Pratt to Outline His Agenda for 2008 as He Becomes Bar’s 81st Chancellor

By Mark A. Tarasiewicz

For A. Michael Pratt, the pride that comes with being a Philadelphia lawyer means having the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others. As the fourth of 12 children, Pratt learned about the importance of giving back from his greatest role model — his mother.

The incoming Chancellor points to the constant encouragement and strong values taught to him by his mother, Joan — particularly the value of education — as integral to helping him along his journey from rural Grindstone, Pa., to the ivy-covered halls of Harvard Law School and large-firm practice.

Growing up in a series of Western Pennsylvania towns, Pratt learned at a young age how to adapt to new circumstances and seek out new opportunities. Always an eager learner who loved to impress teachers and excel in the classroom, he became a star athlete at Uniontown High School.

Pratt excelled as an all-star basketball and football player, and his scholastic abilities paved the way for him to become a first-generation college attendee at Washington & Jefferson College. “I look back upon my school days, and I’m overwhelmed and inspired by the level of time and interest others took in me,” Pratt said. “The fact is, they didn’t have to do it.”

His acceptance into Harvard was one of his mother’s proudest moments, and a life-changing event for Pratt. He was surrounded not only by a number of very accomplished African-American students, but also talented students from every walk of life.

While at Harvard, Pratt participated in four summer law firm programs, and later clerked for U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Nathaniel R. Jones. “The experience I gained was nothing less than

Three to Receive Top Bar Honors Dec. 4

By Jeff Lyons

Pennsylvania Supreme Court Chief Justice Ralph J. Cappy, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Sandra Mazer Moss and former Chancellor Abraham C. Reich will receive three of the Association’s most prestigious honors at the Annual Meeting Luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 4.

Chief Justice Cappy will receive the Association’s Bar Medal, presented at the discretion of the Chancellor in recognition of extraordinary service. It is reserved only for the highest accomplishments and most impressive achievements.

Judge Moss will be presented with the Justice William J. Brennan Jr. Distinguished Jurist Award and Reich will receive the Wachovia Fidelity Award.

“Chief Justice Cappy energetically and effectively unified and modernized the judicial system in the Commonwealth, ensuring access to justice for thousands of Pennsylvanians. Because of his exceptional leadership, the Pennsylvania courts are poised for even more enhancements in the years to come,” said Chancellor Jane Leslie Dalton.

Chief Justice Cappy is a 1968 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh.

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Attracting Business to Our City, Profession Marks an Active Year

By Jane Dalton

As I look back on this past year as Chancellor, I am amazed at how quickly it has passed. It has been a busy and productive time.

This year, there were many new beginnings in our city and in our commonwealth. But the election of a new Philadelphia mayor brings into sharp focus the challenges we face in the days ahead as we confront critical issues, such as gun violence, school funding and tax reform.

I’m proud that, this year, the Philadelphia Bar Association has been at the forefront of the most vital issues facing our city and our profession. I know that under the leadership of incoming Chancellor A. Michael Pratt, we will continue to build strong bridges to the leaders of our city and do our part to provide equal access to justice for our citizens.

From around the world to across our city’s neighborhoods, this year we’ve reached out to improve the city’s business climate, bring lawyers together and help those who need our help the most.

We traveled to Israel, where we explored the formation of an exchange program with the Israel Bar Association. Since then a committee has continued to define and refine the program with the Israel Bar. Under this plan, Israeli attorneys who have completed law school would go to Israel and work in an Israeli law firm for a similar time.

Your Bar Association has a similar program with the Lyon Bar Association in France. We recently hosted a delegation of attorneys from Nepal, who expressed an interest in forming a relationship with our Association. These relationships can help attract business to our legal community and to the city as a whole.

We also focused public attention on the importance of judicial independence this year. I’ve written opinion pieces for major newspapers and made a number of television and radio appearances explaining the importance of fair and impartial courts and discussing the work of our Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention to educate the public about our nonpartisan ratings of the local judicial candidates and judges and the importance of electing qualified judges. The freedom we enjoy as Americans depends, above all, on our courts. Fair, impartial, diligent and competent judges are essential for all of us.

Additionally, your Association offered to serve as a broker in selecting a location for a new Family Court complex. The current facilities are inadequate on many levels and the court desperately needs a new facility. We’ve worked with former Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Sandra Schultz Newman and current Justice Ronald Castile to identify problems at the Family

Chancellor’s Reception Jan. 9

All members of the legal community are invited to attend a reception on Wednesday, Jan. 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. in honor of A. Michael Pratt, 81st Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association.

The Chancellor’s Reception will be held in the Grand Ballroom at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets. No reservations are necessary.

This is the event at which even the city’s busiest and most successful legal luminaries patiently wait in line to wish their leader and each other good luck in the year ahead.

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### Sources of Funds
- Membership Dues................................................................. $2,247,042
- Lawyer Referral Service..................................................... 335,000
- Committee Programs.......................................................... 16,500
- Publications............................................................................ 335,000
- Interest and Dividends......................................................... 70,000
- Royalty Agreement............................................................... 435,000
- Loss Control Royalty............................................................ 120,000
- Juristaff................................................................................. 38,333
- Management Fee................................................................. 10,000
- Special Events........................................................................ 237,500
- YLD Program.......................................................................... 8,000
- Law Practice Management.................................................... 1,800
- Outside Groups...................................................................... 57,500
- Other Income (including catering and reproduction costs).... 98,000

**Total Revenue** ..................................................................... $4,009,075

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**Total Support Services** .................................................. 2,428,906

**Total Expenses** .................................................................. 4,008,995

**Change in Net Assets** ............................................................ $81

## Board of Governors

### $4 Million Budget Includes New Diversity Staff Position

**By Jeff Lyons**

The Board of Governors has approved a $4 million budget for 2008, which includes the creation of a new staff position of director of the office for diversity.

“...This is a person who is going to help us better diversify the Bar association. This person will give us ideas and have the expertise that we don’t have,” Chancellor-Elect A. Michael Pratt told the Board at its Oct. 25 meeting.

“The responsibilities that this person will have will probably be wide-ranging than any other similarly named position in the country,” said Executive Director Kenneth Shear. “We’re anticipating a tremendous opportunity for study for involvement with the community, involvement with our lawyers and firms and to really get out and show the commitment of this association to have as diverse an organized bar as we can possibly have. This is going to be a very exciting project for us.”

“This is a person who is going to support the work of our Minorities in the Profession Committee, our Women in the Profession Committee and our other diversity committees,” Pratt said. “We often hear from our membership that they don’t know where these diverse people are or how to recruit and retain. This person is going to help. He or she will be a resource for our membership,” he said.

Pratt called the 2008 budget a conservative one. It represents a 5.4 percent increase over the 2007 budget. “One of things the Bar has been working on for years is ways to rely less on membership dues and more on non-dues revenue sources. We are budgeting an increase in revenue for our lawyer referral service, our publications and royalty agreements, which is a sizeable increase,” Pratt said.

In other action, the Board unanimously approved a resolution for the Association to join the New York City Bar Association in an amicus brief challenging the federal government’s warrantless surveillance program.

The Board also approved a resolution from the Delivery of Legal Services Committee to restore taxpayer standing to challenge administrative decisions in Philadelphia.

Resolutions that approved the Law Practice Management vendor procedure and application as well as technical amendments to the Association’s pension plan were also passed.

For the full text of the resolutions passed by the Board of Governors, visit philadelphiabar.org.
Association Seeks Director of Office for Diversity

The Philadelphia Bar Association is seeking a Director of the Office for Diversity. The Office for Diversity is created to work with legal employers to foster more diverse work environments. The Office also serves as a resource for individuals seeking to advance and develop their careers.

The Office for Diversity provides infrastructure, strategic leadership, coordination, and continuity to the diversity efforts of the various association committees, departments, and external efforts. The Director of the Office for Diversity will provide the vision, leadership and support for developing and implementing programs and practices to encourage diversity in the Philadelphia legal community.

Responsibilities

- Disseminate information about the Statement of Diversity Principles and obtain additional corporate and law firm signatories of the Statement;
- Collect data, analyze, ensure data accuracy, and report on the progress of the Philadelphia community in achieving diversity goals through studies and other means;
- Collect and disseminate information about evolving best practices aimed at recruitment, retention and promotion of a diverse and inclusive legal environment across demographic groups;
- Provide signatories with concrete support to build and maintain successful diversity efforts delivered in hands-on regular working sessions, targeted roundtables with diversity professionals, diversity chairs, managing partners, etc.;
- Communicate and publicize the activities of the Office for Diversity through the Association Web site, media outreach, articles in the Association’s monthly newsletter, and other sources;
- Foster community networking opportunities for people working on diversity issues across sectors in the legal profession;
- Provide over-the-shoulder guidance to legal employers across sectors;
- Support and coordinate Association committee activities and programs in the area of diversity;
- Plan and organize an annual diversity event; and
- Assist in developing financial support for the Office for Diversity.

