Ladov to Outline ‘09 Plans as Bar’s 82nd Chancellor

Service is nothing new to Sayde J. Ladov. It’s practically in her DNA.

In her inaugural address as the new Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association at its Dec. 8 Annual Meeting, Ladov hopes to infuse this spirit across the membership. The meeting begins at 12 p.m. at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia, Broad and Walnut streets.

“For me, leadership is defined by service,” she says. Her resume attests to her own career as a dedicated leader. As a shareholder of Abrahams, Lowenstein & Bushman, she served on the management committee that helped facilitate a merger with Offit Kurman, a Baltimore-based law firm where she currently serves as a principal.

Ladov will touch on other topics in her address, including her commitment to the construction of the family court building. She is also committed to increasing the accessibility of the Bar Association through improved information technology.

Ladov also wants to create, staff and implement help desks at Philadelphia Municipal Court and the Court of Common Pleas Family Division to increase access to justice for pro se litigants.

She is also looking to broaden the concept of diversity within the Association. In addition to serving as Chancellor Elect this past year, she has been elected to numerous positions at the Philadelphia Bar Association, including Secretary (2002-2004) and Assistant Secretary (1999-2001). She also served on the Board of Governors from 1996-1998. In 2004, she served as chair of the Women in the Profession Committee and as chair of the Lawyer Referral and Information Service from 1996 to 1999 and 2005 to 2006 and 1996-99. She was also appointed to co-chair the Bar Association’s 2005 Bench-Bar Conference.

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By Jeff Lyons

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**Frontline**

**An Abundance of Hope and a Resurgence of Faith**

As I near the end of my tenure as Chancellor, I’ve been reflecting on the changes and challenges we face, not only as a busy bar association that operates in a major urban center, but as a legal profession pondering the implications of new, historic leadership in America and our current economic crisis.

What does it mean to be a Philadelphia lawyer today? What is the role of attorneys in maintaining our democracy? What legacy are we creating for the next generation?

For me, the role of the Philadelphia lawyer probably has not changed much since the time of Andrew Hamilton. But it has evolved for the better. In my view, lawyers are civic, community and professional leaders. Not only are we charged with upholding the principles of the Constitution, but we are blessed with the analytical skills and other talents that put us in a prime position to address the challenges of modern day America.

It is not just our duty. I believe it is our calling as lawyers to provide leadership and to support our political leaders in helping to find solutions to America’s seemingly intractable problems. This includes fighting for the poor and disenfranchised, eradicating poverty, making our communities safe and providing quality education for every child.

Ultimately, attorneys are leaders who are charged with helping to build a better future for America.

In addition to these big questions, we also continue to struggle with daily practicalities. How are we – as individual attorneys, as small or large firms, or as a membership association – prepared to face the challenges ahead, whether they’re economic, technological or something yet unknown?

Through our comprehensive Section and Committee structure, along with visionary bar leadership and staff, we have and will continue to provide needed services to keep Philadelphia lawyers on the cutting edge of their practices. We must always be progressive and forward thinking.

If I have truly gained anything from my year as Chancellor, I would say that it is an abundance of hope. More than ever, considering all that I have experienced and witnessed over the past year, I believe that our conscience as Philadelphia lawyers will continue to move us in the right direction.

Why this resurgence of faith? Maybe it’s because every time we have put out a call for help, folks have responded. Maybe it’s because friends and foes alike have accepted the challenge and made good on important issues. Maybe it’s because whenever a need has materialized, a solution has quickly been found and offered.

For example, when we put out a call for volunteers for the new Advancing Civics Education program, hundreds of you signed up enthusiastically, judges and lawyers alike. When we partnered with Big Brothers Big Sisters to promote their work, again you responded. Whenever we have asked any one of you to serve on a program or work group or to take on a project or support a cause, whether it was a legislative issue or the formation of a substantive committee, time and again you have been there for this Association.

You should be proud to be a Philadelphia lawyer. Many of you have responded to the siren call of service, working hard

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The Public Interest Section’s full-day Public Interest Law Day CLE program will be held Tuesday, Dec. 9 at The CLE Conference Center.

This program, sponsored by the Delivery of Legal Services Committee, is designed for public interest, pro bono and private practitioners who are interested in learning more about public interest law and other issues affecting the pro bono community. The program runs from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at The CLE Conference Center on the 10th floor of the Wanamaker Building.

Public Interest Law Day features a distinguished faculty of judges and public interest law experts and offers a total of six CLE credits, including two ethics credits.

The program opens with the panel discussion, “The Role of the Public Interest Legal Community in the City’s Agenda for Change.” The program also offers attendees the choice of attending two of the following sessions: “The Role of Effective Community Education on Legal Issues;” “Issues and Strategies for Litigating Against Government Agencies;” “Overview of Family Law for the Non-Practitioner;” “Advocacy Beyond the Courtroom; Overview of Criminal Law for the Non-Practitioner;” and “Hot Topics in Housing Law.”

The program will conclude with a panel discussion, “Collaborating with the Judiciary in Promoting Access to Justice,” which will be moderated by Joseph A. Sullivan, co-chair of DLSC. Faculty for this panel includes Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judges Anne E. Lazarus and Annette M. Rizzo, U.S. District Court Judge Timothy Rice and Judge Fern A. Fisher, administrative judge of the Civil Court of the City of New York.

Public Interest Law Day will be followed by the Public Interest Section’s Annual Awards Ceremony and Reception at Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market St., 33rd Floor. The Awards Ceremony begins at 5 p.m., followed by the reception at 5:45, which includes an open bar and heavy hors d’oeuvres.

The Awards Ceremony features the presentation of the 2008 Andrew Hamilton Award for distinguished public service advocacy. This year, the Awards Ceremony will also feature the selection of two public interest legal organizations that will each receive Judge A. Leon Higginbotham Scholarships, in the amount of $5,000, to hire a law student for the following summer. The Section will also present its third annual Law Student Awards, which 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 Law Student Awards were 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.

Tickets for the Public Interest Awards Ceremony and reception are $40 for members of the Public Interest Section and government attorneys, and $55 for non-section members. Proceeds from this event fund the Higginbotham Scholarship program.

We hope that you will join us at these events and help celebrate the work of our public interest attorneys and the activities of the Public Interest Section.

Laura A. Feldman, a partner at Feldman and Pinto, is chair of the Public Interest Section.

The Association’s Sections and Committees have scheduled their annual holiday events. The following is a partial list of events.

• The Probate and Trust Section Annual Meeting and Reception will be held Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 5 p.m. at the Radisson Plaza-Warwick Hotel, 1701 Locust St.

• The Workers’ Compensation Section Annual Holiday Party will be Tuesday, Dec. 2 at Table 31, 1701 JFK Boulevard, beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are $45.

• The Young Lawyers Division Holiday Party, sponsored by Dechert LLP will be Thursday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m at Finn McCool’s and Prime Lounge, 118 S. 12th St. Tickets are $30.

• The Tax Section Annual Meeting and CLE program is Thursday, Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. at The Rittenhouse Hotel, 210 W. Rittenhouse Square.

• The Bankruptcy Committee will hold its annual reception for Bankruptcy Court judges on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 5:30 p.m. at Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market St. Tickets are $45 for Section members.

• The Tax Section Annual Meeting and CLE program is Thursday, Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. at The Rittenhouse Hotel, 210 W. Rittenhouse Square.

To register for Public Interest Law Day on Dec. 9 at The CLE Conference Center, visit pbi.org.

Visit philadelphiabar.org to purchase tickets to any of the Section and Committee annual events.
The Board of Governors has approved a $4.2 million budget for 2009, a spending plan that represents a 4.6 percent increase over this year. 

“We are not dependent on investment income for revenue. Dues are not the only source of our income. We are a fiscally responsible bar that prides itself on having positive cash flow,” Chancellor-Elect Sayde J. Ladov said when presenting the budget at the Board’s Oct. 30 meeting. “Because we have diversified our sources of revenue, we don’t expect any economic downturn in the market to adversely affect our financial stability.”

There is a decrease for revenue in the budget for the Bench-Bar and Annual Conference, Ladov said, because “we are dropping Bench-Bar back from two nights to a single overnight. There will also be a decrease in the cost as well.”

