adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and they were going to be the covenants and conventions that states would ratify. But she knew, without concerted citizen action, there would be no implementation. So I add to her words, if human rights are going to matter in small places close to home, they must matter in the corridors of power. They must matter in governments and the boardrooms of corporations and in professions. It’s up to all of us to do what Eleanor’s vision was all about. If human rights are to matter, they must be realized and they must be real. We all have more work to do,” she said.

Also at the Quarterly Meeting, Stephanie Resnick, chair of the Brennan Committee Co-Chairs Wohlgelernter, Tanner and Weinstock, is a former associate editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.
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reflection, consideration and judgment. While this is one of the more difficult lessons for me to implement, I hope I'm learning to try to step back, take a deep breath and think about the consequences of and alternatives to any given course of action. We can't always be right, but we can almost always utilize a deliberative process that will allow us to be more correct, more often.

Don't say no. This is a tough one, and needs some qualification. We're all over-obligated and over-extended in our professional and personal lives, so when we're asked to serve our profession or community in some way, almost instinctively we're already searching for excuses to dodge the request. But it's not often that I think about a counterargument to do what we're asked, at least whenever reasonably possible. After all, you're being sought out to make an appearance or say a few words because others think that your presence is significant, and your observations meaningful. To have earned this sort of respect from others is a great gift, which we should acknowledge by graciously doing whatever we can, whenever we can.

Make a difference. While the arcades and invitations associated with serving as Chancellor are nice, the real reason you're there is to make a difference for the benefit of our profession. Just going through the motions can sometimes be tempting, particularly when distracted by the press of other business, but it is not effective and not satisfying. The only difference is to bring about some positive change, or at least to try. Otherwise, stay home.

Cherish the experience. I will not have difficulty with this lesson. Having the extraordinary opportunity to serve as Chancellor of the greatest Bar Association in America has been the most important professional experience of my life, and I will never forget it. The often-complex issues I've dealt with, and most importantly, the incredible people I've met, will leave an indelible impression upon who I am as a lawyer, partner and person. It really has been a heckuva trip.

Don't go on and on... and so 1 will not. The time has come for me to return to my day job. I wish I could thank everyone by name in this column who has been so wonderfully supportive during this year, but you know who you are. And I know as well as that I will be forever grateful for having had the great good fortune to serve as the 79th Chancellor of my beloved Philadelphia Bar Association.

15th Anniversary of the Public Interest Section

Honors Set for Raising the Bar Team

by Julia Haines

The Public Interest Section will honor Chancellor Alan M. Feldman, Philadelphia Bar Foundation President Robert D. Lane Jr., Raising the Bar campaign Co-Chairs Kathleen D. Wilkinson and Wendy Beeltestone and Bar Foundation Executive Director Maureen Minge for making the Raising the Bar campaign a success during the Section’s Annual Reception on Dec. 6.

"The ‘Raising the Bar’ Campaign has raised nearly $1.5 million from 125 big, medium, and small firms – almost $400,000 more than given in the preceding year. Not only did the campaign increase firm giving by almost 33 percent, it generated support from close to 50 firms that had no history of giving in the past. Thus, these new supporters were responsible for approximately 25 percent of all new money given, and firms that had a tradition of giving gave more through the campaign. That is a big success. But it doesn't have to end there.

Clearly, Philadelphia lawyers are willing and wanting to support legal services. If the success of this year can be replicated and improved upon, then next year the Bar Foundation should be able to encourage other firms to give and, perhaps, increase the giving of those who have supported the Foundation and legal services in the past. But the Foundation will only be successful if lawyers are willing and able. And so, as the end of this year approaches and you begin a new fiscal year at your firm, why not consider entering line items in your budget now for how much you want to donate to legal services through the Bar Foundation. And consider contacting a colleague at another firm and suggest that he or she do the same.

The Annual Reception will be held at Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market St., beginning at 5 p.m. The Section will also present its annual Andrew Hamilton Award at the event. Visit philadelphia.org to purchase tickets for the event.

Julie Haines, managing attorney at Haines & Associates, is former chair of the Public Interest Section.

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Sections Schedule Year-End Events

The Association’s Sections have announced plans for their annual year-end events.

• The Workers’ Compensation Annual Reception will be held Tuesday, Dec. 5 at the Pyramid Club on the 51st floor of 1735 Market St. The Section will present its annual Martha Hampton Award at the event.

• The Public Interest Section will hold a daylong CLE program on Wednesday, Dec. 6. The day’s events will be capped with the Section’s Annual Cocktail Reception and presentation of the Andrew Hamilton Award at 5 p.m. at Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market St.