Reporting Relationship

The Director of the Office for Diversity will report to the Association’s Executive Director and work closely with the Association’s Chancellor and other Association committees involved in the diversity initiatives.

Qualifications

- Five-plus years experience developing and/or managing diversity programs, preferably in a professional services environment.
- Strong public speaking and written communication skills.
- Law, public policy, or other relevant graduate degree desirable.
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Dec. 5 & 6 11th Annual Real Estate Institute • Pennsylvania Convention Center
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Fitzgerald Stresses Bench-Bar Cooperation

By Kathryn C. Harr

The importance of cooperation between the bench and the bar cannot be overestimated, Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice James J. Fitzgerald III told members of the State Civil Litigation Section at the Section’s Quarterly Meeting on Nov. 7.

“I came from a system where I benefited from your cooperation and input,” said Justice Fitzgerald, who has been on the high court for nine months.

Remarking on his affinity for the Philadelphia Bar, Justice Fitzgerald recounted his history in the city, through 12 years in the District Attorney’s office, then as chief counsel to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. He also worked at Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, litigating asbestos cases before becoming executive vice president for governmental affairs at the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce. His service on the bench began in 1989 in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. He was nominated to the Supreme Court earlier this year.

Emphasizing the importance of preserving judicial independence, Justice Fitzgerald described the Pennsylvania Commission on Judicial Independence, formed in 2005 by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, as a combination think tank and voice of the judicial branch “with the goal of raising public awareness of the role and importance of a strong independent judiciary and a democratic system of government.” He noted that

“I came from a system where I benefited from your cooperation and input,” Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice James J. Fitzgerald III told members of the State Civil Litigation Section.

Justice Ronald D. Castille, soon to be named chief justice, exemplified the concept judicial independence through consistently ruling on the basis of law rather than public opinion.

Other important initiatives, such as the creation of specialized courts for driving under the influence and mental health issues, have improved judicial efficiency, Justice Fitzgerald explained. Based on the intercept model, mental health courts operate on the premise that individuals diagnosed with mental health issues should receive treatment at the earliest stage of identification. Using this model, Allegheny County courts have realized a savings of $2.3 million last year by reducing the number of incarcerated prisoners and the rate of recidivism.

Justice Fitzgerald also praised recent amendments to appellate procedural rules that work to allow more litigants their day in court. By way of example, he cited amendments to Rule of Appellate Procedure 1925, which now allows appellants more time to file the statement of errors complained of on appeal.

Reflecting his appreciation for the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia court systems, Justice Fitzgerald recited impressive statistics. In 2006, the Court of Common Pleas disposed of more than 15,000 post-indictment felony criminal cases and 42,099 civil actions. In the same year, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court considered 2,219 petitions for allowance of appeal and 282 appeals, 23 of which were death penalty cases.

Justice Fitzgerald noted that the court currently has no backlog and that he does not expect any cases to be carried over from the November session into 2008. “It is my fondest hope that you can say, ‘I am glad Jim Fitzgerald was a Supreme Court justice,’” he closed.

Kathryn C. Harr, an associate with Trujillo Rodriguez & Richards, LLC, is an associate editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.

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On his first visit to Philadelphia in more than nine years, Prince Zeid Bin Raad, Jordanian ambassador to the United States, spoke openly to a group of Bar Association leaders about the International Criminal Court, the U.S.-led Middle East peace efforts with Israel and Palestine and perceptions of the United States abroad.

Prince Zeid was traveling from a speech the night before at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh and was prompted to make his Nov. 8 visit to Philadelphia by Chancellor Jane Dalton and attorney Oliver Franklin.

Asked about what information the Middle Eastern press covers that is relatively unknown or widely ignored by the American media, Prince Zeid paid particular attention to the United States’ veto powers as a permanent member of the United Nations Security Counsel.

“The United States has exercised 10 vetoes on Arab resolutions since 2000,” said Prince Zeid, “Despite its ability to offer counter resolutions or to work with Arab nations to better tailor resolutions that are more acceptable to the United States, it has simply exercised its veto powers.”

“The Arab press has given wide coverage to U.S. vetoes but the U.S. press pays very little attention to their use or the political reaction in Arab nations.”

With regard to attempts by Secretary of State Condo- leeza Rice to negotiate a peace accord between Israel and Palestine, the Ambassador said that success in the region is something that needs to be tied to all nations in the Middle East.

He urged those countries involved in the effort to keep in mind that both Israel and Palestine will each suffer losses and make gains in any successful peace strategy but ultimately, a lasting peace is a success for the region.

Prince Zeid, a one-time candidate for Secretary General of the United Nations, also spoke about the International Criminal Court in The Hague and his role in drafting its founding statute in the mid-1990s as Jordan’s ambassador to the U.N.

“Every now and then, we are faced with the atrociousness of human nature.”

With more than 100 member nations, he was quick to point out the global support of the ICC’s charge, despite the absence of U.S. support. The court, charged with enforcing a number of criminal actions on the international stage including genocide and war crimes, has been successful in Darfur, Uganda and the Congo. Consisting of 18 judges elected for nine-year terms from the member nations, the court makes allowances for domestic prosecution of international crimes only if it believes that such prosecution is conducted properly and effectively.

“There is no parallel in human history for the international effort put forth in the International Criminal Court,” said Prince Zeid. “Every citizen of the signatory nations falls under its jurisdiction, from civilians, to the military, to political leaders.”

Ending with several stories about his time in Washington, D.C., Prince Zeid said that being in the cradle of American democracy is interesting because all too often, everyone is talking but no one appears to be talking to each other.

“No matter who you go see, Republicans or Demo- crats, it can sometimes be difficult because of the squabbling,” said Prince Zeid. “There are too many important issues that need to be resolved, and these issues take patience and cooperation.”

Brian K. Sims is an associate editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.
The abuses and flaws in the administration of the death penalty in Pennsylvania have been noted time and time again, yet the problems persist, the director of the Capital Habeas Unit of the Philadelphia Federal Defender’s Office told the Civil Rights Committee on Nov. 1.

Robert Dunham told the committee Pennsylvania has the fourth-largest death row population in the United States and the largest in the Northeast. Pennsylvania complies with only nine of the 73 protocols of the American Bar Association’s Death Penalty Assessment Team and is one of two states that provide no state funding for death penalty defense. Each county is responsible for funding the defense of indigent defendants. Local budgets and politics affect the degree and quality of support for the defense.

Dunham said Pennsylvania comes up short in crucial areas. Among them are not fairly adjudicating whether a defendant is mentally retarded and therefore ineligible for the death penalty; failing to seriously examine, let alone address why death row is grossly disproportionately made up of racial and ethnic minorities; allowing juries to impose the death penalty without knowledge that the alternative is a life sentence without possibility of parole - knowledge that has proven to be a very significant factor in substantially reducing death sentences in other states; and failing to adequately provide for DNA and other procedures that could show a defendant to be actually innocent.

Dunham mentioned “beyond a reasonable doubt” and made the simple point that reasonable doubt is defined as giving a reasonable person pause before proceeding. The report with the serious problems and shortfalls noted should at the very least be grounds for a pause - a moratorium - on the death penalty, he said.

Dunham has spent much of his career advocating for those on death row. He has attacked abuses for years. He did not say it directly but inevitably transmitted the question: “Is anybody listening?”

Michael J. Carroll, an attorney with Community Legal Services, is co-chair of the Civil Rights Committee.
Nigro: Voters Follow Gender, Regional Patterns

By Jeff Lyons

Voters in statewide judicial elections vote along gender and regional lines with political affiliation another consideration, former Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Russell M. Nigro said at a Nov. 14 program analyzing the recent elections.

“I was somewhat surprised to see how extremely well Judge (Seamus) McCaffrey did,” Justice Nigro said. “Judge McCaffrey, as I understand it, spent a substantial amount of money in Western Pennsylvania, which is exactly where he needed to spend it. That’s why he did as well as he did in Western Pennsylvania,” he said.

Voters don’t really know that much about the candidate’s qualifications and don’t care much about the qualifications, Justice Nigro said. “That’s sad, but that’s the way it is.”

“I thought Judge Maureen Lally-Green and Judge Deborah Todd would repeat what happened six years ago when they were the two nominees from their respective parties for the Superior Court and Judge Schiller and Judge Klein were the two nominees coming out of the East. If you recall that election, in Western Pennsylvania they didn’t have any problem in crossing a party line and voting by gender and voting by region, to the detriment of the two males who were running out of the east,” he said.

“I anticipated the process would play itself out very similarly but to Judge McCaffrey’s credit, he worked extremely hard and raised a substantial amount of money and most importantly, he spent the money exactly the way he should have spent it,” Justice Nigro said, adding that 80 percent of the votes in Pennsylvania come from just 20 counties.