The Board also unanimously approved the appointment of three members to the Philadelphia Bar Reporter Editorial Board. The new associate editors are Thomas L. Bryan, Edward P. Kelly and Sarah K. Lessie.

“We’re very excited to have Thomas, Ed and Sarah join the editorial board,” said Sunah Park, editor-in-chief of the Bar Reporter. “They bring a lot of energy and enthusiasm to the board and we’re looking forward to working with them.”

Bryan, a native Philadelphian, received his B.A. in 2000 from Columbia University with a double major in economics and philosophy. After college, he returned to Philadelphia to spend two years as an elementary school teacher before attending Temple Law School. At Temple, Bryan served as an editor of the Temple Political and Civil Rights Law Review, co-wrote a set of 15 policy studies with Professor Scott Buris, and interned with both the U.S. Navy J.A.G. Corps and the Philadelphia Public Defender’s Office. He is an associate at Gerolamo, McNulty, Divis & Lewbart, where he practices medical malpractice and insurance defense law.

Kelly is an associate with Astor Weiss Kaplan & Mandel, LLP where he practices business law, corporate transactional and commercial real estate work. He is a 1999 graduate of The Boston University School of Law.

Lessie is a New Jersey native who has been living and working in Philadelphia for two years. She is an associate in the competitive hiring group of the nationally recognized employment law firm Rubin, Fortunato & Harbinson P.C. Lessie is a 2004 graduate of Boston University School of Law, where she was a member of the International Law Journal, co-president of the International Law Society and participant of the Mock Trial Competition.

After graduation from Boston University, Lessie returned to South Jersey to clerk for the Atlantic County Superior Court Judge Steven P. Perskie in Atlantic County, where she clerked in both the Law and Chancery Divisions. She earned her undergraduate degree in economics with a minor in Spanish from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J.
Chancellor-Elect Sayde J. Ladov greets new Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas President Judge Pamela Pryor Dembe along with Chancellor A. Michael Pratt on Nov. 13. Judge Dembe was elected president judge on Nov. 12 and replaces Judge C. Darnell Jones II, a recent appointee to U.S. District Court. Judge Dembe, who will serve a five-year term, has been on the Court of Common Pleas for 18 years.

By Edward P. Kelly

Former Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice William H. Lamb gave the members of the Appellate Courts Committee practical advice regarding appeals to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court at their Nov. 12 meeting. Justice Lamb is chair of Lamb McErlane PC in West Chester, Pa., and is the only former Pennsylvania Supreme Court justice with an active appellate law practice.

Justice Lamb provided a roadmap of the appeals process, from the petition for allocatur through oral argument, complete with helpful advice along the way. The first step is the petition for allocatur, through which the appellant asks the court to hear the case. The court receives
E-Filing Gains in Popularity, Judge Says

By Heather J. Holloway

Court officials have reported a substantial increase in the number of attorneys using the First Judicial District’s electronic filing program, members of the Rules and Procedure Committee reported Nov. 5.

Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Supervising Judge Ester R. Sylvester and Deputy Court Administrator Charles A. Mapp Sr. told attendees that electronically filed documents are available online to the litigants and their counsel; however, in the interest of security, all others must access the documents at the courthouse.

Some documents cannot be e-filed because they require coordination with other courts. A notice of appeal from arbitration can be e-filed; however, a notice of appeal from the trial court cannot because there is no commonality amongst the state and appellate court systems. The absence of commonality among the 67 separate Pennsylvania county courts does not facilitate e-filing of appeals, praecipes to transfer venue, or notices of removal.

E-filing of acceptable documents, however, is running smoothly with a few technical and procedural exceptions that are being addressed prior to January 2009 when e-filing will become mandatory.

The e-filing committee is addressing issues that have resulted from electronically issued documents that do not contain raised seals. The Sheriff’s Office has rejected writs that do not contain a raised seal. Judge Sylvester plans to contact the Sheriff and advise of authority for the position that a raised seal is not required, including a Supreme Court mandate that says that e-filing shall be an accepted form of filing. The option to issue a rule to show cause as to why the writ is rejected has not been ruled out. The issue of a raised seal is also applicable to requests that subpoenas be made available electronically; however, Judge Sylvester does not anticipate a problem.

Users of the e-filing system have also expressed concern over debtors receiving notice of a writ of attachment before a banking institution can be served.

Judge Sylvester said that this issue is a high priority for the technical staff. The e-filing committee is exploring the option of withholding notice from debtors until the banking institution is served and has a chance to garnish the funds.

Jury demands have also created some confusion for e-filers. Presently, the e-filing system requires a jury demand fee for every demand even if a jury demand has already been perfected by another litigant. Some litigants fear waiving their right to a jury if they do not check the jury demand box and pay the fee. Judge Sylvester will explore the option of a local rule that will clarify the procedure.

Some e-filers are also confused about
Real Property Section Annual Meeting

Incoming Real Property Section Chair (above, from left) Christine M. Paul is joined by Prof. Wendell Pritchett of the University of Pennsylvania Law School and current Section Chair Michael Goss at the Section’s Annual Meeting on Nov. 13 at Loews Philadelphia Hotel. Pritchett was the keynote speaker. The Section presented its annual Good Deed Award to U.S. District Court Judge C. Darnell Jones II and Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Annette M. Rizzo for their work with the Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Diversion Pilot Program.

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Judicial Selection Lacks Diversity in Britain, U.S., Forum Panelists Say

By Sarah K. Lessie

The British and American methodologies for choosing judges are starkly different — the British system employs committee selection and appointment, while the American system employs democratic election. Despite these different approaches, which each have their strengths, both systems share the same problem of lack of diversity, panelists at a Chancellor’s Forum said on Oct. 29.

The International Law Committee and British American Business Council co-hosted the program “Comparative Judicial Selection: Learning from the British and American Systems.” Offering the British perspective was Sir Robin Ernest Auld, a former judge on the England Court of Appeals, member of the High Court of Appeal, and most recently, vice chair of the Judicial Appointments Commission for England and Wales. Providing the American perspective was Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Alice Beck Dubow. The event was moderated by Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Gary Glazer.

By way of the 2005 Constitutional Reform Act, the British system instituted a 15-person commission responsible for selecting judges. As dictated by the Act, merit is the only steadfast criterion the commission must follow when selecting a competent and qualified judge. Auld defined “merit” as “generic qualities, subdivided by abilities.” More specifically, the commission reviews a candidate for his or her intellectual capacity and personal qualities such as integrity, sound judgment, objectivity, understanding, fair dealing, authority, good communication and efficiency.

The problem with a merit-based selection is that as a matter of law, merit does not include diversity. The 2005 Act thus orders the commission, when reviewing candidates for selection, “to have regard to the need to encourage diversity in the range of persons available in the selection of appointments.” The commission must cast its net widely when approaching the task of selection to give as many qualified persons the opportunity to become a judge. Although the Act widens the scope of the commission’s choice, merit ultimately will prevail. Thus, while the commission must pay regard to diversity, often times, the judiciary is not reflective and representative of the community and generally lacks diversity.

The problem of lack of diversity in the judiciary similarly plagues American
Councilman Outlines City Budget Challenges

By Kathryn C. Harr

“If we have challenges,” Philadelphia City Councilman Darrell L. Clarke began, discussing the dramatic cuts Mayor Nutter will propose to handle the budget crisis faced by the city, Clarke spoke to the Association’s City Policy Committee on Oct. 28.

Now in his third term as Councilman, Clarke chairs City Council’s fiscal stability committee, originally formed to monitor spending and revenue and recently expanded. “We will do what we have to do. We will bring in all pertinent parties to help us get ourselves out of this thing.”

When asked about the magnitude of the city’s deficit, Clarke responded that, looking at the projections for the next five years, “if we don’t make the appropriate corrections, [the deficit] will be north of a billion dollars.” Clarke described the problem as partially self-inflicted, although Philadelphia has been unique among other cities in its steady population gains and relatively stable housing market.

“In spite of what was happening in other cities,” Clarke explained, Philadelphia was able to maintain both its strategies of reducing taxes while still spending at high rates. “I believe that has now come home to roost.”

