Chancellor’s Reception

Association Chancellor Allan H. Gordon and his wife Sharon are joined by Philadelphia Common Pleas Court President Judge Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson during the Chancellor’s Reception on Jan. 8 at Loews Philadelphia Hotel. Hundreds of Association members and well-wishers attended to congratulate Gordon, who took office on Jan. 1.

Pro Bono Task Force to Hold Hearing

The Philadelphia Bar Association’s Pro Bono Task Force will hold a public hearing on the delivery of pro bono legal services on Tuesday, Feb. 19 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the 11th floor Conference Center of Association headquarters, 1101 Market St.

The hearing will be an open forum for both attorneys and members of the public to provide oral testimony regarding their ideas and opinions concerning the delivery of pro bono legal services in Philadelphia.

Task Force co-chair Seymour Kurland stressed that “this hearing is open to anyone who has an interest in pro bono. We want a full and complete airing of all views on the subject.” And co-chair Aretha Delight Davis stated: “We really want to hear from as many people and as many points of view as possible. We want to make sure that all observations, suggestions and ideas are thoroughly heard and considered.”

The mission of the Task Force is to examine how the Philadelphia legal community can improve the pro bono delivery of legal services to the needy, disadvantaged and the disenfranchised.

For more information or to register to present testimony, please call Areetha Carter at (215) 238-6351 or e-mail her at acarter@philabar.org. Testimony will be limited to 10 minutes in length.

Board Backs Fair Trials for Terror Suspects

by Jeff Lyons

The Board of Governors has approved a resolution endorsed by the American Bar Association that anyone charged in connection with the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on America be afforded a “full and fair” trial before military commissions.

According to Article 14 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the accused are entitled to an independent and impartial tribunal, with proceedings open to the press and public, except for specific and compelling reasons. The accused should also be afforded the following rights: the presumption of innocence; prompt notice of charges and adequate time and facilities to prepare a defense; trial without undue delay; to be present and to be represented by counsel of choice; to examine or to have examined, the witnesses against him and to obtain the attendance of witnesses in his behalf under the same conditions as the witnesses against him; to the free assistance of an interpreter; not to be compelled to testify against himself or to confess to guilt; and to review of any conviction and sentence by a higher tribunal.

The Board also approved a resolution opposing a Justice Department initiative that would permit government eavesdropping between lawyers and clients who are in federal custody.

Additionally, the Board approved a resolution opposing adoption of the Uniform Mediation Act because of troubling provisions that would allow for the seclusion of witnesses in mediation sessions.

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A Magazine 200 Years in the Making

by Allan H. Gordon

It's hard to believe, but true the Philadelphia Bar Association's first home was Independence Hall. Founded as the Law Library Company of Philadelphia, the organization was headquartered in a small room adjoining the main building of Independence Hall (then known as the State House) from 1802 until 1819. So this year, both the Jenkins Law Library and the Bar Association celebrate bicentennials.

It's exceptionally fitting that this Association was originally headquartered in a building that was designed by the first Philadelphia lawyer, Andrew Hamilton. And of course it's altogether appropriate that we conducted business in the building that is itself America's birthplace.

The history of the legal profession in Philadelphia and the history of our nation are intertwined. So, you simply cannot talk about Philadelphia and its role in the history of America without talking about Philadelphia lawyers and the Philadelphia Bar Association. This all becomes very clear the minute you enter a Philadelphia lawyer's office and find yourself in a building that was designed and conducted business in the building that is itself America's birthplace.

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The legal issues raised by the Sept. 11 attacks and the Kosovo International War Crimes Tribunal will be the subject of major feature stories and articles. The subject of major feature stories and articles is not always relevant to the Philadelphia Bar Association. This is true of the Kosovo International War Crimes Tribunal. However, the subject of major feature stories and articles is not always relevant to the Philadelphia Bar Association. This is true of the Kosovo International War Crimes Tribunal.

Among the topics to be discussed:

• What precedent does the Kosovo International War Crimes Tribunal set for future tribunals?
• What unique evidentiary or procedural problems are involved in such a trial?