“It’s so expensive to spend the money in the Philadelphia media market and you simply don’t get as much of a return for the money, because you’re spending it in South Jersey where nobody can vote for you,” he said. Judge McCaffrey won Allegheny County, which is virtually unheard of, Justice Nigro said, but he also won Cambria County and Washington County. “That’s something you just don’t see.”

Nigro said the political parties don’t play as great a role as they used to play when he ran for the first time 14 years ago. “They simply don’t have the organizations. They don’t have the same impact on voters as they used to.”

When Nigro ran for Supreme Court in 1993 and 1995, he said his campaign strategist told him that the television money he spent would determine the outcome. “When you look at the Supreme Court race, you’ll see the three winners were three females and the winners came from Western Pennsylvania and they crossed over party lines. Christine Donohue was a Democrat and the other two (Cheryl L. Allen and Jackie Shogan) were Republicans. Justice McCaffrey was able to overcome some of those dynamics and was able to become the number one vote getter,” he said.

“Voters don’t care, for the most part, if you’re qualified. I know that as a fact. When I campaigned, voters asked me the same questions over and over again. The only things I got asked about were the death penalty and if I was pro life or pro choice. It didn’t matter if I came from the best law school and graduated first in my class or I never went to class at all. It didn’t matter if I worked at the biggest firm or a little storefront. Nothing mattered to them, except for the fact that I was from Philadelphia. If I was in another part of the state, that was a big negative for me, and it took a lot of work to overcome that,” he said.

The program was sponsored by the Public Interest Section and the Appellate Courts Committee.
By Alan Nochumson

Since this is my last article as chair of our great Division, I wanted to express how proud I am of what we, as a Division, have accomplished over the past year.

During my “State of the YLD”, I created three new programs for our Division: a luncheon series titled 4L: Live, Life, Learn, and Law; Lawyerpalooza; and the Bar Fair. With the assistance of our Executive Committee and other members of our Division, each of these programs was a smashing success.

During our luncheon series, we not only had thought-provoking discussions on how young lawyers can thrive in the workplace, but also on ways they can better invest in their financial future.

Lawyerpalooza exceeded my expectations. Almost 200 strong heard what Philadelphia attorneys have to offer besides the law. Even better, we received positive press coverage in The Philadelphia Inquirer and The City Paper, thus truly shedding us, as a profession, in a positive light.

I am also proud of the Bar Fair, which took place in early November. During the Bar Fair, young lawyers were given the opportunity to see what the Bar Association has to offer besides our Division. It has been my goal this year to better inform young lawyers on how to remain active within the Bar Association after they are not “young” anymore.

With that in mind, each of the sections of the Bar Association and members of the senior bar were represented at the Bar Fair, in order to make young lawyers more knowledgeable about the opportunities for them within these sections.

I would be remiss not to thank our Executive Committee for the hard work they performed over the course of this year. They really drove the three programs I mentioned above, along with our signature events, such as Law School Outreach, The People’s Law School, Mock Trial Camp and Competition, Comedy Night, our monthly happy hours, Legaline, 2020, and Harvest for the Homeless.

Thank you all again for giving me the chance to represent your interests in 2007!

Alan Nochumson, the sole shareholder of Nochumson P.C., is chair of the Young Lawyers Division. His e-mail address is anochumson@nochumson.com.

A Band Called M (top) performs at the Young Lawyers Division Lawyerpalooza event on Oct. 25 at Kildare’s Headhouse Square. Joe Schwartz (right) of Pray for Mojo belts out a tune. Nearly 200 people turned out for the event. For more photos from Lawyerpalooza, visit philadelphiabar.org.

Public Interest Law Day Dec. 5

The Association’s Public Interest Section will host its most ambitious Public Interest Law Day yet on Wednesday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at The CLE Conference Center.

“We designed this program for public interest, pro bono and private practitioners who are interested in learning more about public interest law and other timely issues affecting the pro bono community,” said Catherine C. Carr, chair of the Delivery of Legal Services Committee CLE Planning Committee and executive director of Community Legal Services.

Public Interest Law Day features a distinguished faculty of judges and public interest law experts and offers participants the choice of attending 11 different CLE sessions, for a total of 6 CLE credits. In all, seven substantive sessions and four ethics sessions will be offered.

The program opens with a panel discussion titled, “Tips from the Bench for the Public Interest Practitioner,” featuring the Judge Stephen Bosch, administrative law judge for the Social Security Administration; Judge M. Faith Angell, U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; and Judge Flora Wolf of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, Family Division.

Public Interest Law Day also will offer a workshop on recent Supreme Court decisions and a panel discussion that continued on page 23.
Cooper Unopposed for Vice Chancellor

Scott F. Cooper, treasurer of the Association and a partner in the Labor and Employment Department at Blank Rome LLP, is the lone candidate for Vice Chancellor in this year’s Bar election. The 1992 graduate of the Temple University Beasley School of Law is serving his second term as treasurer and is a member of the Cabinet and the Budget and Audit Committees. He has served two terms as assistant treasurer and was elected to the Board of Governors in 1999.

He was co-chair of the Labor and Employment Law Committee from 2000 to 2002 and was co-chair of the Chancellor’s Task Force on Legal Education from 2002 to 2003.

He was elected to the Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee and served from 1996 to 1998. He was financial secretary from 1996 to 1997 and treasurer from 1997 to 1998. He is a member of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation’s Andrew Hamilton Circle and was a member of the Charity Golf Committee in 1998, 2001 and 2007.

“This Association does so much for attorneys and our community but it can do so much more,” Cooper said.

“The Philadelphia Bar Association has been my single most important activity over the past 12 years, other than practicing law and raising a family. I have been privileged to serve in elected and appointed positions ranging from the Cabinet to co-chairs of committees. I understand the role our Bar Association plays at both the policy-making level and at the “heart of our Association” in our sections and committees. During my tenure, I have proudly held every position of fiduciary responsibility, including treasurer, assistant treasurer, member of the Budget and Audit Committees, chairing the Audit Committee, treasurer of the Young Lawyers Division, and financial secretary of the YLD,” he said.

“My hope is that this experience will be invaluable to our Association as we face many policy and infrastructure changes in the next decade of the 21st century,” Cooper said.

He plans to refocus the Association’s resources on its members. This includes continuing practice support, convening a national conference in Philadelphia that will address quality-of-life issues for attorneys and other matters affecting the profession.

Cooper wants to maintain the Association’s historic and unwavering commitment to the independence of the judiciary, unfettered access to the courts, the work of the Association’s sections and committees and providing legal aid to the less fortunate.

He also plans to initiate programs to strengthen regional economic growth and opportunities in Philadelphia, and position the Bar Association for 2010 and beyond.

Line Offices Uncontested in Association Election

This year, all candidates for Bar line offices are unopposed. The candidates are Kathleen D. Wilkinson, secretary; Jeffrey M. Lindy, treasurer; Sophia Lee, assistant secretary; and Joseph A. Prim Jr., assistant treasurer.

Wilkinson, a partner at Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker, LLP, is a graduate of Villanova University School of Law and is a 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 1998 and 1999. She is co-chair of the State Civil Rules Committee in 2004. She was a member of the Judicial Selection Committee and co-chair of the Raising the Bar Campaign.

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 Justices Ginsburg and O’Connor in 2003. She continues to serve as co-chair of the committee.

In 2005, 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.

Lee is a senior attorney with Sunoco and a graduate of the Temple University Beasley School of Law.

She was a member of the Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee, the City Policy Committee and was a member of the Judicial Selection Committee.

She has been a member of the executive committee of the Asian American Bar Association of the Delaware Valley since 2000, having served as president in 2006. She is co-chair of the Litigation Committee of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association and is a member of the National Association of Women Lawyers.

Lee is a former board member and president of AIDS Services in Asian Communities and has been board development director for the Asian Arts Initiative since 2002. She was a member of the executive board of the Cornell Club of Greater Philadelphia and a volunteer with the Cornell Alumni Ambassadors Admissions Network. She is a member of the advisory board of Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts.

Lindy, principal in the Law Offices of Jeffrey M. Lindy, is former chair of the Association’s Board of Governors. He currently serves as assistant treasurer and was a member of the Board of Governors in 1997 and from 2000 to 2003. 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.

Prim is a partner with Duca and Prim and a graduate of the Boston University School of Law.
Five Unopposed for Board of Governors

The five candidates seeking three-year terms on the Board of Governors are running unopposed. They are Michael Berkowitz, Karen Detamore, Maria A. Feeley, Jeffrey S. Gross and Richard S. Seidel.

Berkowitz is a partner with Caesar, Rivie, Bernstein, Cohen & Pokotilow, Ltd. He is a graduate of Widener University School of Law.