• The Family Law Section Annual Dinner takes place on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 5:30 p.m. at Maggiano’s Little Italy, 12th and Fiftieth streets.

• The Tax Section Annual Meeting and Reception will be held Thursday, Dec. 7 beginning at 5 p.m. at the Rittenhouse Hotel, 210 W. Rittenhouse Square.

• The State Civil Litigation Section Annual Holiday Reception will be held Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the Westin Philadelphia, 99 S. 17th St.

• The Criminal Justice Section Annual Reception will be held Dec. 14 at Loews Philadelphia Hotel.

Replansky Award Nominees Sought

The Business Law Section is seeking nominations for the Section’s 2006 Dennis H. Replansky Memorial Award. The award will be presented at the Section’s Annual Reception to be held on Jan. 16 at the Pyramid Club.

The award recipient will receive the privilege of designating the recipient of the Section’s annual charitable contribution to a public interest organization. Award criteria are:

• Superior legal talent in the area of business law.

• Unique contributions to and significant achievements within the business law community in the Philadelphia area.

• A reputation for mentoring young attorneys.

• Significant participation in and contributions to civic and charitable causes in the community.

• Uniform recognition in the legal community of the candidate’s honesty, integrity and professionalism.

Each candidate must be a member of the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Business Law Section.

The Section established the award in recognition of Replansky’s career as a lawyer and his contributions to legal, civic, religious and other charitable causes. Replansky was a 51-year-old senior partner at Blank Rome LLP when he died in March 1994. He was a former chair of the Business Law Section.

The deadline for award nominations is 12 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15, 2006. Written nominations detailing the nominee’s qualifications for the award should be sent to: Dennis H. Replansky Memorial Award, c/o Sandra A. Jeskie, Esquire, Duane Morris LLP, 50 S. 17th St., Philadelphia, PA 19103-7596; or e-mailed to jeskie@duanemorris.com.

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Family Law Section – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Tuesday, Dec. 5

Bar Association Election – 8:30 a.m., Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets.

Annual Meeting – Election: 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Luncheon, 12 p.m., Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets. Tickets: philadelphiabar.org.


Wednesday, Dec. 6

Philadelphia Bar Foundation Board of Trustees – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Public Interest Section Annual Reception – 5 p.m., Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market St. Tickets: philadelphiabar.org.

Family Law Section Annual Dinner – 5:30 p.m., Maggiano’s Little Italy, 12th and Fiftieth streets. Tickets: philadelphiabar.org.

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

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

Tax Section Annual Meeting and Reception – 3 p.m., The Rittenhouse Hotel, 210 W. Rittenhouse Square. Tickets: philadelphiabar.org.

Monday, Dec. 11

Business Law Section Executive Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

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

Investment Companies Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

Tuesday, Dec. 12

Criminal Justice Section Executive Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

State Civil Litigation Section Annual Holiday Reception – 5:30 p.m., Westin Philadelphia, 99 S. 17th St. Tickets: philadelphiabar.org.

Wednesday, Dec. 13

Delivery of Legal Services Committee – meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.

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

Federal Courts Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

Criminal Justice Section Annual Reception – 5 p.m., Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market St. Tickets: philadelphiabar.org.

Thursday, Dec. 14

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

Friday, Dec. 15

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

Monday, Dec. 18

Public Interest Section Executive Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center.

Tuesday, Dec. 19

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

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

Wednesday, Dec. 20

Adoption Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Cabinet Room.

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

Thursday, Dec. 21

Family Law Section Executive Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center.

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

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

Friday, Dec. 22

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

Monday, Dec. 25

Christmas – Bar Association offices closed.

Tuesday, Dec. 26

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

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

Wednesday, Dec. 27

Medical-Legal Committee – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

Elder Law Committee – meeting, 1 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

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

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PEOPLE

Catherine C. Carr, executive director of Community Legal Services, Inc., received the National Legal Aid & Defender Association’s 2006 Denison Ray Award at the NLADA 2006 Annual Conference Awards Luncheon on Nov. 10 in Charlotte, N.C.


E. Harris Baum, co-founder of Zarwin Baum DeVito Kaplan Schaer Toddy PC, has been named Honorary Counsel General for the Republic of Korea.

Dennis L. Cohen, a member of Cozen O’Connor, recently presented a seminar for accountants at the Buddhi Tax Academy, discussing the key provisions of the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005 and The Pension Protection Act of 2006.

Robert C. Nagle, an associate with Saul Ewing LLP, presented “What to Include and Avoid in Every Employee Handbook” to the Human Resources Council of the Delaware League of Credit Unions on Oct. 10 in New Castle, Del.