The discussion will be led by Peter F. Vaira and John E. Vaira. Peter is a former U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and a former Navy judge advocate. Riley prosecuted United States v. Sarge Kowal in the Kosovo crimes deportation case of a militia captain who supported the execution of 5,000 Jews in the Polish town of Lubomir.

Faculty members include Col. Peter D. Minka, a JAG officer currently assigned to the Strategic Studies Institute at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pa., and Judge Patricia M. Wald, former chief judge of the Kosovo International War Crimes Tribunal.

The Chancellor's Forum will be held at the PBI-PBEC Education Center, 1010 Juniper Street entrance (between 13th and Broad streets, opposite City Hall), from 12 to 2 p.m. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m. Please bring your own lunch.

Tuition is free for registration without CLE credit. Tuition for members of the Pennsylvania or any county bar association is $69; $59 for members admitted after Jan. 1, 1998; $79 for nonmembers; $59 for paralegals; $59 for judges and judicial law clerks; and $30 for judges and judicial law clerks admitted after Jan. 1, 1998. For registration information, contact the Pennsylvania Bar Institute at (800) 247-4742.
by Kenneth Shear

Calendars are often insistent that we take notice of where we are in our lives. Personally, the turn of the new year marked the completion of 25 years as executive director of the Philadelphia Bar Association. The cliche that the “calendar crept up on me” is a complete understatement because, indeed, while 25 years is 25 years, I do not feel in any way that I have been here “a long time.”

My good friend and colleague Dan Cincotti would have an easier time than me putting words to paper and expressing the meaning of serving this organization for as long as I have. I think it suffices to say that the challenge of working with 25 Chancellors, a myriad of officers and Board members, a staff of up to 30 individuals and more than 12,000 lawyer-members has been significant. This ongoing challenge has stimulated my thinking to help ensure that this association remains one of the most prestigious and enlightened organizations of its kind nationwide.

The coincidence of concluding 25 years as we begin our bicentennial celebration makes this whole effort that much sweeter. To have been permitted to serve as the executive director for 12.5 percent of this Association’s existence, to me, has been nothing short of gratifying and, upon reflection, somewhat overwhelming.

The impact that the Philadelphia Bar has had on our community and beyond is quite impressive. I am able to understand the influence of this Bar nationwide, and even worldwide. The receipt of a letter by public officials from the Philadelphia Bar Association in which we enclose either a resolution or an order of consideration of a particular point of view has, we know, made the recipient at least sit up and take notice of the fact that the Philadelphia Bar Association is speaking out and compels a response, putting the recipient on record with perhaps a position that individual did not wish to enunciate.

Certainly, our influence with regard to matters relating to the justice system is unparalleled. As an old political science major, I have been able to see more clearly the influence of “pressure groups” like the Philadelphia Bar Association when it serves as an agent of change in areas affecting our role as lawyers and citizens of this city, this commonwealth and this nation.

I hope I have grown (for those who know me, certainly not physically) in this position. But one thing I hope I will never lose is the passion to continue to seek changes and improvements in the administration and direction of this Association as we move forward.

Some association “gurus” have written that it is natural for organizations to go through a life cycle that begins with birth and concludes with an official demise or a slow lapse into oblivion. After 200 years, I can assure you that this Association has yet to reach its mid-life crisis. As we celebrate our bicentennial, we are still young, vibrant and itching to get into the fray. It has been my pleasure to be part of this wonderful organization and I truly look forward to whatever time I may have to continue as the executive director of the Philadelphia Bar Association.

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Sharon Browning, an associate professor of sociology at Chestnut Hill College and a longtime community volunteer and activist, has been named executive director of the Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program. She begins work on Feb. 6.

"She's just a wonderful woman with a broad range of experiences. She's done some public interest work on a volunteer basis for many, many years. She's really familiar with the public interest community and she's really well liked and well respected," said Eve E. Klothen, who had been serving as VIP’s acting executive director since November.

"Sharon is absolutely committed to social justice and she's very comfortable with the legal services community. I think she's going to do a spectacular job," Klothen said.