In early November, Mayor Nutter set forth his budget strategy, which included the closures of rec centers, some closures of swimming pools along with closures or alterations of hours of libraries.

“In all honesty, I think every department in the City of Philadelphia will sustain some level of reductions, either in staffing, in revenue, or there will be some realignment of some departments.” Some measures are so aggressive, Clarke warned, “you’re going to be very concerned about the direction of the city.” The budget proposal will affect not just next year, but the next several fiscal years, according to Clarke.

Clarke admitted that, in retrospect, the city probably should have taken more incremental steps sooner to curb spending, create efficiencies, or slow the tax reduction program. “But the fact is we didn’t,” adding that the mayor will likely implement many of those recommendations now.

“I think we were going to experience challenges regardless of the national economy,” he said, “but the national economy has accelerated this thing ten fold.”

Although the looming deficit remains, Philadelphia’s major industries provide for a more stable economy. “Our local economy in the city is significantly dependent on institutions,” Clarke noted, citing six to seven major universities, including hospitals, resident in the city, representing the largest sector of employment in Philadelphia. The nature of these industries allows them to remain less affected in tough economic times.

Additionally, while recognizing the controversy over the two casino licenses, Clarke noted that the casinos will be “a strong fiscal shot in the arm” for the city, likely generating between $75 and $100 million in revenue every year, as well as creating construction and operation jobs. “One thing I like to say about Philadelphia is that we are a strong people; we will figure out a way to do what we need to do. We are survivors,” Clarke noted.

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

Illegal Guns

By Jeff Lyons

Attempts by City Council to make gun laws that apply only to Philadelphia are very likely unconstitutional, District Attorney Lynne Abraham told members of the City Policy Committee on Nov. 18.

“The Supreme Court held that cities like Philadelphia and Pittsburgh don’t have any authority to legislate gun matters. This is restricted and held only for the legislature,” she said.

“I have testified in Harrisburg more than any other district attorney in modern history about gun control legislation, all to very little effect. The very strong gun lobbies (National Rifle Association and Sportsmen’s Association) feared Philadelphia overtaking Harrisburg and the commonwealth with regard to our gun problems. They constantly tell us ‘if you have bad folks in Philadelphia, it’s up to your judges to put them in prison. Don’t yoke the other 66 counties with restrictive gun laws. Do better with enforcement.’”

Abraham said significant progress was made with House Bill 1845. “Law enforcement got the support of the NRA and the shooting and sportsmen associations to make significant changes in the gun laws. We testified about things we’d like to see changed with Pennsylvania gun laws that apply only to Philadelphia are very likely unconstitutional, District Attorney Lynne Abraham told members of the City Policy Committee on Nov. 18.

The Justiniian Society and Criminal Justice Section presented the 15th Annual Beccaria Award to retired Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Anthony J. DeFino on Nov. 12 at City Hall. The award recognized DeFino’s contribution to the cause of justice and the advancement of legal education. Pictured (from left) are incoming Criminal Justice Section Chair Peter Berson, Chancellor A. Michael Pratt, Justiniians Chancellor Gina Furia Rubel, Judge DeFino, Judge Denis P. Cohen and Prof. Jules Epstein. The Beccaria Award is presented annually to a legal jurist, scholar or practitioner for outstanding contributions to the cause of justice and the advancement of legal education. Cesare Beccaria was an 18th century Italian scholar whose writings presaged the dawn of the modern penal system.
My whirlwind year as chair of the Young Lawyers Division began with YLD members attending and participating in the 2008 Bar Leaders Retreat. As soon as Chancellor A. Michael Pratt released his initiatives at this retreat, the YLD embarked on its mission to better Philadelphia and its schools and to support our members in the practice of law.

This year's YLD Annual Meeting and Reception was held at Philadelphia's hottest new nightspot, G Lounge, located in the former basement bank vault of the Provident National Bank Building. Pennsylvania Gov. Edward G. Rendell delivered the keynote address officially welcoming me as the new YLD chair and held an unprecedented discussion with more than 150 people on issues ranging from presidential politics to sports.

This year's Law Week included three signature events. The YLD hosted a Law Fair on Independence Mall on April 30 where volunteer lawyers provided free legal advice to the public on a confidential and individual basis. On May 1, the YLD along with Mayor Michael Nutter, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Annette Rizzo and other members of the bench hosted the “Goldie Locks Trial Program” where kindergarten and first-grade students went to City Hall and were assigned to various courtrooms where they served as jurors in the trial of Commonwealth v. Goldie Locks. In this case, Goldie Locks was charged with breaking and entering into the home of the three bears and stealing their porridge. And on May 2, students from public and parochial high schools in Philadelphia were Lawyers for a Day. On this day, students came down to the Bar Association and were assigned to volunteer lawyers who took the students to civil and criminal courtrooms. Students observed real life court proceedings and had an opportunity to speak with the judge assigned to that case. At lunchtime, students returned to the Bar Association for a special lunch program with Mayor Nutter.

At PhilAWpalooza at the Field House Sports Bar, YLD members and their friends were able to enjoy an evening of music with bands featuring lawyers. Those musicians included Paula Boggs, general counsel of Starbucks, who flew in all the way from Seattle to perform.

The YLD also hosted an evening of private shopping for holiday gifts at Tiffany & Co. on Nov. 12.

As mentioned above, the YLD put together some stellar events and programs over the past 12 months to benefit both lawyers and the community. I want to thank members of the executive committee for their hard work and support this year. I also want thank the Chancellor, the Board of Governors, and Bar Association staff for their help and support.

Please help out and do your part by coming to these great events and programs next year. With your help, the YLD will continue to remain “in the spotlight” and continue to be successful in helping so many in the community.

Scott P. Sigman, chair of the Young Lawyers Division, is an attorney at Bochetto & Lentz, P.C. and may be reached by e-mail at ssigman@bochettoandlentz.com or by telephone at (215) 735-3900.
2008 Bar Elections

Garcia Unopposed for Vice Chancellor

Rudolph Garcia, a shareholder with Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC, is the lone candidate for Vice Chancellor in this year’s Bar election.

The 1977 graduate of Temple University School of Law has served on the Board of Governors from 2000 to 2007 and has been a member of the Federal Courts Committee since 1996. He was chair of the Committee in 2004 and served as vice chair and planned the Federal Bench-Bar Conference in 2003.

“I believe our Association’s most important responsibilities are to serve as an effective trade association for lawyers, protect judicial independence and promote the public good,” Garcia said.

“As Chancellor, my initiatives will be designed to further those broad objectives. I will advance the interests of all members, including our full range of practice areas, firm sizes and cultural identities. I will also work constructively with the City of Philadelphia and the business community to further our common goals. In addition, I will strive to increase both membership and participation by making more lawyers aware of the tremendous value that our divisions, sections and committees provide.”

Garcia has outlined his positions on his Web site, NextViceChancellor.org. “I also would welcome additional suggestions regarding the opportunities and challenges of the years ahead,” he said.

“I am honored by the enthusiastic support I have received from so many former colleagues, association leaders and others, and will do my best to merit our trust by maximizing the association’s positive impact on our profession and the community,” Garcia said.

Garcia has been a member of the State Civil Litigation Section since 2004 and served as co-chair in 2005. He was a member of the State Civil Committee since 1979, where he was co-chair in 1999. He has also been a member of the

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.

Kathleen D. Wilkinson, a partner at Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Eideman & 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 serves as 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 Litigation Section and served as the section’s secretary in 2005. She was 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, thefirst Ruth Bader Ginsburg Legal Writing Competition Award in the presence of Justices Ginsburg and O’Connor in 2003. She is a 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 a 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.

Sophia 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 AsianPacific 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.

Jeffrey M. 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.

Joseph A. Prim Jr. is a partner with Duca and Prim and a graduate of the Boston University School of Law. 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 continued on page 14
Seven Seek 5 Seats on Board of Governors

Danielle Banks

**Professional Background:** Partner, Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP; Temple University School of Law.

**Association Activities:** Co-Chair, Women in the Profession Committee (2008).

**Other Activities:** Member, Pennsylvania Bar Association House of Delegates, National Bar Association, American Civil Liberties Union, Barristers’ Association of Philadelphia, Board of Directors, SeniorLAW Center; Board of Directors, Civil Liberties Union, Barristers’ Association, American Bar Association House of Delegates, General Practice Solo and Small Firm Section.