Detamore serves on several bar association committees including the Intellectual Property Law Committee of the Business Law Section and the Israel Exchange Program Committee. He also serves as the co-director of the Philadelphia Bar Association Charity Run/Walk. Since 2005, he has served as the Chancellor of the Louis D. Brandeis Law Society.

Detamore is executive director of Friends of Farmworkers and a graduate of Rutgers University Camden School of Law.

She was the Public Interest Section representative to the Board of Governors in 2005 and 2006 and served as co-chair of the Committee on the Legal Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2006 and 2007. She was chair of the Public Interest Section in 2004 and was the section’s secretary in 2003. She has been a member of the section’s executive committee since 1999. She was co-chair of the Committee on the Legal Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men in 1999) and worked as a judge in the 2006 and 2007 Ruth Bader Ginsburg Essay Contest. She is a member of Delivery of Legal Services Committee, Language Access Task Force, Civil Rights Committee, Bar-News Media Committee, Minorities in the Profession Committee, Women in the Profession Committee and the planning committee for 2007 Bench-Bar Conference plenary session.

Detamore is president of the Pennsylvania Project Directors Corporation and a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Civil and Equal Rights Committee, Legal Services to the Public Committee and Agricultural Law Committee. She is a member of the Hispanic Bar Association of Pennsylvania, Baristens’ Association of Philadelphia, Asian American Bar Association of the Delaware Valley and Brehon Law Society.

She is a member of the National Legal Aid and Defender Association and past chair of the Farmworker Law Section. She is past president of the Farmworker Project Group and a member of the National Lawyers Guild and served as a member of the Pennsylvania Advisory Committee of the United States Commission on Civil Rights from 1997 to 2001.

Feeley is a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP and is a graduate of Washington and Lee University School of Law.

She is co-chair of the Women in the Profession Committee and heads the subcommittee to address the retention and promotion of women attorneys. She currently serves on the Women’s Way Young Women’s Initiative Advisory Board. She provides pro-bono legal services through the Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program. She has volunteered in the Attorney Mentoring Program, the Temple LEAP Program, the Legal Hotline Program, the Lawyer-for-a-Day Program, and Law Week, and she has served as a judge in the National Moot Court Competition. She has coached in the Philadelphia Reads Program and volunteered for the Philadelphia Department of Education Career Day.

Feeley also is an adjunct professor at Rosemont College, where she teaches business law. She is a member of the American, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Baltimore City Bar Associations, as well as the Lawyers’ Club of Philadelphia. Gross is a partner with Batt & Gross. He served as a co-chair of the Workers’ Compensation Section in 2002 and on the Section’s Executive Committee for the past eight years.

Gross was awarded the Section’s Martha Hampton Award in 2003, in recognition of his strong advocacy and compassion for injured workers as well as his professional and community service. He also was recognized by Philadelphia magazine in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 as one of the area’s leading attorneys in workers’ compensation litigation. He has authored numerous articles involving workers’ compensation issues in several publications, including The Legal Intel-ligence and is a frequent lecturer on various workers’ compensation issues. Gross is a graduate of the Dickinson School of Law.

Seidel is a partner with Seidel Weitz Garfinkle & Datz, LLC and a graduate of Temple University School of Law.

He served as an elected member of the Board of Governors from 2001 to 2003 and was the liaison to the Board for the Legislative Liaison and State Civil Committees.

Seidel has held leadership roles with the Membership/Bar Placement Committee, Law Student Rehorm Act Subcommittee, the Inter-Professional Relation Subcommittee of the State Civil Committee, and was a founding officer of the State Civil Litigation Section and a member of its executive committee. He also has served as an investigator for the Judicial Selection Committee.

Seidel serves as a judge pro tempore and as a neutral arbitrator for the Court of Common Pleas. He has served as a director of the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association since 1997, and is a delegate with the Pennsylvania Bar Association House of Delegates. He has appeared as a lecturer with the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association and the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association. He appears on the Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers and has been named a “Super Lawyer” by Philadelphia magazine.

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Prim is currently co-chair of the Law Practice Management Division and served as the Workers’ Compensation Section representative to the Board of Governors in 2003. He was co-chair of the Solo and Small Firm Committee in 2001, 2002 and 2004 and co-chair of the Workers’ Compensation Committee in 1994. He served as treasurer of the Workers’ Compensation Section (1996 to present) and is a member of the State Civil Litigation Committee, Workers’ Compensation Section and was a member of the Strategic Planning Committee and the Long Range Planning/Finance Committee.

Outside the Association, he is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Civil Litigation Section, Workers’ Compensation Section and Solo and Small Firm Practice Section. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Civil Litigation House of Delegates and a member of the American Bar Association General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section, Law Practice Management Section, Litigation Section. He is a member of the Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Associations and a charter member of Friends of the Justinian Society.

He is a supporter of the Boston University School of Law Public Interest Project and a member of the Brehon Law Society; The Lawyers Club of Philadelphia; Charter Member, John Peter Zenger Law Society; The Union League; Member, House Committee; Chairman of Fitness Center; Member Lincoln Table Management Committee; The Pennsylvania Society; The Philadelphia Zoo; Philadelphia Museum of Art; The Millay Club, Bishop Neumann High School Alumni Association; Volunteer, Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program; Smithonian Associate; Patron, Riverbend; Lower Merion Conservancy; Bridlewild Trails; The Penn Club; The St. Andrew’s Society of Philadelphia.

Notice of Election - Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007
Park Hyatt at the Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets

There being no opposition for the following offices, a unanimous ballot will be cast for these individuals who will be elected to the offices as noted: Vice Chancellor, Scott F. Cooper; Secretary, Kathleen D. Wilkinson; Treasurer, Jeffrey M. Lindy; Assistant Secretary, Sophia Lee; Assistant Treasurer, Joseph A. Prim Jr.; and Michael J. Berkowitz, Karen Detamore, Maria A. Feeley, Jeffrey S. Gross and Richard S. Seidel, Board of Governors.
Nine Seek 7 Seats on YLD Executive Committee

Thomas D. Bielli

**Professional Background:** Associate, Ciardi & Ciardi, P.C.; Widener University School of Law.

**Activities:** Member, Pennsylvania Bar Association, American Bar Association, American Bankruptcy Institute, The Justinian Society, Order Sons of Italy of America.

**Candidate’s Statement:** Real world experience prior to entering the legal profession will serve as a tremendous asset to the Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee. This real world experience, coupled with a desire to promote justice and improve our legal system, can be integral in propelling the YLD Executive Committee into the next decade. The YLD Executive Committee already organizes and oversees various public service and community educational projects. My drive, determination and grassroots style is valuable in continuing these and other worthwhile programs.

Joshua Burg

**Professional Background:** Associate, Feldman & Pinto; Widener University School of Law.

**Activities:** Member, Pennsylvania Bar Association, American Bar Association, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association.

**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 volunteering 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:** Principal, Law Offices of Daniel L. Cevallos, P.C.; University of Notre Dame Law School.

**Activities:** Member, Hispanic Bar Association; Board member, Latino Education Fund, Board of Directors of the Center City Residents’ Association.

**Candidate’s Statement:** I think the YLD is a valuable part of the new attorney community. 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 brings these attorneys together. Beyond that, the YLD is a great social and networking opportunity and an invaluable resource for meeting lawyers from all practices.

Carolyn Chopko

**Professional Background:** Associate, Feldman, Shepherd, Wohlgelernter, Tanner and Weinstock; Villanova University School of Law.

**Activities:** Member, Pennsylvania Bar Association, Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association, Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association, Sigma Theta Nau National Nursing Honor Society.

**Candidate’s Statement:** During my time as an officer in the United States Navy, I developed an appreciation for both the responsibility that comes with leadership and the importance of service. This has continued with my involvement in the YLD.

I have participated in YLD programs such as Lawyer in the Classroom, Law Fair, Mock Trial Camp and volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House. My experiences with the YLD have motivated me to assume a leadership role with the YLD Executive Committee. In that capacity, I will work to advance the YLD’s mission in the legal community and community large.

Joan E. Clarke

**Professional Background:** Associate, Miller, Alfano & Raspanti, PC; Villanova University School of Law.

**Activities:** Member, Barristers’ Association of Philadelphia, National Bar Association Women’s Lawyers Division.

**Candidate’s Statement:** As young lawyers, we are the future of the legal profession. I look forward to sharing my experiences with the YLD to help shape our profession. The YLD is a valuable part of the attorney community.

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Election Notice

Candidates For YLD Executive Committee

Balloting for members of the Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 4, 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, nine candidates are seeking election to seven seats available on the Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee. Committee members serve three-year terms.