Browning has been at Chestnut Hill College since 1989, where she's taught and developed courses on poverty, gender, race and ethnicity, social movements, social change and global inequality. She initiated the first service-learning course at Chestnut Hill, which combined the study of urban poverty with work in poverty agencies and community groups. She also developed and implemented a global studies course required for all students. She has also worked as a self-employed consultant for more than 20 years, planning, coordinating, facilitating and presenting workshops, training sessions and conferences on various topics for educational institutions and social service providers. She is also a sought-after motivational speaker, primarily on justice issues.

Browning is also a certified mediator, receiving advanced certification from the Good Shepherd Mediation Program. She also has nonviolent conflict resolution training certification from the Conflict Resolution for Professionals Program at the Philadelphia Correctional Center.

From 1977 to 1980, Browning was managing attorney for the Older Philadelphians Legal Services Plan. She supervised and trained all legal and non-legal staff, supervised caseloads, budgeting and fund-raising. She also served as liaison to other legal service providers and the private bar, initiated outreach to community groups and ran the marketing and publicity program.

Browning also served as staff attorney for the Temple University Law, Education and Participation Program (LEAP) from 1975 to 1997. At Temple LEAP, she designed, planned and implemented legal education programming for poor senior citizens. She also recruited, trained and supervised law students to assist in training programs. Browning has a long history of volunteer and community activities.

She has worked as a volunteer attorney with the Support Center for Child Advocates and was a member of the development office advisory task force for the Germantown Community Development Corporation. She has also served as a facilitator for racial healing groups at St. Vincent's Church where she was also a co-founder and coordinator of volunteers at St. Vincent's Soup Kitchen. She was also a member of the Central American Refugee Sanctuary Committee at St. Vincent's Church.

She's also been a board member for InnDwelling, a non-profit corporation providing housing to homeless families. Browning was a member of Northwest Interfaith Movement Task Force on Racism. She was a board member for the Montgomery County Center for Peace and Justice and was co-founder of the Norristown Peacemakers.

Browning is a graduate of Temple University School of Law, where she received her JD in 1975. She attended the University of Delaware, where she graduated Cum Laude with a BA in American Studies in 1973.
Judge Giles Reports on State of the Court

by Mary Ellen O'Laughlin

Chief Judge James T. Giles of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and Michael Kunz, clerk of the court, addressed the Federal Courts Committee on Jan. 16 to update members on rules and facilities changes.

Chief Judge Giles first addressed two new local rules proposed by the Court. The first of the proposed rules concerns alternate dispute resolution (ADR). If the new rule is adopted, the Court will be on the lawyers to lift the parties to request mediation or another form of ADR. Chief Judge Giles stated that pursuant to the ADR Act there is a statutory obligation on the parties to consider a form of ADR as an alternative to litigation and therefore there is an obligation on the part of the judges to make sure that the parties choose one.

Chief Judge Giles said the second rule addresses the deference given by the Eastern District of Pennsylvania to attorney discipline in other jurisdictions. Although the Court will normally follow the discipline meted out to an attorney by a state court, the Court can make an independent determination as to whether that discipline is the discipline the District Court should follow. Before the rule presently under consideration, there have been instances where the Court had to confront whether it was comfortable following the discipline imposed by a state, given the Court's understanding of the conduct and the reasons for the discipline.

Chief Judge Giles recalled instances of this occurring with discipline determinations by the state courts in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Virginia, but noted it was a rarity due to considerations of comity.

The Court was therefore confronted with reaching a balance between deference and the obligation of the Court to take independent action on discipline, which includes reinstatement of attorneys who are authorized to practice in the Court. Due to the interest of comity, the Court has proposed a rule that does not eliminate deference. Pursuant to the proposed rule, the Court will follow the discipline of a state court until the state Supreme Court has had an opportunity of a year to act on the application of the attorney for reinstatement in the state court. The Court will require an attorney to authorize practice before it to seek reinstatement in the state court and will hope that the state court takes some action on the application within a reasonable time, i.e., a year's time.

Chief Judge Giles noted that the proposed rules are out for consideration and comment by the bar and members of the public, that the Court has received some comments from the latter and would appreciate additional comments.