**Candidate’s Statement:** The Philadelphia Bar Association has a long and rich history of service and achievements. As Philadelphia lawyers, we must do more than laud that history; we must build upon it to ensure that our Association continues to grow in its rich tradition. I will represent the interests of all Philadelphia lawyers – those in large and small firms as well as those in legal services organizations and government. And I will continue to champion diversity initiatives designed to increase access and opportunity.

It is my privilege to be a Philadelphia lawyer; with that privilege comes a duty to serve others. I recognize the tremendous responsibility that Board leadership carries, and will use my experience and energy to advance issues that matter to our Association and our city. As a Board member, I will work for meaningful access to our justice system for those who are poor and disadvantaged, while remaining vigilant to support initiatives to improve member services. In short, I will continue to embrace and build upon the principles of access, inclusion, fairness, and service.

Jeffrey Campolongo

**Professional Background:** Principal, Law Office of Jeffrey Campolongo; Widener University School of Law.

**Association Activities:** Public Interest Section representative to Board of Governors (2007), chair, Public Interest Section (2006), Member, Nominating Committee (2005), Committee on the Legal Rights of Persons with Disabilities (chair, 2002-2005), Financial Oversight Committee, Diversity Committee, Long-Range Planning Committee.

**Other Activities:** Member, National Employment Lawyers Association, Association of Trial Lawyers of America, National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences, Esperanza USA, Employers Advisory Council, Board of Directors UJIMA, Inc.

**Candidate’s Statement:** I was introduced to the Bar Association as a law student more than 10 years ago by a good friend. After a few short years, that same friend asked me to chair the Legal Rights of Persons with Disabilities Committee. I humbly and proudly agreed to serve. Since then, I have had the privilege of also chairing the Public Interest Section in 2006. I was also proud to be the Section’s representative to the Board in 2007. I believe every Philadelphia lawyer should stay committed to the mission of the Bar Association, which is to serve the profession and the public by promoting justice, professional excellence and respect for the rule of law. I participated in a Bar leadership retreat a few years ago where these core principals were revisited, refined and reiteratet. It is our duty as Philadelphia lawyers to serve the public interest, and in so doing, promote our profession by building the public’s trust in the justice system.

As a founder of a boutique law practice dedicated to helping victims of discrimination, I am in a unique position to carry out the Bar’s mission. I hope to expand on these ideals as a member of the Board of Governors. It would be my honor to do it again with your support.

Phyllis Horn Epstein

**Professional Background:** Partner, Epstein, Shapiro & Epstein, P.C.; Temple University School of Law.

**Association Activities:** Fee Disputes Committee, vice chair (1985), chair (1986); member, Tax Section, Women in the Profession Committee.

**Other Activities:** Pennsylvania Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession, secretary (2004-2005), co-chair (2006-2008). Supervising attorney, Commerce Case Management Program opinion project; member, American Bar Association, Tax Section, General Practice Solo and Small Firm Division, Business Law Section, Family Law Section, Commission on Women in the Profession.

**Candidate’s Statement:** As the only candidate who is a tax practitioner rather than a litigator, who practices in a small firm and is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell, I bring a fresh perspective and diversity to the Board of Governors. I have been in practice for more than 25 years and have been active in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and American Bar...
Board Candidates

Regina M. Foley

Professional Background: Associate, Raynes McCarty; Widener University School of Law.

Association Activities: Board of Governors (2008), Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee (2001-2004). Member, Women in the Profession Committee, Medical-Legal Committee, Professional Responsibility Committee, State Civil Litigation Section, Young Lawyers Division Andrew Hamilton Circle, Philadelphia Bar Foundation Andrew Hamilton Circle.

Other Activities: Member, Pennsylvania Bar Association, Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association, Pennsylvania Association of Justice, Montgomery County Bar Association, American Bar Association, Brehon Law Society, Support Center for Child Advocates volunteer attorney (2001-present), PBA FEMA Disaster Relief Program volunteer attorney; postal council, St. Genevieve Church; advisory board, Sisters of St. Joseph Welcome Center; alumnae board, Mount Saint Joseph Academy.

Candidate’s Statement: For the past 11 years, I have participated in a wide range of Bar activities focused on professionalism, women’s issues and community service within and beyond our legal community. If elected, I will expand upon my commitment, working to promote inclusiveness, collegiality and honor in the profession. My goal is to be an effective voice for all by recognizing our common goals while respecting our differences.

I am dedicated to improving the delivery of legal services and equal access to the courts regardless of income. I am proud of the great strides the Association has made with diversity initiatives, and understand that creating a diverse environment requires a long-term commitment. In this economic downturn, both delivery of legal services and diversity initiatives could be adversely affected, and therefore, I vow to closely monitor these situations.

My background gives me a unique perspective that will allow me to listen and respond to the needs of all our members. I would be honored to have your support.

Michael D. Shaffer

Professional Background: Managing partner, Shaffer & Gaier, LLC; Temple University School of Law.

Association Activities: Member, Professional Responsibility Committee, Lawyer Referral and Information Service Executive Committee, State Civil Litigation Section, Young Lawyers Division (vice chair, 2000).

Other Activities: Volunteer attorney, Support Center for Child Advocates, Philadelphia VIP, Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, Member, Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association, Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, Bal House Montessori School Board of Trustees.

Candidate’s Statement: In this difficult economic climate, the Bar Association must be true to our roots and look to the future. We have done well promoting two issues of vital importance to the legal community: pro bono work and diversity, but there is more work to do. First, it is crucial that we ensure that those who cannot afford legal services have their legal rights protected through our pro bono work. With respect to diversity, I have seen first-hand the dismay of some minority law students who believe their opportunities in the legal market are limited. We must continue our efforts to promote diversity to ensure that all lawyers have equal access.

We must also address service to our members from a more practical standpoint. As the managing partner of my law firm, I am confronted with business decisions that affect my employees and me. I believe the Bar Association needs to continue to assist its members in confronting everyday practical challenges in their profession. We must help our members in managing the business aspect of the practice of law. The Bar Association can fill a void that exists for many lawyers in facing these business challenges.

Stacy A. Tees

Professional Background: Associate, German, Gallagher & Murtagh, P.C.; Duquesne University School of Law.


Candidate’s Statement: I believe that the role of the Board of Governors is to support all lawyers and judges. It is not my agenda that is important but, rather, it is your needs and wants which will be foremost if I am elected. As my section’s representative to the Board, I have had the opportunity to see first-hand what is involved, and I am fully committed to continuing to strengthen our legal community. I believe strong skills make for a more satisfying legal career and in that respect, I have worked this year with my co-chairs to bring CLE programs where you can learn whether you have been practicing for three years or 30 years. This year, I have had the privilege of serving on Chancellor Michael Pratt’s Diversity Committee and helped to draft the Bar Association’s Diversity Statement. I would be honored to have your vote and would be proud to represent you.
Nine Seek 7 Seats on YLD Executive Committee

Alexis Arena

Professional Background: Associate, Flaster/Greenberg P.C.; Washington University School of Law.
Activities: Member, Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Network; Women Inventing Next entrepreneurial network; Generation Obama Philadelphia, Counsel for Change.
Candidate's Statement: I am enthusiastic about becoming more involved in the work of the Young Lawyers Division and helping to achieve the goals of the Executive Committee, including increasing YLD participation, the diversity of YLD membership, and community outreach. I am committed to having an active role in the Philadelphia Bar Association and would love the opportunity to serve on the YLD Executive Committee for the next three years.

Brandon S. Bruce

Professional Background: Law clerk, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas; Judge Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson; Villanova University School of Law.
Activities: Former Villanova Law School liaison to Young Lawyers Division and Barrister's Association of Philadelphia.
Candidate's Statement: An active member with the YLD since my first year of law school, I have served as the Villanova liaison to the YLD and Barristers' Association for more than two years. In that capacity I have worked on a number of initiatives, including being a regular contributor to the YLD blog, helping to organize the Police Conduct 2020 program and volunteering for law school outreach efforts. My goal is to help the YLD become a collection of creative and selfless attorneys that tackle the compelling legal issues and challenges of our day. With your help and support, when I am elected to the YLD Executive Committee, I will do my best to restore the organization to its rightful place as the preeminent Philadelphia Bar division. Thank you for your time, and hopefully, your support.