**Candidates for Office**

| Thomas D. Bielli | Carolyn Chopko | Kristina Littman |
| Joshua Burg | Joan E. Clarke | Richard Vanderslice |
| Danny Cevallos | Jonathan Goldman | Matthew R. Williams |

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 2007 the age of 37, or (2) they have not yet reached or reached in 2007 the third anniversary of their first admission to the bar of any state.

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About the Candidates

These nine candidates seek election to seven seats on the Young Lawyers Division (YLD) Executive Committee in the Association’s Annual Election on Dec. 4. 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.
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years, we have the unique opportunity to build on our predecessors’ success while bringing a fresh perspective to the growth of the Bar Association. This past year, I actively served on the Executive Board of the Barristers’ Association and on the Bar Association committees that planned the highly successful mayoral forum and inspiring Bench-Bar Conference “Soul of Justice” panel. In addition, I participated in Law Week and the YLD’s Law School Outreach Program. If elected, I will continue to serve the Bar Association and the profession by planning programs that promote diversity and encourage service to the community.

Jonathan Scott Goldman
Professional Background: Associate, Blank Rome LLP; Temple University Beasley School of Law.
Activities: State Civil Litigation Section Liaison to YLD Executive Committee.
Candidate’s Statement: For the past year as YLD liaison to the State Civil Litigation Section, I have seen much that the YLD has to offer. I have served on the Chancellor’s Committee on Civility and attended the Bench-Bar Conference. I have volunteered through Lawyer in the Classroom and People’s Law School and I have grown by having a mentor attorney and being a mentor to a law student. Of course I’ve had plenty of fun at happy hours, Comedy Night and on the planning committee for Lawyerpalooza. I hope to continue my service with your vote.

Kristina Littman
Professional Background: Associate, Miller Alfano & Raspanti, P.C. Rutgers University School of Law – Camden.
Activities: Member, Federal Bar Association, Criminal Law Committee, Philadelphia Chapter; American Bar Association.
Candidate’s Statement: My work ethic and organizational skills, gained through my legal, business and military experience, make me an excellent candidate for the YLD Executive Committee. Together, these experiences have provided me with a unique leadership foundation and level of commitment. My background also demonstrates that I am committed to public service. In 2004, I co-chaired an auction committee for the Association for Public Interest Law, raising more than $34,000. I also received the Mary Philadelphia Student Public Interest Award and the Pro Bono Service Award for my leadership and volunteer efforts. I promise to provide the same energy to the YLD.

Richard Vanderslice
Activities: Member, Nicholas J. Cipriani Family Law Inn of Court; Pennsylvania Bar Association; California Bar Association; American Bar Association.
Candidate’s Statement: I have had the pleasure of serving for the past year as an appointed member of the Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee. In that year, I have worked to increase outreach to law students, planned networking events and worked toward diversity in the profession. If elected to the YLD Executive Committee, I will continue to play an active role in the YLD’s community service, diversity and networking events. These essential activities serve the Philadelphia community at large and assist young attorneys with the transition from law school to our legal community.

Matthew R. Williams
Professional Background: Associate, Pepper Hamilton LLP; Villanova University School of Law.
Candidate’s Statement: I am running for the Executive Committee to make the point that now is the time to give back to our profession. For years, like many young lawyers, I have focused on career development only in the workplace. Now I realize it is time to get involved with the YLD and assist other young attorneys in Philadelphia. My goal is to inspire increased participation in the YLD from those who, like me, have previously stayed on the sidelines, thus improving our professional opportunities and increasing our collective presence and reputation in the community.

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Bar Foundation

Fund-Raising, Communications Growing

By Elaine Rinaldi

It’s hard to believe that the year is almost at an end! We at the Philadelphia Bar Foundation have been incredibly busy not only increasing our fund-raising efforts but communicating with the legal and business community about our mission and the importance of ensuring access to justice for all in Philadelphia.

This year we launched our electronic newsletter, “ACCESS.” Through ACCESS, we have showcased the achievements of our public service community and the generosity of our loyal supporters. We trust you have found our newsletters to be informative and enlightening.

I hope that ACCESS, combined with these monthly articles, have provided you an opportunity to learn about the trials and tribulations of the underprivileged in our community and the astounding results that have been achieved by our legal service community on their behalf. Steadfastly, our legal service agencies are solving their problems and making our community a stronger and better one.

We will soon be publishing our inaugural Annual Report. It will highlight our finances and showcase our grantees, the recipients of your generosity. I think you will agree that your financial contributions to the Foundation have enabled all of us to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate in our community.

2007 marked the second year for our Raising The Bar Campaign. With the commitment and dedication of our Chancellor Jane Dalton and our Bar leaders, we are pleased to report that our legal community stepped up to the plate and contributed funding to legal services at or exceeding $300 per lawyer. Despite this success, we have not materially increased last year’s results as we had hoped. We continue to work hard to ensure that all Philadelphia law firms commit to this very important campaign and consider increasing their pledge. The goal of this campaign is and has always been to provide “significant” funding for our legal service agencies so that more in our community can have meaningful access to justice. We can do better and I know that by working together we will do better!

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation continues to rely on its Golf Outing and Andrew Hamilton Gala for funding of our annual grants. We hope that one day we will not be so reliant on event-based fund-raising to meet our grant making goals. As our endowment grows, we are confident that will occur. Meanwhile, we are pleased to report that our Golf Outing was the most successful event in recent years, netting more than $75,000.

Although we continue to tabulate the receipts from the Andrew Hamilton Gala, it appears to have been a huge success and a fun evening for those who attended. We thank all of you who attended, participated and more importantly gave to make these events so successful.

This year saw a significant increase in our cy pres funding thanks to those in our judiciary who have worked closely with our legal community to ensure that unclaimed class-action funds are contributed to worthy charities such as the Philadelphia Bar Foundation. With the increase in class-action filings in our local community, cy pres contributions to the Foundation will enable us to significantly increase our annual grants. We expect this year’s grants, which will be announced in the coming weeks, to demonstrate that impact.

The Foundation’s endowment now exceeds $5.5 million with continued growth being experienced not only from our investment portfolio but from you in our community who have stepped up to become Advocates of Justice ($25,000 commitment over three years), Andrew Hamilton Circle members ($10,000 commitment over 10 years) and Life Fellows ($1,000 commitment per year after completion of your Andrew Hamilton Circle commitment). As you know, the Foundation is committed to doubling its endowment over the next four years - an ambitious goal. We can only reach our goal with your help. Please make your commitment today! As our endowment grows and we reach our goals, the Foundation will be less reliant on annual fund-raising to support our legal service community.

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In an effort to meaningfully impact our endowment, the Foundation’s trustees are hard at work creating a planned giving program which, when established and realized, will generate significant funding for our endowment, thereby allowing for more increased grant making.

Finally, we have made inroads with our corporate community and trust that those efforts will show long-term results. The key to our future is a true partnership with our local corporations to make our legal service community a priority in terms of charitable giving.

In the true spirit of the holiday season, make a gift to the Philadelphia Bar Foundation and know that your gift will make a huge difference in the lives of those less fortunate in our community!

On behalf of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, its Board of Trustees and our grantees, we thank you for your generosity and extend our best wishes for a happy holiday season.

Elaine Rinaldi, a partner at Cozen O’Connor, is president of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation.

Raising the Bar

A list of law firms that have contributed to the Raising the Bar Campaign. Page 17.

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To make a contribution to the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, please visit philadelphiabar.org.

Brown Joins Bar Foundation

Lynne E. Brown, the new deputy executive director of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, comes to the position with a variety of experiences working with a range of organizations.

She began her career fund-raising to support politicians who would vote in their state legislatures to pass the Equal Rights Amendment. Once the deadline for passage of the amendment lapsed, Brown continued to use her skills for grassroots organizing and education before returning to Temple University for a Masters degree in Education.

After graduate school, Brown worked with low-income women and teens at the Lutheran Settlement House Women’s Program, designing curriculum for and teaching GED, adult literacy and pre-employment computer training classes. Following this she worked with the Delaware County Intermediate Unit’s Technical Division as the director of an adult education and job-training program that helped welfare recipients move from public assistance into the workforce.

Looking to expand her experience in non-profit management, Brown became the executive director of Main Line School Night, a nonprofit, non-credit education program offering avocational classes for adults. This organization has been part of the Main Line for 70 years, serving 12,000 people per year at 25 different locations.

Now with the Bar Foundation, Brown is pleased that all the aspects of her experience - her desire for social justice, her background in fundraising and administration and her knowledge of nonprofit organization - are going to be utilized. And, she is looking forward to this next stage of her career.
Sunah in the City

## Rude Opponent Was Exception, Not Rule

### By Sunah Park

At a recent partners’ retreat held in the western part of the state, I shared with some of my firm colleagues an exchange I had with an unpleasant opposing counsel in a certain case. I expressed my shock at how rude the lawyer had been and remarked that he was the first lawyer I had ever encountered in my 10 years of litigation practice who was blatantly uncivil and disrespectful.