Chief Judge Giles then discussed current vacancies in the Court and possible future vacancies and their effect. Currently there are four judicial vacancies, with one judge eligible to retire or to take senior status, thereby creating five vacancies. In the next 20 to 24 months there are four other judges who will be eligible for, and will likely take, senior status, leaving as many as 10 vacancies. There has been no movement to filling the current vacancies, and Chief Judge Giles noted that the attorneys are probably even more aware of the problems created by judicial vacancies in the Eastern District than the Court itself and that they are free to discuss the matter with politicians who can address the issue.

The Eastern District is in a better position than the Western District, he said, because the Eastern vacancies have been pending a shorter amount of time and concern a lesser percentage of the bench than do those in the Western District, which has had four or five vacancies pending for four or five years, with a total of nine or 10 active judges.

Chief Judge Giles stated that those judges presently serving as senior judges provide great services to our Court, but that a time will come when the more senior of the senior judges will seek a lesser case load, which will increase the case load of the other judges. Chief Judge Giles then advised that the Honorable Clarence Newcomer is expected to return shortly from his temporary disability, noting that Judge Newcomer's circumstance brings to mind the importance of filling the judicial vacancies because even a temporary disability of a judge has an effect on the case load of the remaining judges.

If all the judicial vacancies are filled, Chief Judge Giles stated that the Court will then be pressed for space and that it is trying its best to get a new building for the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, which is also pressed for space. Court of Appeals Chief Judge Edward R. Becker has stated that the Court is willing to consider looking for separate space.

Chief Judge Giles then announced that the Eastern District Court was grateful for the assistance of members of the Bar in evaluating the candidacy of Magistrate Judge Thomas J. Rueter and Magistrate Judge Diane M. Welsh for retention. Chief Judge Giles reported that the Court has accepted the recommendation of specially appointed panels that both be reappointed for another term of eight years. After commenting that the magistrate judges are active as settlement judges and mediators, that they have done a terrific job with alternate dispute resolutions and that he gives them his highest regard, Chief Judge Giles requested rounds of applause for Magistrate Judge Welsh, present at the meeting, and for Magistrate Judge Rueter.

Court Clerk Michael Kunz then gave a brief report on "space and facilities." He drew the committee's attention to a model of the Federal Courthouse that he had brought to the meeting, noting that he has been working with the model for the last three years during the rehabilitation project. The prisoner elevator shaft extends to the 22nd floor, so the plans are to expand floors 18 through 22 to add an additional 10 courtrooms and 20 chambers. Kunz hoped that such expansion will meet the space requirements of the Eastern District for the rest of the century. The improvements to the courtrooms' lighting is proceeding, with all inboard lighting to be completed by the end of the fiscal year. Kunz noted that the Court's modification of the HVAC system and improvement of the sprinkler system inconveniented everyone, but it has been completed. He also stated that he is very pleased to report that the first Technology Courtroom will be operational in February. Mr. Kunz noted that it had been a difficult task, but that there has been a lot of support from the Court. The Electronic Case Filing program is on schedule, with an effective date of May 1, 2002.
Commemorative Magazine Unveiled

Chancellor Allan H. Gordon (top photo, at left) is joined by Commemorative Magazine Board members David T. Sykes, Herman C. Fala and Abraham C. Reich at the press conference announcing the official release of the Commemorative Edition of The Philadelphia Lawyer magazine on Jan. 8. At left, Sunah Park, Patrice Toland and Jeffrey M. Lindy, chair of the Board of Governors, check out the magazine’s contents after the press conferences. The magazine, which chronicles the 200-year history of the Philadelphia Bar Association, was mailed to all Association members in January.

Six Join HAP Board

The Homeless Advocacy Project welcomed the following new members to its Board of Directors for 2002:
- Elisa Barbis, First Union, Senior Vice President and General Counsel
- Doreen S. Davis, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP
- Wanda Flowers, Sun Company, Chief Counsel, Labor, EEO and Employment
- Laura Grossi-Tyson, Blue Cross, Senior Counsel
- Margie Morris, Legal Counsel to Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
- Laura Weinbaum, Director of Public Policy, Project H.O.M.E.