Alicia A. Garcia

Professional Background: Associate, Margolis Edelstein; Thomas M. Cooley Law School.
Activities: Business Law Section liaison to YLD Executive Committee; Support Center for Child Advocates liaison to YLD.
Candidate's Statement: The Philadelphia Bar Association, especially the YLD, is not a one-size-fits-all organization. I know this is true because for the past year I have served on the YLD Executive Committee as a liaison to the Business Law Section and Support Center for Child Advocates. As a liaison, I planned law school outreach programs, a lunch panel program on casinos and served on the Support Center’s Charity Golf Outing Committee. I know the issues young lawyers from various practice areas face and I am ready to continue my service with the YLD to promote public service.

Edward Scott Goldis

Professional Background: Associate, Feldman, Shepherd, Wohlgelernter, Tanner, Weinstock and Dodig; Villanova University School of Law.
Activities: Member, Pennsylvania Association for Justice (Board of Governors 2005-2007; Chair Young Lawyers Section); Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association.
Candidate's Statement: As a young lawyer, I recognize the importance and responsibility of leadership and service. That recognition is fueled by working every day at a law firm whose members have, for decades, been committed to service and to the community. The examples set for me and my experiences with the YLD have taught me that there is no better way to set an example and make a difference than by leading. If I am elected, I will be dedicated to furthering the YLD's goals and its commitment to service and the community.

Christopher M. Guth

Professional Background: Associate, Blank Rome LLP; Duke University School of Law.
Activities: Co-founder and secretary/treasurer of Duke University School of Law chapter of The Association of Trial Lawyers of America.
Candidate's Statement: I am running so that I can contribute to the YLD's great work in the Philadelphia legal community and the city at large. I have been a member of the Philadelphia Bar Association since I started practicing. I have also been active with numerous SeniorLAW Center pro bono matters.

Rachel Kopp

Professional Background: Associate, Spector Roseman & Wills, P.C.; Villanova University School of Law.
Activities: American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division representative to the Pennsylvania Bar Association; ABA YLD liaison to the ABA Standing Committee on Membership; ABA YLD Membership Board; Editor of The Affiliate, the ABA YLD’s newsletter for state and local young lawyer leaders (2007-2008); Assistant Editor of The Affiliate (2006-2007); Member of the YLD Public Service Project Team Choose Law written guide (2005-2006). Board member of Grounded in Music, a nonprofit that works with Boys and Girls Clubs of Philadelphia.
Candidate's Statement: Through my leadership experience with local, state and national bar associations, I have gained an understanding of the challenges that young lawyers face. I grew up, attended law school and worked in Philadelphia for many years and am dedicated to promoting young lawyers' interests. As the YLD's liaison for the past year, I was involved in planning PhilAWpalooza, Law Week activities and the law school outreach program. I also recently became a regular contributor to the YLD blog. As a result, I am confident and prepared to represent the membership as well as our mission for public service.

Justine S. Moriconi

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Activities: Young Lawyers Division Liaison to State Civil Litigation Section; member, Brandeis Law Society, Justianin
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Society; Temple Inn of Court, Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association.

Candidate's Statement: My service to the YLD includes participating in numerous events including giving free legal advice to Philadelphia citizens during Law Day; judging high school mock trial competitions; playing “Papa Bear” for grade-school students at the “Goldilocks Trial” in City Hall; engaging in bar activities: Member, executive committee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession; PBA Federal Practice Committee; American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division; ABA Section of Litigation; liaison to the AMBA Woman Advocate Committee and the Women Rainmakers Committee with the YLD.

Candidate’s Statement: I am excited and ready to take a leadership role in the Philadelphia Bar Association’s YLD. This past year my involvement has included participating in a panel discussion that the YLD co-sponsored with the Federal Courts Committee called “My First Federal Trial” and also supported YLD events like PhilJAWpalooza. I have gained leadership experience in my roles on the statewide bar association, and I now seek the opportunity to put those skills to use for the Philadelphia Bar’s YLD by serving as a member of the executive committee.

Alyson Oswald

Professional Background: Associate, Dechert, LLP; Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law.

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 two years as an appointed member of the Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee. In that time, 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.

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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 2008 the age of 37, or (2) they have not yet reached or reached in 2008 the third anniversary of their first admission to the bar of any state.

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. 8. 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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behind the scenes. Many of you provide low-cost services through our L.R.I.S. program. So many others engage in pro bono work. So many more of you continue to raise the bar in support of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, which benefits more than 30 pro bono and legal service aid agencies.

As Chancellor, I have had the opportunity to meet thousands of Bar Association members and to represent this great group across the city and region. I personally witnessed a collaboration of collegiality and creativity that has inspired and served the cause of justice.

And I have watched the membership of the Philadelphia Bar Association fully embrace the cause of diversity and inclusion. Over the past year, we’ve created an Office of Diversity and hired an exceptional director, Dr. Sean Lincoln. We’ve created numerous programs and forums, and devoted a plenary session to a three-hour diversity workshop at our Bench-Bar and Annual Conference in September. Most recently, we instituted a five-part Chancellor’s training series to help primarily racial minority, female and other social minority lawyers navigate the legal professional ladder.

But best of all, we have intensified the dialogue and accelerated the conversation for equal opportunity for all. Which is probably the greatest legacy of all, since we can predict little except the fact that change will come.

Gratefully, we have the leadership in place to face and fathom the challenges that lie ahead. Sayde Ladov is experienced, committed and ready to assume the Chancellorship. And with Scott Cooper and Rudy Garcia following as Chancellor-Elect and Vice Chancellor, respectively, I know that this Bar Association will continue to reach new heights.

What better way to face the future than to embrace the full diversity of our membership, lay claim to our proud tradition as Philadelphia lawyers, and stand together to promote access to justice.

I thank you for this opportunity to serve as your Chancellor.

A. Michael Pratt, a partner at Pepper Hamilton LLP, is Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association. His e-mail address is chancellor@philabar.org.
VIP honors Schlossberg

Philadelphia VIP is pleased to announce that Sarah Schlossberg, an associate with Dechert LLP, has been recognized as volunteer of the month for her outstanding assistance to her VIP clients.

In addition to acting as an outstanding contact person between VIP and Dechert attorneys, and initiating a family law practice group to support volunteers at the firm who take on pro bono Family Law cases, Schlossberg is a reliable and dedicated VIP volunteer attorney. She is willing to take on multiple family law matters and cases at once, and still step in at the last minute to represent a client in an emergency situation. Recently she agreed to assist a client in a landlord tenant public housing eviction matter just days before the case came to court. Whether it is in her role as a contact person or a volunteer attorney, Sarah Schlossberg can be counted on to deliver exceptional service to indigent clients.

For her dedication to VIP clients in need, Philadelphia VIP offers our heartfelt appreciation to Schlossberg and her law firm, Dechert LLP.

Philadelphia VIP understands the everyday demands and time constraints that its volunteer attorneys face. VIP values all volunteers and recognizes with this honor those who handle multiple VIP cases, dedicate numerous hours to complex matters and take on cases outside of their general practice area.

Philadelphia VIP volunteers serve their clients with compassion and offer them assistance. VIP is proud to recognize volunteers who are helping achieve access to justice for all.

Next, we were assembled into legal teams and assigned to a school. I was assigned to the Parkway School for Social Justice, located in Germantown, and was fortunate to be assembled with a dynamic group of people: Nycole Watson, Public Defender’s Office, who serves as our team leader; Judges Glynnis Hill and Harvey Robbins; Yvonne Barnes Montgomery, Booth & Tucker; and Chuck Hehmeyer, Raynes McCarty.

We had our first class lesson at the school on Oct. 29. Our teacher was happy to have us there, and the students were engaged and delightful. I must admit that I was not sure what to expect, but I was pleasantly surprised.