It was the latter part of my comment that elicited shock from my partners. They were stunned that I had only one encounter with such a lawyer and that it took 10 years for me to have such an experience. After hearing some of their war stories, I gained a new perspective on my experience. After hearing some of their war stories, I gained a new perspective on my experience. After hearing some of their war stories, I gained a new perspective on my experience.

When I was a young lawyer doing mass tort litigation, I was fortunate to meet many young lawyers and seasoned practitioners who were nothing but courteous and friendly even though they may not have been on the same side of the courtroom with me. They proved that one does not have to be a jerk to be a good lawyer. Years after I stopped doing products liability, I still kept in touch with some of the lawyers I had met during my stint in the Complex Litigation Center. As a matter of fact, I even tried to refer a personal injury matter to one of the plaintiff’s lawyers against whose client I had won a summary judgment. It seems my not having been exposed to the types of lawyers my colleagues were unfortunate to encounter in their practice was more of an exception rather than representative of the experiences of a vast majority of lawyers. But I did notice that my colleagues’ stories were dredged up from their past and not from any recent experiences. I am encouraged by this fact. But more importantly, I am heartened by the fact that the very unpleasant lawyer I came across is an out-of-town lawyer and does not regularly practice in Philadelphia.

Sunah Park, a partner at Driscoll Reed & Armstrong, LLP, is editor-in-chief of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.

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### Raising The Bar

The following law firms have joined the Philadelphia Bar Foundation’s “Raising the Bar” campaign for 2007. List complete as of Nov. 12, 2007.

- Alva & Azarano
- Arapahoe, Schwartz, Weiss, Cohan, Feldman & Smalley, PC
- Archer & Greiner, PC
- Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP
- Bazelon Less & Feldman, PC
- The Beasley Firm, LLC
- Berger & Montague, PC
- Berner & Klaw
- Blank Rome LLP
- Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC
- Caesar, Rivise, Bernstein, Cohen & Pokotilov, Ltd.
- Law Office of Jeffrey Campolongo
- Chirmicles & Tilkellis LLP
- The Law Offices of Lenard A. Cohen, PC
- Conrad O’Brien Gellman & Rohn, PC
- Cozen O’Connor
- Dashkovsky, Horwitz, DiSandro, Kuhn & Novello, PC
- Dechert LLP
- Dilworth Paxson LLP
- DLA Piper US LLP
- Donovan Seales, LLC
- Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP
- Duane Morris LLP
- Duca and Prin, LLP
- Dugan, Brinkmann, Maginnis & Pace
- Duffy & Keenan
- Eisenberg, Rothweile, Winkler, Eisenberg and Jeck, PC
- Law Offices of Sharon M. Erwin, L.L.C.
- Law Office of William P. Fedullo
- Feldman & Prinzo, PC
- Feldman, Shephard, Wohlgelemerter, Tanner & Weinstein
- Fineman Krickstein & Harris, PC
- Flaster Greenberg PC
- Fox Rothschild LLP
- Gay, Chacker & Mirin, PC
- Law Offices of Robert A. Gelines
- Gibbons PC
- Paul J. Giordano, PC
- Sidney L. Gold & Associates, PC
- Golomb & Honik, PC
- Grant & Lebowitz, LLC
- Haines & Associates
- Hangley Aronchick Segal & Pudlin
- Harman & Palermo, PC
- Harms Cunningham LLP
- Harrington & Caldwell, PC
- Peter Hearn, PC
- Law Offices of Thomas More Holland
- Howard, Brenner & Nass, PC
- Hoyle, Fidler, Herschel & Mathes LLP
- Joel & Feinman, PC
- Kirschen & Garrell, PC
- Kleinbard Bell & Brecker LLP
- Klevan & Abramowitz, PC
- Kline & Specter, PC
- Kohn, Swift & Graf, PC
- Kowler and Rush, PC
- Law Offices of William P. Fedullo
- Littlefield & Breslin, PC
- Levy, Angstreich, Finney, Baldante, Rubenstein & Coren, PC
- Lins & Marion, PC
- Littlefield & Breslin, PC
- Margolis Edelstein
- Marks, O’Neill, O’Brien & Courtenay, PC
- Marshall, Dennyhey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin
- Martin, Banks, Pond, Lехocky & Wilson
- Anne S. Maxwell, Esquire, PC
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School of Law. He was appointed to the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas in 1978 and was elected in 1979. He was elected to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in 1980 and was appointed chief justice in 2003.


The Brennan Award, which will be presented to Judge Moss, recognizes a jurist who adheres to the highest ideals of judicial service.

“Judge Moss has been a pioneer in the development of programs to streamline the handling of asbestos and other mass tort cases,” said Brennan Award Committee Chair John J. Soroko.

“Based on her innovative work in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, Judge Moss has become nationally recognized for her case management techniques for complex cases, which have been copied in courts around the country. Judge Moss’ 24-year career as a judge has touched upon, and improved, virtually every area of civil litigation in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas,” said Soroko.

Judge Moss received a B.S. in journalism and a juris doctorate from Temple University. She practiced law for 8 1/2 years specializing in medical malpractice, products liability and toxic torts. Judge Moss has been a faculty member at the National Judicial College since 1992, teaching civil procedure and complex litigation to judges from across the country. U.S. Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan Jr. was the first recipient of the award in 1995. Other recipients of the award, which is now named in honor of Justice Brennan, include the following: President Judge Alex Bonavitacola of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas (1996); Judge Phyllis W. Beck of the Pennsylvania Superior Court (1997); Chief Judge Edward R. Becker of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (1998); Judge Louis C. Bechtle of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (1999); Chief Judge James T. Giles of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (2000); Justice Russell M. Nigro of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court (2002); U.S. District Court Judge Louis H. Pollack (2003); Judge James R. Melinson, retired U.S. Chief Magistrate (2004); U.S. District Court Senior Judge Edmund V. Ludwig (2005); and Philadelphia Municipal Court President Judge Louis J. Presenza (2006). The Brennan Award was not given in 2001.

Reich will receive the Wachovia Fidelity Award, presented annually to individuals who have helped improve the administration of justice and exhibited faithfulness to the profession.

Reich, who served as Chancellor in 1995, is a member of the board of directors of Jenkins Law Library and the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board. He is a member of the House of Delegates of both the American Bar Association and Pennsylvania Bar Association.


The program will also feature the presentation of the Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg “Pursuit of Justice” Legal Writing Competition Award.

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invaluable,” he said.

His career in private practice was hardly a straight line – in fact, Pratt has come full-circle. He considers himself fortunate to have a career path that has allowed him to experience virtually every aspect of a lawyer’s work.

After his judicial clerkship, Pratt joined Pepper Hamilton LLP in Philadelphia, and six years later accepted a position as head of the Commercial Litigation Unit of the City of Philadelphia’s Law Department. “It was one of the best professional experiences of my life,” he said. “It exposed me to a range of legal and political work I never experienced at a law firm.”

After a little more than two years with the city, law firm work beckoned him back, and he returned to Pepper Hamilton and was elected partner shortly thereafter. In late 2001, he was recruited to an in-house opportunity at Honeywell in Morrisstown, N.J., as chief corporate litigation counsel, overseeing the company’s corporate and toxic tort litigation. But law firm work would soon beckon again, and he returned to Pepper Hamilton, where he concentrates in commercial, product liability and mass tort litigation.

Pratt first became involved with the Philadelphia Bar Association when he was elected to the Young Lawyers Section Executive Committee in 1988. He soon was elected Chair of the Section – the first African-American Chair of the YLS. He later ran for a position on the Association’s Board of Governors, and was elected to a three-year term.

While devoting time to building his practice, Pratt maintained a commitment to volunteering on behalf of legal services organizations. But he missed contributing to his local professional community. “I felt I had much to offer,” Pratt said. “I also felt I had an obligation to give back.” He made the decision to run for a line office, and was elected Vice Chancellor in 2005.

When Pratt becomes the Association’s 81st Chancellor on Jan. 1, he knows he will be only the third person of color to serve in that office since the Association’s founding in 1802. But he looks forward to the day when there is no longer a reason to count.

For 2008 and beyond, Pratt aims to strengthen the Association’s relationship with city officials and offer the resources of the legal community to seek viable solutions for a range of issues affecting the city and the profession. He will work on expanding civics education for public school students and advocate to substantially increase the Bar’s support for legal services.

Pratt will also institutionalize the Bar’s commitment to diversity in the profession. “We are not shy about challenging the Bar to do better,” he said. “And the Bar can do better.”

Those who know of Pratt’s commitment see a determination based on strong values and real experience. That determination will be much in evidence when he addresses his colleagues at the Annual Meeting and Luncheon on Dec. 4 at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue.
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The clinic fulfilled an important need because living without proper documentation makes it very difficult for a homeless person to receive medical assistance, apply for housing or take advantage of public programs.