Firms Aid Support Center

The Support Center for Child Advocates and Morgan Lewis & Bockius, LLP have announced that the firm would donate $50,000 to the Center. Reed Smith LLP has also announced a $50,000 donation to the Center over the next three years. Additionally, individual attorneys at Morgan Lewis have committed to match the firm’s gift through personal contributions, making the total donation at least $100,000.

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Older Lawyers Need Patience in Job Search

by James LaRosa and Gary Mintz

With the onset of the recent recession, more and more attorneys are finding themselves out of a job. Although being unemployed is difficult for anyone, there is one group that has a particularly difficult time rebounding from an unforeseen layoff – senior-level attorneys. Generally, most firms (particularly the large top-tier firms) are looking for lateral associates with 4-6 years of experience, or attorneys with significant portable business. Once an associate passes that five- or six-year mark, their marketability quickly starts to diminish.

In the past year, we have met with numerous attorneys whose skills and credentials are impeccable. They would be considered top-notch attorneys by anybody’s standards. Unfortunately, for reasons beyond their control (the economy, decrease in business, loss of key clients) the economy, they have found themselves out of a job. Most of these attorneys, depending upon their years of experience, go through a similar process. Initially, they are not overly concerned. They have been practicing in this community for more than 15 or 20 years. They have contacts. They have credentials. They are great attorneys. Most firms would be lucky to have them. They’ll make a phone call or two and be working within a month. Many of them take a month or two off. They enjoy the summer. They take a nice long vacation. Reality, however, starts to kick in fairly slowly. Phone calls to longtime contacts are not being returned. Friends are politely telling them that there is nothing available in their firms. All of a sudden what was a nice two-month vacation is turning into six, seven or eight months of unemployment. The candidate starts to realize that they just might be in for a longer haul than anticipated. They start looking at the classifieds, noticing that the only positions advertised are for junior to mid-level associates. All of a sudden, positions they would have never considered six or seven months ago are starting to look like great opportunities.

Sometimes what is a senior-level attorney who finds himself out of a job to do? First, do not take the lay-off lightly. Do not get cocky or arrogant. In many cases, you will be getting a bargain by bringing your first contact being either a phone call or a short letter. Be prepared to explain your situation in a positive light.

So what is a senior-level attorney you want to convey to the firm that you will be getting a bargain by bringing your strengths and what your weaknesses are. (One of the biggest assets is an ability to bring portable business.) You want to come across as motivated. The worst thing you can do is to appear desperate. By the same token, you don’t want to come across as cocky or arrogant. In many cases, you are applying for a position that is junior to your years of experience. You want to convey to the firm that although the position requires less experience than you possess, you are a great fit for the position and that they will be getting a bargain by bringing you on.

Some of the major objections you might encounter include:

• You will leave once you find a more senior position.
• You will be bored.
• You do not fit into the firm’s salary structure.
• You won’t be happy with the salary.
• You won’t like being told what to do by somebody with less experience.

These are all very difficult arguments to combat. You do not want to unilaterally dismiss every argument. If raised, acknowledge that they are valid issues, but they do not apply to you. Again, it is important to not appear desperate, but be prepared to explain why these issues are not applicable in your situation. You need to convince the partner that this opportunity will benefit both the firm and you. If you should find yourself in the unfortunate position of being out of a job, try to keep the above suggestions in mind. You will need to be patient, flexible and diligent in your job search.

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The event marks the first time in 14 years that the ABA has come to Philadelphia.

“We’re delighted to be hosting the ABA,” said Philadelphia Bar Association Chancellor Allan H. Gordon. “Many well-known speakers will be in town and important topics and issues will be examined. It’s also good news for the local economy.”

Gordon noted that more than 7,000 room nights have already been booked in seven participating center city hotels and that restaurants are busy with reservations and function planning. “This is a desirable group to have in town and frankly, it couldn’t come at a better time,” Gordon added. “This is the culmination of a five-year effort to bring the ABA back to Philadelphia. We’re thrilled about it.”