Our first activity was designed to engage students and encourage participation. And that is exactly what occurred. It was clear early on which students would participate. As the lesson progressed, we had a broad array of participation. We really did not have to coax them to participate, and the students seemed genuinely interested. Our second activity required breaking the classroom into five groups with four students each. This worked well because it gave students who did not initially want to speak or draw attention to themselves a chance to participate in a smaller environment. It also gave each of the adults a chance to get to know some of the students, commit their names to memory, and really encourage them to examine how laws relate to and operate in our everyday life.

The hour flew by. Frankly, we could have gone on all day, but the bell rang and our time was up. As we packed up, the teacher commented to us that she thought it went well. She was especially pleased to see how the morning had affected one particular student. She told us that although this student is very bright, he never talks in class. So to witness him being an integral part of the discussion really made her day.

Instead of being worried about our next classroom visit, I am really excited and can’t wait to go!

Regina M. Foley is an attorney with Raynes McCarty.

Mentoring Luncheon

Michael B. Hayes (from left) is joined by former Chancellors David H. Marion and Jane L. Dalton on Nov. 3 at a meeting of the Senior Lawyers Committee, where committee members were matched up with younger attorneys to form mentor/protegee relationships. For more information about the program, contact Hayes at mhayes@mmwr.com.
A historic election has occurred and a new day has dawned for our country. As we face the challenges of solving an economic crisis not seen by many of us in our lifetime, our public interest community is most impacted by that crisis. As they tackle significant cuts in funding while trying to serve the many more who need their help, the Bar Foundation needs to be the rock on which they lean in good times and in bad. As I have said often in this column, “we can and we will” be that rock! I have been honored to serve as the president of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation for the last two years. It has been an incredible experience for me. I have had the pleasure of working with a talented team of executive staff, board trustees and Bar Association staff whose dedication and service to the Foundation exemplify the best of our philanthropic community.

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Gala Celebrates Heroes of Legal Community

Michael Taub (from left) and Kim Donaldson Chimicles join Chancellor-Elect Sayde J. Ladov, Nadia Hewka, Anne T. Armistead and David Ladov at the Andrew Hamilton Gala. Taub, Hewka and Armistead received Shuster Fellowships. The fellowships financially assist public interest lawyers who face student loan obligations that threaten their ability to maintain their ongoing service as public interest attorneys.

Karen Buck is joined by Mayor Michael Nutter. Buck, executive director of the SeniorLAW Center, was presented with the Philadelphia Bar Foundation Award.

More than 400 people attended the 30th Annual Andrew Hamilton Gala on Nov. 1. The event's theme was "Celebrating Heroes of the Legal Community."

Incoming Bar Foundation President Amy B. Ginensky joins Kevin Stepanuk and Christopher Richie at the Hamilton Gala. Stepanuk accepted the Citizens Bank Pro Bono Award on behalf of PECO Energy.

Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Administrative Judge D. Webster Keogh (from left) is joined by his wife, Kathy, A. Richard Bailey and his wife, Bar Foundation President Elaine Rinaldi, Susie Shear and Bar Association Executive Director Ken Shear at the Nov. 1 event at the 23rd Street Armory.
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justice and exhibited faithfulness to the profession. Law is a partner with Law and Zaslow LLC.

“For an inaugural award, we couldn’t have selected a finer lawyer and a champion of diversity than Nolan Atkinson,” said Chancellor A. Michael Pratt. “He is known throughout the legal community for his work in advancing diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. I think the award is well deserved.”

Former Chancellor Jane L. Dalton said Atkinson has demonstrated a commitment to diversity as first chair and co-founder of the Philadelphia Diversity Law Group, a consortium of law firms and corporations committed to increasing racial and ethnic diversity in the city’s larger law firms. He is a frequent lecturer on the topic of increasing diversity in the legal profession.

Atkinson is a 1969 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Law is a graduate of the University of California Berkeley, the University of Michigan School of Public Health, and the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He was an adjunct instructor of Asian American Studies at Penn and American Studies at Temple University.

Tsiwen M. Law

for a combined 13 years.

“Tsiwen represents what the Wachovia Fidelity Award is all about,” said award committee chair John Savoth. “Throughout his career he’s shown a commitment to justice and equality.”

Law has a history of involvement with the Philadelphia Bar Association and served as chair of the Public Interest Section and the Civil Rights Committee. He has served on the boards of the Philadelphia Bar Association, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Organization of Chinese Americans, Greater Philadelphia, the Greater Philadelphia Cantonese Academy, the U.S. Kuoshu Federation, and the Philadelphia Workforce Investment Board.

“Hearing from John Savoth about the Wachovia Fidelity Award felt like a combination of passing the bar and my son’s soccer team winning the township championship match,” Law said. “My first reaction was that it was a mistake, that I was too young to be recognized with such a prestigious award. But then I was reminded that I am no longer that young lawyer of 24 years ago, who aspired to be a senior member of the bar.”

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tion, including co-chairing the 2008 Hamilton Gala, serving as a trustee (1999-2003, 2007-2008) and chairing one of the most successful galas in 1999. She also served several years on the Board of Directors for Philadelphia V.I.P.

A former assistant district attorney from the Bronx, New York, Ladov’s professional associations include both the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Associations. She also has served as chancellor of the Tau Epsilon Rho Law Society, which was later renamed the Louis Brandeis Law Society, and currently serves on its executive committee.

She received her undergraduate and law degrees from Fordham University.

In addition to several court appointments, Ladov is a well-known media commentator and has written and presented at numerous courses and lectures.

She and her husband, David L. Ladov, a senior partner at Cozen & O’Connor, have two daughters, Hillary and Lauren.
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Need a Lawyer? Call the Bar, Not a Billboard

By Sunah Park

Driving north on I-95 recently, I nearly got into an accident when the car behind me swerved to miss hitting my car. I had braked suddenly (I hate people who brake suddenly) and people who drive so close that they nearly crash into the car of the person who brakes suddenly) because I saw a billboard that made me do a double take.

The ad showed a well-dressed man with a briefcase in mid-air after apparently slipping on a banana peel. At the bottom, the tagline read, “Who can sue.” I thought it was a joke (honestly, how many people do you know who slip on a banana peel?) but when I went on the Web site, I found out that it was a legal matchmaking site (no, not a dating service for lawyers) that matches potential clients with lawyers. Don’t get me wrong— I am all in favor of legal referral services, but the name of the Web site just made me want to gag. Never mind the fact that it was grammatically wrong as well. Coincidentally, shortly after seeing that billboard, I got a call from a family friend who had a problem. He had just moved to Boston from Park City and had shipped some of his personal items via a major shipping company. He made it to Boston but his computer did not. Turns out the reliable shipping company wasn’t so reliable after all. Sure, he had insured his laptop, but never imagining that the company would lose the thing (and truthfully, because he didn’t want to pay any more than he had to), he had underinsured the computer’s value. Well, of course, the company lost it. And of course, he freaked out. The company gave him his stated value of the computer ($800), but he wasn’t satisfied. So, he persistently harangued them until they finally relented and gave him the full value of his laptop ($2,500).

I asked him what his problem was. He said he wanted to sue them. I paused. I asked him why. He said because they caused him a lot of grief and aggravation. He pointed out that he’s still without his laptop and that he wanted to punish them for losing his laptop. Plus, he wanted to sue them because he was potentially at risk of having his identity stolen since all of his personal information was stored in his laptop. I asked him if his identity had been stolen yet. He said no. I asked if he had done anything to prevent it such as notifying his credit card companies, putting a fraud alert on his cards, monitoring his bank accounts, blah, blah, blah. He said no. I asked him if he had any money to hire a lawyer. He asked if I would take on his case pro bono. I asked him if he was on crack.

I have to admit I was not very indulgent with him when he called since I was working on my umpteenth brief for a litigation matter I have been living with for the past five years. But even if I had been in the best of moods, I would have told him the same thing I ended up telling him. I told him that sometimes, bad things happen in life and you can’t get reimbursed for every inconvenience you suffer as a result. I said that if anything, being a lawyer has taught me that avoiding litigation makes for a much better quality of life than actively looking for a lawsuit to file. He didn’t sound very happy with my lecture but he did say that he would try to let it go.