“Our Association joined with New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Mayor Street and the 225 other members of Mayors Against Illegal Guns to oppose the inclusion of the Tiahrt Amendment or any similar language in federal appropriations legislation. The Tiahrt Amendment restricts access to crime gun trace data and thereby prevents law enforcement from connecting the dots on illegal gun trafficking. It is precisely this kind of information that is vitally needed to stem the gun violence in Philadelphia.”

Last month, we welcomed the National Association of Women Judges to our city for its 29th Annual Convention. Hundreds of judges from all levels of the bench – federal, state and tribal – were in Philadelphia for the event, chaired by U.S. District Court Senior Judge Norma L. Shapiro and Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Senior Judge Carolyn Engel Temin.

Recently, for the first time, we joined with the city’s minority chambers of commerce to host a free workshop breakfast for minority owners of small businesses. Our volunteer lawyers provided practical advice to help keep small businesses thriving in our neighborhoods. Sponsors included the African-American Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Philadelphia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Asian American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia, the Global Indian Chamber of Commerce and the Minority Business Enterprise Council as well as several local minority bar associations.

In response to alarming statistics regarding the number of young women attorneys who are leaving law firm practice for family and other reasons, our Board of Governors unanimously adopted a resolution endorsing a Call to Action and Best Practices for the Retention and Promotion of Women Attorneys so that law firms throughout the city would step up their efforts in this area.

The measures call for the removal of barriers to full and equal participation of women attorneys in all levels of work, responsibilities and rewards; improvement in the rate at which law firms promote or invite women attorneys to partner status, and to management and leadership positions; encouragement of firms to conduct critical self audits and to evaluate whether they are achieving these goals; and measures of accountability in the implementation process.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Mike Pratt, Sayde Ladow and the other officers of the Association, the section and committee chairs, who accomplished so much this year, the many Association members who participated in and supported the Association’s efforts and activities and Ken Shear and the Association’s staff, who worked tirelessly so that these things could happen.

It’s been a busy year and we’ve worked through many important issues. So many members of our bench and bar have lent us their expertise and offered their advice to make our Bar Association the best in the nation. All of these individuals – and so many others – will make this year memorable for me. Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Chancellor.

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Opportunities, Challenges Come With Globalization, Rodin Tells Conference of Women Judges

By Ria C. Momblanco

Federal, state and tribal court judges from across the country gathered in Philadelphia last month to attend the 29th Annual Conference of the National Association of Women Judges. Also in attendance was a contingent of judges from foreign countries including Egypt, Bosnia, Taiwan, Korea, and the United Kingdom.

For many in Philadelphia’s legal community, the highlight of the conference was the NAWJ Friends Luncheon on Nov. 9, which was given in honor of NAWJ’s supporters. The luncheon, which was open to members of the public, drew more than 200 attorneys from Philadelphia law firms, companies, and nonprofit organizations.

The luncheon was opened with remarks from NAWJ’s Friends Committee Co-Chairs Roberta D. Liebenberg and Stephanie Resnick, who together with the Friends Committee and Conference sponsors, raised $265,000 in support of NAWJ. Remarks also were made by the U.S. District Court Senior Judge Norma L. Shapiro, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Senior Judge Carolyn Engel Temin and Pennsylvania Gov. Edward G. Rendell.

The keynote luncheon address was delivered by Judith Rodin, president of the Rockefeller Foundation and former president of the University of Pennsylvania. Rodin examined the current state of women’s issues, emphasizing that, today, globalization presents more opportunities and challenges to women’s rights since the manner in which women are treated in one part of the world is more likely to influence how women are treated elsewhere. As a result of globalization, women judges play a critical role in transforming the worldwide community. “Women judges promote system-wide transformation,” Rodin said.

 Chancellor on CN8

 Chancellor Jane Dalton meets with Mary Caraccioli, host of CN8’s “Money Matters Today” on Nov. 5. Dalton discussed employment issues surrounding the Hollywood writers strike in the interview.
In Their Own Words

Convention Center Expansion Keeps Us Growing

By Tom Muldoon

The Pennsylvania Convention Center, now in its second decade and ripe for expansion in 2010, has produced a trail of developments, billions in economic impact, and thousands of new jobs since opening its doors in 1993. When it opened with great fanfare, the PCC was hailed as the future of the city’s travel and hospitality industry, replacing the Philadelphia Civic Center with a state-of-the-art facility that would attract major national conventions and trade shows, and millions of attendees. And the PCC has definitely lived up to expectations. Incorporating the historic Reading Terminal Train Shed into its design as its spectacular Grand Hall, and giving the century-old, street-level market a renewal, the PCC set a new standard for restoration as well as quality with its hotel-like décor, enviable art collection, and state-of-the-art technological capabilities. In the more than dozen years that followed, our sales and marketing staff, in tandem with the Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority staff, has lured more than 4,200 conventions, meetings and trade shows to the region. An average of 1 million convention attendees a year now pass through the porticos making a massive impact on the greater Philadelphia region. The expansion of the Pennsylvania Convention Center is underway. All the land has been acquired and demolition is in progress, meaning the economic engine for the tourism and hospitality industry will continue to generate thousands of jobs, stimulate growth in hotels, restaurants and retail, and make the greater Philadelphia region more competitive nationally. When complete, the $700 million Convention Center expansion will enhance Philadelphia’s opportunity to host major trade shows, larger conventions and two conventions simultaneously, benefiting everyone in the region. Since opening in 1993, the region has showcased its wealth of hotels, world-renowned historical sites, outstanding cultural amenities, highly rated restaurants, and top shopping to 14 million convention attendees. The number of downtown restaurants has grown by 219 percent, and the amount of occupied retail space has hit a record high, according to the State of Center City Report 2006. Expansion of the Convention Center will bring the space to one million saleable square feet, including 541,000 square feet of contiguous exhibit space—the largest hall in the Northeast. The PCVB has already booked more than 20 major conventions beginning in 2011 as a result of the expansion plans, representing more than $1 billion worth of business. To learn more about the expansion of the Pennsylvania Convention Center, and follow the expansion progress online, visit paconvention.com. Bring it Home! Meetings mean big business for Philadelphia. If you are a Philadelphia Bar Association member interested in bringing a meeting or convention to the Pennsylvania Convention Center or an area hotel, please call the Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau at 215-636-3300 or visit PhiladelphiaUSA.travel. Tom Muldoon is president of the Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau.

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Sacco, Vanzetti Victims of Bias, Author Claims

Reviewed by James D. Moran

In the late evening of June 2, 1919, the young Franklin Delano Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the Navy, returned to his home in Washington, D.C. with his wife when suddenly a bomb exploded on the steps of the house across the street at the home of Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer.

Remarkably, Palmer was not injured. The bomber, Italian anarchist Carlo Valdinoci, apparently tripped on the steps and blew himself up. After several other bombs exploded that night in other American cities, the anarchist-led violence created the “Red Scare” and ultimately Palmer’s crackdown on aliens, subversives, socialists, bolsheviks and labor unions.

Rosina Sacco, wife of Nicola, regarded Valdinoci as a “great anarchist” and invited his surviving sister to live with her family. Nicola Sacco and his friend to whom his name is forever linked, Bartolomeo Vanzetti, were Italian immigrants who were followers of Luigi Galleani, an anarchist who advocated the violent overthrow of the United States government. It remains unknown if the two were legally complicit in any of the bombings.

Sacco, a laborer in a shoe factory, and Vanzetti, an itinerant fish peddler, feared a crackdown on anarchists because one of their colleagues was in federal custody. They left their homes on the evening of May 5, 1920 for the purpose of rounding up anarchist literature, so they later testified. They were arrested as “suspicious characters” whom the authorities somehow linked to the murder and robbery of two payroll guards in Braintree, Mass., 20 days earlier.

Bruce Watson’s new book, Sacco and Vanzetti: The Men, the Murders and the Judgment of Mankind, relates the entire story of the men's lives, their trial, execution and the international furor provoked by the case. Watson clearly shows the trial was marked by perjured testimony, inconsistent testimony, faulty ballistics evidence and extremely unreliable eyewitness testimony. The trial judge was so biased against the defendants he later called them “anarchistic bastards.”

Appeals to the Massachusetts Court of Appeals failed, as did attempts to get the case before the U.S. Supreme Court. When the defendants’ lawyers approached Chief Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes with a writ of habeas corpus, Holmes was sympathetic but refused to intervene. When his law clerk asked Holmes if he felt justice had been served, Holmes responded, “Don’t be foolish boy. We practice law, not justice,” a remark that has rankled many a lawyer and law student since. Appeals to other justices failed as did the efforts of Harvard’s Felix Frankfurter and Pennsylvania’s Michael Musmanno.