Margaret G. Thompson, a member of Cozen O’Connor, was recently honored by the Philadelphia Homeless Advocacy Project at its Volunteer Recognition Event, receiving a Legal Services Recognition Award.

John A. Greenhall and George E. Pallas, partners at Cohen Seglias Pallas Greenhill & Furman PC, were recently admitted to the American Arbitration Association’s Panel of Commercial Neutrals.

Tarleton David Williams Jr., a senior attorney with Arista, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Public Interests Law Center of Philadelphia.

Jennifer A. Brandt, a member of Cozen O’Connor, recently appeared on CNBC’s “Your Morning,” The Comcast Network, discussing the issue of an adoptive mother who is attempting to “un-adopt” her 13-year-old child.

Jerry M. Lehocky, a partner with Martin, Banks, Pond, Lehocky & Wilson, served as a faculty member for the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association’s Oct. 4 program “Annual Update of the Law for Civil Litigators.”

Sarah A. Kelly, a member of Cozen O’Connor, served as a course planner and a faculty member for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute program, “Retaliation: The Hottest Issue in Employment Discrimination Law” held in Philadelphia and Mechanicsburg, Pa., and broadcast in Pittsburgh.

Karen L. Forman, pro bono counsel at Saul Ewing LLP, has received the Homeless Advocacy’s Project’s “Outstanding Service as Coordinator” citation award.

Judge Phyllis W. Beck, of counsel at Pepper Hamilton LLP, has been appointed by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to a three-year term as a member of the Continuing Legal Education Board.

Catherine M. Harper, with Timoney Knox LLP, discussed recent Supreme Court decisions and their impacts on municipalities at Pennsylvania Bar Institute seminars on municipal law on Oct. 27 and Nov. 3.

J. Gregg Miller, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP, was a speaker at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s 12th Annual Business Lawyers’ Institute on Nov. 1.

Nina M. Gussack, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP, spoke at the American Bar Association Section of Litigation Product’s Liability Committee’s 2006 Pharmaceutical Regional CLE workshop “Current Issues in Pharmaceutical Litigation and Policy” on Nov. 16 at Schering-Plough Corporation in Kenilworth, N.J.

William H. Howard, of counsel to Segal, McCambridge Singer & Mahoney, has been appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board of Easttown Township, Chester County, Pa.

M. Kelly Tillery, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP, has been appointed to the National Arbitration Forum’s Intellectual Property Alternative Dispute Resolution Panel.

Thomas R. Bond, a director with Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, was recently elected to serve as vice chair of the Board of Directors of the Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania.

James J. Kozuch, a partner with Caesar, Rivise, Bernstein, Cohen & Pokatilow, addressed approximately 80 graduate students in Cornell University’s Master of Engineering Program on the basics of intellectual property law.

Jocelyn Auerbach, an associate at Steel, Rudnick & Ruben, was a panelist at the October meeting of the National Association of Human Resources – African-Americans in Human Resources’ Philadelphia Chapter.

Lisa Goldstein, president of Rainmaker Trainers, recently spoke at the Hadassah Attorneys’ Council lunch-and-learn seminar “Business Development for Women Lawyers: Addressing the Gender Factor.”

Joan C. Arnold, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP, served as co-chair of the 17th Annual Philadelphia Tax Conference on Nov. 1 and 2.

Stephen A. Whinston, a shareholder with Berger & Montague, P.C., received the Pennsylvania Prison Society’s Justice Award for his work on the Pardons Board referendum.

Barbara T. Sicalides, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP, spoke at the recently Specially Equipped Market Association Show in Las Vegas.

David N. Holstein, a shareholder with Hofstein Weiner & Levit, PC, was a panelist on the interaction of estate and trust and divorce issues at the Divorce Conference of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants on Oct. 19 in King of Prussia.

Richard C. Mason, a member of Cozen O’Connor, recently served as a guest lecturer at the American Conference Institute’s “Reinsurance Arbitration” forum in New York.

Joseph J. Centeno, a partner with Olsbergrebenr Maxwells and Higgi, LLP, has been named one of “Best Lawyers Under 40” by the National Asian Pacific-American Bar Association.

M. Scott Gemberling, a shareholder with Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, served as a course planner at Pennsylvania Bar Institute seminar “Drug Shop Liability: A Case Study” on Oct. 18.

Names Are News

“People” highlights news of members’ awards, honors or appointments of a civic or community nature. Information may be sent to Jeff Lyons, Managing Editor, Philadelphia Bar Reporter, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., 11th Floor, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107-2911. Fax: (215) 238-1267. E-mail: reporter@philabar.org.

Photos are also welcome.
Welcome Back, Alan – We Missed You!