But then without missing a beat, he asked me if I could recommend a lawyer in Boston. I wanted to hang up on him. Instead, I told him to call the local bar association in Boston for a referral. I couldn’t bear to tell him about the billboard.

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

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2,500 petitions per year and fewer than 10 percent are granted. Justice Lamb said it is important to distinguish yourself in your petition. It is also important to be familiar with and to follow the Rules of Appellate Procedure and the Supreme Court’s Internal Operating Procedures (especially the technical rules in Chapter 21). Compliance with these rules and procedures sends a message to the court that you know what you are doing.

Justice Lamb also told practitioners to be aware of your audience: the justices’ law clerks. As he remarked with a chuckle, the clerks are “overworked and underpaid, so be mindful while preparing the petition.” The document should be a “very fine, well crafted piece of work” that will make the justice/clerk say “this is something we should write to.” The court will only see the petition and the opinion from the court below as the record is not automatically before the court. In addition, it is of vital importance to make sure your issues are preserved below. For this reason, appellate counsel may want to get involved in certain points at the trial level. Finally, the petition should be “portable” and as compact as it can be so that the justice has everything needed in that one document.

Justice Lamb also spent some time discussing professionalism. He advised lawyers to avoid “taking shots” at opposing counsel in your petition and remember, “you can always disagree, but do not be disagreeable.”

In order for allocatur to be granted, three out of the seven justices must agree. Justice Lamb said that he starts to prepare for oral argument a month in advance by reviewing every piece of paper in the file, reading and re-reading the briefs, preparing and revising an outline, and meeting to discuss the matter several times. Finally, the Supreme Court is not a “cold court” and is familiar with the facts and issues of the case. Get right to your argument (and lead with your strongest point) and if asked a question, be sure to answer that question.

Edward P. Kelly, an associate with Azar Weiss Kaplan & Mandel, LLP, is an associate editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.
Emergency Preparedness Crosses Lines for Everyone

By Brian K. Sims

Will you know how to reopen your firm in the event of a citywide disaster? Will you be able to contact your clients, retrieve records, and continue to effectively represent your clients in the face of a fire, flood, blizzard, or manmade disaster?

In an effort to help Philadelphia's attorneys answer these questions, the Bar Association teamed up with the Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management and the Center City District to sponsor "Emergency Preparedness for Philadelphia Businesses." The program, which took place at Bar Association headquarters on Oct. 30, saw capacity attendance and has already promoted discussions of additional programs in the future.

"This is something that crosses lines for all businesses, all aspects of the city," said Paul Kazaras, assistant executive director of the Philadelphia Bar Association who introduced the program.

Panlists included Joan Przybylowicz, deputy director for external affairs and the public information officer for the Office of Emergency Management; Samantha Phillips, MPH, human services program manager at OEM; and Stacy Irving, the senior director of crime prevention services for the Center City District.

"Two years ago the city did a comprehensive review of its state of preparedness and we brought in people from the outside sector who met with various people throughout the city and examined what we were doing," said Przybylowicz. "They came back with about 200 recommendations and part of those recommendations were developing outreach programs to various audiences and communities and working with businesses."

Przybylowicz added that as a response to those recommendations, the Office of Emergency Management expanded from five staff members to more than 20 during the last two years.

The program began with a discussion of the elements of Continuity of Operations Planning, the goal of which is to help attorneys utilize the Office of Emergency Management's new continuity planning tool kit.

"The purpose of COOP planning," Phillips said, "is to ensure that there is a continuous performance and no disruption in your essential services. There's this idea of protecting your facilities, your equipment, your staff, your records; all of these items that really make up your organization."

Phillips also discussed the City of Philadelphia's Corporate Emergency Access System, designed to help Philadelphia business professionals gain access to vital facilities and data following a citywide emergency.

CEAS is to provide credentials to essential business employees within Philadelphia in advance of a serious emergency in an effort to allow them to have safe and secure access to restricted areas within the city. The goal is to ensure the recovery of essential operations in a quick and controlled manner, thereby minimizing losses and damages that could occur.

The last part of the program focused on evacuation planning and ReadyNotify Pa which is the city's comprehensive emergency text alert notification system. Designed to help local officials in Southeastern Pennsylvania notify business and citizens of important emergency information such as traffic alerts, evacuation plans, weather alerts, and more, the system is free to use and sends information to cell phones, email accounts, and other PDAs.

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laws. We got an increase in the statute of limitations of straw purchasers of firearms. We increased penalties for possession of a firearm with an altered serial number.

Abraham praised the work of the city's gun court, where one judge is dedicated to handling cases involving gun charges. Another tool that has worked to combat gun crime is the Gun Violence Task Force, a cooperative effort of the state attorney general's office and Philadelphia Police Department and the district attorney's office.

"We've hired 26 former homicide detectives with a minimum of 20 to 25 years with the police department. They do nothing else but investigate gun crimes. They investigate straw purchases, shootings and cold cases. We just arrested 26 more people thanks to the work of the task force."

Abraham said 10 of the 26 people who were arrested were women who went out and purchased guns for boyfriends, knowing their boyfriends were convicted having or using a firearm. "And they did it anyway. Ten of them."

In the past 18 months, the task force has performed 807 investigations that have resulted in 250 arrests, 460 firearms investigations and "lots of good information."

"Of the cases we've brought to trial so
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– the rewards are special indeed!

In 2008, we developed a strategic plan that will guide us through 2012. Our strategic plan has three core components – marketing to enhance our visibility; fundraising both annually and through the growth of our endowment; and strengthening our grantees’ capacity to provide core services.

During the last two years, the Bar Foundation has implemented numerous marketing initiatives in an effort to become better known and engage our community in our mission and the incredible need for funding of our legal service organizations. Quarterly electronic newsletters highlight not only the activities of the Bar Foundation but the achievements of our legal service community and the generosity of our donors. In 2008, we launched our inaugural annual report that summarized our operations and finances. I trust that our annual report validated for you, our donor community, the fiscal soundness of the Foundation and the depth and breadth of our ability to analyze the strength of each of our grantees to ensure that those organizations who receive your funding are best equipped to serve those most in need.

In 2009, we will launch a new Web site. The redesign of our Web site is intended to allow for easier access, more information about our operations and the ability to donate online. We hope you will find our new Web site user-friendly and the vehicle by which you can more routinely learn about the Foundation. We are also working with our grantees to communicate their stories – the thousands of individuals they serve solving small and large problems providing those they serve with an opportunity to rise above poverty, discrimination, disabilities and overall disadvantages.

As our grantee community face significant cuts in IOLTA and other funding avenues, the Bar Foundation is embarking on a campaign to increase our annual fundraising and strengthen our endowment. We hope to expand annual giving with the goal of being less reliant on event-based fundraising. A legacy society will be established so that donors may make a gift to the Foundation through their estate plan. Finally, a major gifts program will enable us to significantly enhance the endowment fund so that it spins off funds that would allow for increased funding of our grantees on an annual basis.

We continue to work with all of our grantees to make them stronger through consistent and dependable levels of annual grants as well as through programs that will enhance their access to technology and improve their finances and operations. The Bar Foundation is indeed unique in that it partners with our grantees throughout the year on multiple initiatives that enable us to intimately know their finances and operations. This allows us to ensure that those worthy organizations most in need are properly funded.

With great pride, I turn the reigns of the Bar Foundation over at year-end to our new president, Amy Ginsensky. With Amy’s terrific leadership and the talented trustees and staff supporting Amy, I am confident that our goals will be accomplished, our funding will be significantly increased and the Bar Foundation will be the rock of our public interest community. My heartfelt thanks to all of you for your support!

As Winston Churchill once said, “We must make a living by what we get, we must make a life by what we give.” The Bar Foundation needs your help – please give!

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

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New Federal Judges Introduced

The newest judges of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania were introduced on Nov. 19 at a joint meeting of the Federal Courts and Women in the Profession Committees. Pictured (seated, from left) are Judges Mitchell S. Goldberg, C. Darnell Jones II and Joel H. Slomsky. Standing, from left, are Women in the Profession Committee Co-Chairs Maria A. Feeley and Danielle Banks and Federal Courts Committee Chair Charles S. Marion.