Aug. 22, 2007 marked the 80th anniversary of the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti in the electric chair, but the case refuses to fade from the collective memory. The record clearly shows that they had an unfair trial, and the doubts about their guilt abound, many of them reasonable. When it seemed inevitable that the men would be executed, one of the defense lawyers remarked that the case had been remitted to the judgment of mankind, which has by and large exonerated the two anarchists and condemned the legal system that refused to hear their impassioned pleas for justice.

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Public Interest

explores the changing nature of public interest law practice. Several nuts-and-bolts sessions will be offered that provide an overview of specific substantive areas of the law, including municipal court practice; consumer law for the non-practitioners (including predatory lending; identity theft; mortgage foreclosures; and fair debt collection practices); veterans benefits; and health law. The program will conclude with an ethics session, “Ethical Obligations of Working with Interpreters: Implementation of the New Pennsylvania Interpreters Act.” To register for this program, contact the Pennsylvania Bar Institute at (800) 932-4637 or register online at www.pbi.org.

Public Interest Law Day will be followed by the Section’s Annual Reception and Awards Ceremony at Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market St. The awards ceremony, which starts at 5 p.m., celebrates the activities of public interest attorneys and features the presentation of the 2007 Andrew Hamilton Award for distinguished public service advocacy.

The Section also will continue its tradition of selecting the agency that will receive its Judge A. Leon Higginbotham Scholarship during the awards ceremony. This $4,000 scholarship is awarded to a public interest organization to enable it to hire a law student for the following summer.

The Section also will present its second annual Law Student Awards. These awards recognize a third-year law student from each of the five Philadelphia area law schools who has demonstrated a strong commitment to public interest work. The award was established by the Section’s Law School Outreach Committee, which provides educational programs, pro bono opportunities and networking events for law students to encourage them to consider public service as a career choice.

The Section is now seeking sponsors for the Public Interest Section Annual Reception and Awards Ceremony. Proceeds from this event fund the Higginbotham Scholarship program. For more information about becoming a sponsor, please contact Abbie DuFrayne at (215) 686-4057 or at Albertine.DuFrayne@courts.phila.gov.

Bar leaders join foreign consuls for a luncheon at Bar headquarters on Oct. 31. Representatives from South Korea, Canada, Latvia, Austria, Israel, Panama, Romania and Switzerland attended the program, designed to strengthen ties between the Bar Association and the international community.

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Note: While the following listings have been verified prior to press time, any scheduled event may be subject to change by the committee or section chairs.

**Monday, Dec. 3**
- Family Law Section: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.
- Investment Companies Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.50.

**Tuesday, Dec. 4**
- Bar Association Election: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets.

**Wednesday, Dec. 5**
- Rules and Procedure Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.
- Securities Regulation Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.50.
- Public Interest Section Annual Reception: 5 p.m., Loewes Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market St. Tickets: philadelphia.bar.org.

**Thursday, Dec. 6**
- Civil Rights Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.
- Healthcare Law Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

**Friday, Dec. 7**
- LGBT Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room.
- Business Law Section Annual Holiday Party: 5:30 p.m., Loewes Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market St. Tickets: $45, philadelphia.bar.org.

**Monday, Dec. 10**
- Business Law Section Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
- Committee on the Legal Rights of Persons with Disabilities: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room.

**Wednesday, Dec. 11**
- Criminal Justice Section Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
- Committee on the Legal Rights of Persons with Disabilities: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room.

**Wednesday, Dec. 12**
- 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.

**Thursday, Dec. 13**
- Legislative Liaison Committee: meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.

**Monday, Dec. 17**
- Small Business Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $8.50.
- Criminal Justice Section Annual Holiday Party: 5:30 p.m., Loewes Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market St. Tickets: $45, philadelphia.bar.org.

**Friday, Dec. 21**
- Social Security Disability Benefits Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

**Monday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 25**
- Christmas: Association offices closed.

**Wednesday, Dec. 26**
- Medical Legal Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

**Thursday, Dec. 27**
- Minorities in the Profession Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.
- Elder Law Committee: meeting, 1 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

**Friday, Dec 28**
- Women’s Rights Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

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Rodin noted that women have responded to the opportunities offered by globalization, and they have made great progress. She indicated, however, that there are still many challenges women around the world face. Sex trafficking, bridal burning, and the lack of property rights or education for women are just some of the issues that need to be confronted. In order to deal with those and other troubling women’s issues, Rodin outlined several goals that countries should strive for and that women around the world should advocate. First, they should pass tougher laws condemning violence against women, mandate “safe houses” where women in violent situations can escape to for shelter and medication, and reform laws that prohibit women from owning land. They should also have programs in place that empower women through education and financing. Such tools would enable women to advance themselves in the business arena. Rodin was optimistic that such changes would eventually take place, stating, “Reform efforts take time … but we are approaching an absolute tipping point.”

Ria C. Momblianc, an associate with Fine Kaplan & Black, R.P.C., is an associate editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.

**Superior Court Remarks**

Chancellor Jane Dalton addresses a session of the Pennsylvania Superior Court at the National Constitution Center on Oct. 25. The court honored four attorneys for 50 years of service to the legal community and held an en banc session.
Gina Rubel of Furia Rubel Communications addressed “The Do’s and Don’ts of Legal Communications” as detailed in her latest book, Everyday Public Relations for Lawyers, at the 2007 Public Relations Society of America International Conference in Philadelphia on Oct. 23.

Thomas G. Wilkinson and Thomas B. Fiddler, members of Cozen O’Connor, participated in a program on the recent Hazelton, Pa., immigration case at an event sponsored by the Philadelphia Lawyer Chapter of the American Constitution Society on Sept. 19.


Lynne Abraham, district attorney of Philadelphia, received the 2007 Magee Rehabilitation Hospital Humanitarian Award on Nov. 13. The hospital annually bestows this honor upon a member of the community who has worked to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities in the region.

Mitchell L. Bach, a member of Eckert Seamans Cherin and Mellott, LLC, was a speaker at the Young Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association annual fall conference, in a session titled “An Introduction to Business Courts” in Charlotte, N.C.

Scott W. Reid, an associate with Cozen O’Connor, has been installed as president of the Barristers’ Association of Philadelphia.

Michael Meloy, Bart Cassidy and Rodd Bender, partners with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP addressed industry representatives, business owners, environmental managers and others on cutting-edge regulatory issues under the residual waste management and air pollution edge regulatory issues under the residual waste management and air pollution edge regulatory issues under the residual waste management and air pollution edge regulatory issues under the residual waste management and air pollution edge regulatory issues under the residual waste management and air pollution edge regulatory issues under the residual waste management and air pollution.

Frances Gauthier, of counsel to Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP, was recently appointed as co-chair of the diversity committee of the American Bar Association Business Law Section.

Samuel W. Silver, a member of Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, has been inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Christopher C. Scarp, a partner with Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP, recently presented at “The New Transparency: What the IRS and Donors are looking for from Charitable Organizations,” attended by nonprofit executives, CFOs and managers.

Abbe F. Fiehtman, a shareholder with Flaster/Greenberg, has been selected as one of 30 2007 Women of Distinction by the Philadelphia Business Journal.

Dennis L. Cohen and Michael R. Stein, members of Cozen O’Connor, recently gave a seminar for accountants at the Brinidis Tax Academy in Radnor, Pa.


Charles J. Meyer, a partner with Fox Rothschild LLP, has joined the board of the Mid-Atlantic Region of Boys Town Jerusalem.

Richard L. Fox, a partner with Dilworth Paxson LLP, was the keynote speaker at the Planned Giving Council of Houston inaugural 2007 Speakers Series in Houston.

Craig R. Blackman and Heather M. Tashman of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP recently presented a guest lecture, “Insurance in the Fine Arts and Museum World,” at the University of the Arts Graduate School.

Justin B. Wineburgh, a member of Cozen O’Connor, appeared on “The Well Advised Woman” radio program on 1360 AM WNJC where he discussed legal, professional and personal issues, as well as special considerations for female professionals in the entertainment industry.

May Mon Post, an associate with Cohen, Fluh & Gonzalez, P.C., was honored as one of Pennsylvania’s 2007 Lawyers on the Fast Track by American Lawyer Media at a dinner on Sept 20.

Nina M. Gussack, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP, has been named to the board of directors of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce.

Andrew B. Cohn, a partner with Kaplin Stewart Meloff Reiter & Stein, P.C., has been named to the National Board of Directors of the Nonprofit Finance Fund.


William R. Sasso, chair of of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP, was recently recognized by the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia for his outstanding service as chairman of the council’s board of directors (2005-2007) and for his strong commitment to global education of the future citizens of the community.

Gino J. Benedetti, a partner at Dilworth Paxson LLP, recently organized and moderated a mock trial for students affiliated with the Philadelphia Police Athletic League to introduce them to the judicial process.

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