The headquarters for the meeting will be the Philadelphia Marriott on Market Street. Registration will be located in the Philadelphia Marriott, Franklin Hall A, Level 4, and will be open daily beginning at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 30. The Midyear EXPO will also be located at the Philadelphia Marriott, Franklin Hall A, Level 4. The Midyear EXPO, featuring vendors of legal products and services, will open Friday, Feb. 1, at noon and close Saturday, Feb. 2, at 5 p.m.

Members will be attending some of the more than 780 meetings and events taking place in the Philadelphia Marriott and at various hotels, restaurants, museums, clubs, law firms and other locations. Program information and the names of the approximately 130 speakers will be listed in the 96-page program to be distributed on site. More than 66 programs will be certified for ongoing observance of the Philadelphia Bar Association’s bicentennial.

ABA President Robert E. Hrishon of Portland, Maine, will preside over the meeting of the ABA Board of Governors on Monday, Feb. 3, and Feb. 1 at the Philadelphia Marriott. On Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 4 and 5, Karen J. Mathis of Denver, Colo., will preside over the meeting of the 535-member House of Delegates, the Association’s policy-making body, in the Grand Ballroom, Level 5, of the Philadelphia Marriott.

Logistics for the Midyear Meeting include shipment in one 53-foot truck of more than 25,000 pounds of materials gathered from the ABA offices in Chicago and Washington, and from its printers. Equipment to be set up for the ABA staff offices in the Philadelphia Marriott, Franklin Hall B, includes a server with 17 computers for word processing, Internet and e-mail access; two printers; two heavy-duty photocopiers; one convenience copy machine; and other office equipment and supplies.

The ABA offices will total more than 20,000 square feet and will be divided by 1,120 linear feet of pipe and drape. Offices will be fully equipped with desks, file cabinets and phone service for staff. To help keep the staff in touch, the Association is installing more than 57 direct dial lines, 30 personal computer lines, nine fax lines, seven conference phone units and 78 single and multi-line phone sets at the Philadelphia Marriott. There will also be 15 cellular phones, 40 Internet connections, two credit card reader lines, and walkie-talkie wireless communication services.

Almost 40 percent of the events listed in the program will be meal functions. Oversupplies of food will be donated to Philabundance, a non-profit organization that distributes meals to shelters, kitchens and other community organizations serving people in need.

The American Bar Association is the largest voluntary professional membership association in the world. The Philadelphia Bar Association is America’s oldest chartered metropolitan bar association. The two associations have always enjoyed a close working relationship though they are independent entities. Both organizations help to provide continuing legal education, information about the law, programs to assist lawyers and judges in their work, legal assistance to those in need and initiatives to improve the legal system for the public.

“We’ve worked well with the ABA over the years and have accomplished much with our colleagues from throughout the nation,” Chancellor Gordon observed. “As boundaries shrink even further, we’re looking forward to a bright future as we continue to serve the profession and the public.”

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**Philadelphia Legal View on the Air**

**Attorneys (from left) David Nemier, Richard Hark and Glen R. Morris take part in ‘Philadelphia Legal View’ with host Harry Hurley on Jan. 15 at WPSJ studios in Winslow Township, N.J. The Philadelphia Bar Association-sponsored legal advice program aired live on Jan. 15. The show’s topic was criminal law.**

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**Blinding language within part of the Act.**

The resolution was drafted by the Association’s Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee. One section of the proposed act troubled many members of the committee because it failed to protect the reasonableness of expectations of confidentiality by the mediation parties because the proposed Act creates opportunities to void the confidentiality of the mediation as a result of the actions and omissions by the mediator over which the parties have no control whatsoever. The resolution was approved unanimously.

Barbara T. Sicalides, president of Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent, gave the Board an update on VIPS’s activities. She announced that Sharon Browning has been hired as VIPS’s new executive director.

“She’s an incredibly intelligent, committed individual,” Sicalides said. “She told me that VIP would be the best law job she could ever have.”

“Things are looking up at VIP. I think we’re going to come out as a better organization,” Sicalides said.