Sarah K. Lesie, an associate with Rubin, Fortunato & Harburton P.C., is an associate editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.
Monday, Dec. 1
Family Law Section: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.
Young Lawyers Division Cabinet: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Cabinet Room.

Tuesday, Dec. 2
Law Practice Management Division: meeting, 8 a.m., 11th floor Conference Center.
Professional Responsibility Committee: meeting, 8 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Compulsory Arbitration Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Room South.
Committee on the Legal Rights of Persons with Disabilities: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room.
Financial Management Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Wednesday, Dec. 3
Delivery of Legal Services Committee: meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Rules and Procedure Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.
Intellectual Property Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.

Thursday, Dec. 4
Health Care Law Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $8.50.
Civil Rights Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.
Lawyer Referral and Information Service Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.
Environmental Law Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room.

Friday, Dec. 5
LGBT Rights Committee: meeting, 8:30 a.m., 11th floor Committee Room.
Workers’ Compensation Section Executive Committee: meeting, 10:30 a.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.
Workers’ Compensation Section: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

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

Tuesday, Dec. 9
Cabinet: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Criminal Justice Section Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center.

Wednesday, Dec. 10
Appellate Courts Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Thursday, Dec. 11
ADR Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.
Young Lawyers Division 2020 Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

Friday, Dec. 12
Solo and Small Firm Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

Monday, Dec. 15
Business Law Section Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.
Public Interest Section Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Tuesday, Dec. 16
Senior Lawyers Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Chancellor’s Diversity Training Seminar: 4 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center.

Wednesday, Dec. 17
Federal Courts Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.
LegalLine: 5 p.m., 11th floor LRIS offices.

Thursday, Dec. 18
Law Practice Management Division Technology Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

Friday, Dec. 19
Social Security Disability Benefits Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.
Corporate In-House Counsel Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.

Monday, Dec. 22
Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Tuesday, Dec. 23
Employee Benefits Committee: meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.

Wednesday, Dec. 24
Medical-Legal Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

Friday, Dec. 25
Christmas: Bar Association offices closed.

Friday, Dec. 26
Women’s Rights Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.
Diversity Committee: meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.

Tuesday, Dec. 30
Criminal Justice Section: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.
Women in the Profession Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Wednesday, Dec. 31
LEP Task Force: meeting, 12-30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.

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certificate of service requirements because it is impossible to know what parties are registered and are being served electronically until after the filing is submitted. Accordingly, you cannot simultaneously file a certificate of service that specifies the manner of service. Language indicating “either electronic filing or regular mail” was proposed and Judge Sylvester agreed to review this option with the judges to ensure that such general language in a certificate will not be rejected.

In response to user concerns, Judge Sylvester and the e-filing committee agreed to address other issues, including the creation of a better discovery court module that will not require litigants to appear for uncontested motions. The committee is also addressing technical complaints, such as the system’s failure to issue notices to anyone other than lead-case litigants when a motion to consolidate is filed. In the meantime, the committee encourages the reporting of any problems with the system so that they can be addressed promptly.

Heather J. Hollosy, an associate with Thorp Reed & Armstrong, LLP is an associate editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.

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JoAnne Epps, dean of Temple University Beasley School of Law, helped train more than 30 Sudanese lawyers in trial advocacy skills to help them build strong cases before international tribunals on behalf of victims of Darfur atrocities. The program ran from Oct. 12 to 18 in London.

Amy B. Ginensky, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP has been inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.


H. Ronald Klasko, founding partner of Klasko, Rulon, Stock & Seltzer LLP, recently addressed immigration lawyers nationwide on the advantages of using the EB-5 Regional Center Investment Program to assist their foreign clients wishing to invest in the United States and get a green card. His speech was part of a national teleconference organized by the Alliance of Business Immigration Lawyers.

Stewart J. Eisenberg, a partner with Eisenberg, Rothweiler, Winkler, Eisenberg & Jeck, P.C., has been named President Elect of the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association.

Dirk M. Simpson, a member of Kaplin Stewart Meloff Reiter & Stein, P.C., presented “Integrated Estate, Financial and Asset Protection Planning” to the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants at the Conference Center, Penn State Great Valley on Sept. 25.


Marc S. Raspani and Michael A. Morse, partners with Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspani, LLP, spoke at the Eighth Annual Taxpayers Against Fraud Education Fund Conference in Washington, D.C., in September. They spoke at the Fraud & Compliance Forum, jointly sponsored by the Health Care Compliance Association and the American Lawyers Association in Baltimore Oct. 5-7.

Nancy H. Fullam, a shareholder with McKelldrew & Fullam, P.C., has been designated as vice chair of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Civil Procedural Rules Committee.

Maria A. Feeley, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP has been appointed by the American Bar Association’s Commission on Women in the Profession to serve as a liaison to the Philadelphia Bar Association.

Deborah Epstein Henry, founder and president of Flex-Time Lawyers LLC, was a speaker in a Working Mother & Flex-Time Lawyers LLC program “Best Law Firms for Women,” in New York on Sept. 15.

Robert I. Whitelaw, managing partner of Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP, has been elected Vice President of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. He was also elected Chairman of the Board of the Prince Music Theater for a one-year term.

Richard C. Mason, a member of Cozen O’Connor, recently participated in the American Bar Association Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section’s Annual Meeting in New York City.

Shannon S. Levin, a shareholder with Hangley Aronchick Segal & Pudlin, was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Community Partnership School in Philadelphia on Sept. 24.

Elaine M. Rinaldi, a partner with Cozen O’Connor recently participated in BVR Legal and Medley’s Women in the Legal Profession Summit: Rainmaking, Negotiating and Collaborative Development.

Beverly R. Budin, a partner with Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, was a member of a panel at the regional meeting of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel in Wilmington, Del.

Bryna Silver Scott, counsel with Flaster/ Greenberg, was appointed by the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia to the boards of the Federation Endowments Corporation and the Center for Israel and Overseas.

David N. Hofstein, a shareholder with Hofstein Weiner & Levit, P.C., received the American Bar Association Family Law Section’s 2008 Chair Award. He also spoke to the Montgomery County Bar Association Family Law Section on the ethical issues relating to electronic and e-mail communications in a family law context.

Julia Swain, an associate with Fox Rothschild LLP, has joined the board of directors of HIAS and Council Migration Service of Philadelphia.

Alan Kessler, a partner with WolfBlock, has been elected to the board of directors for the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce.

Bernard Max Resnick, principal in Bernard M. Resnick, Esq., P.C., participated in the Albany County, N.Y. Bar Association’s Continuing Legal Education program “That’s Entertainment” on Oct. 10, where he presented the lecture “The Record Business is Dead…Long Live the Music Business.”

Julia M. Rafferty, an associate with Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP has been named to the board of trustees for the Gesu School in Philadelphia as well as to the National Alumni Council of Notre Dame Academy.

Michael Meloy and Bart Cassidy, partners with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, spoke at the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry’s Practical Applications for Residual Waste, Hazardous Waste, Stormwater Management, and Clean Air Permitting/In-Depth Key Environmental Issues Compliance Conference in October.

William A. Stock, a partner with Klasko, Rulon, Stock & Seltzer, recently addressed members of the Mid-Atlantic Employers’ Association on methods and best practices they can use to protect themselves from immigration enforcement.

Gary M. Schildhorn, a member of Eckert Seamans Cherin & Melott in Philadelphia, spoke to students enrolled in the undergraduate Entrepreneurship Management and Leadership Program and the “Introduction to Entrepreneurship” MBA class at Villanova University in October.

Hannah Dowd McPhlein, an associate with Pepper Hamilton LLP has been qualified as a LEED Accredited Professional by the Green Building Certification Institute.

Louis W. Fryman, a shareholder of Conrad O’Brien Gellman & Rohn, P.C., has been re-elected Chairman of the Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission.

Marc B. Wener, an associate with Reed Smith LLP has joined the Board of Directors of The Center for Emerging Visual Artists.

George E. Martin, managing attorney of Martin, Banks, Pond, Lehockey & Wilson, recently participated as a lecturer at the 24th Annual Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Workers’ Compensation Fall Section Meeting. Martin also participated as a faculty member at the Pennsylvania Association for Justice’s Annual Update of the Law.

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