The Board also approved a number of appointments by Chancellor Allan H. Gordon. Abraham C. Reich, Harold Cramer and William Harris were named to the Jenkins Law Library Board. Henry J. Lunardi was appointed judge of elections. Harold Datz was appointed chair of the Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention.

The following people were appointed to the Board of Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program: Gabriel L. Belferzakoukou, Bruce H. Hinckin, Albert G. Bixler, Edward Blumstein, Leslie M. Book, Leonard A. Busby, Catherine C. Carr, Hon. Matthew D. Caramellisio, Edward F. Chacker; Andrew A. Chirila; Carl H. Delacato; John C. Dodds; Kimberly M. Dobbs; Susan Feathers; Rochelle M. Pedulla; Michael E. Fingerman; Karen L. Forman; Richard F. Furr; Steven B. Goodman; Allan H. Gordon; Henry E. Hockheimer; Hon. Elizabeth Jackson; Hon. Tony Schiavi; Hon. Michael J. O’Hara; Hon. Marilyn M. Pappas; Hon. H. Reymond Rentoul; Hon. Charles A. Mapp Sr.; Andrew S. Miller; David R. Moffitt; Sunah Park; Patricia L. Randall; Hon. Annette M. Rizzo; Suzanne I. Schiller; Anita Santos; Lisa Sciurdo; Kenneth Shear; Barbara Sciallone; Howard M. Solomon; Audrey C. Taltley; Michael J. Trumpower; Norman J. Weinstein; Joanet Zack; and Thomas E. Zermatis.
YLD Annual Meeting

Joseph, Rendell Stress Balance to YLD

by Jeff Lyons

Balance was the central theme during the Young Lawyers Division Annual Meeting and Luncheon, which featured the introduction of Marla A. Joseph as new YLD chair and remarks from Third Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Marjorie O. Rendell.

The YLD also presented two awards at the Jan. 15 event. Aretha Delight Davis, an associate with Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, received the Craig M. Perry Community Service Award. David K. Travaskis, pro bono coordinator for the Pennsylvania Bar Association, was the recipient of the YLD’s F. Sean Peretta Service Award.

Joseph spoke of being the fourth lawyer in a family of five. She said that becoming a lawyer was not encouraged, and discouraged to some degree.

“My brother told me although it was a rewarding profession, there would be long hours, a lot of stress and little time for family. My sister said my free-spirited personality was not the best match for the law, since law is very rigid. As the youngest in the family, that was just a challenge. I wanted to be a lawyer and this inspired me,” she said.

“Joining the Bar Association was a way to help me give back to the community and it helped me become a better lawyer. It helped me to manage my time better and deal with stress better,” Joseph said.

“I know way too many young lawyers who have problems dealing with the stress. We’re working to live, not living to work. We need to find a way to find a balance and deal with the stress,” she said. “One of my goals is to help other lawyers find that balance.”

“We want to expand the Law, Life and Lunch series to help young lawyers deal with the stress and pressure that the job can bring. We want to expand our social activities to include families. We want to create a signature social event that will somehow include the significant others in our lives,” she said.

“My goal would be to merge these two worlds. To continue to be good lawyers and productive members of the community but also to find a way to promote happiness.”

Judge Rendell said that to achieve balance, lawyers “need to step back and put things in perspective.”

“I like to think of balancing as choosing priorities and having options,” Judge Rendell said. “When you say balancing and juggling, it sounds like something’s going to drop. It’s a negative concept. When you think about it, balancing is no more than having options and having the luxury of prioritizing them on an ongoing basis. It’s actually an opportunity that you have choices. We have choices of work, where to live, how we live our lives, entertainment choices.”

“There comes a point in your lives when you will look back at all of those burdensome stressful times and you will have learned how to handle them and you will look back at them and say there’s not any of them that I would have given up,” she said.

“I chose them, I grasped them, I embraced them, I lived through them, I coped and guess what? I’m a better person. As you get there, it’s tough going, but once you get there, it’s all worth it,” Judge Rendell said.

She also gave five suggestions for young lawyers to achieve balance and personal growth.

1. “It’s a long career and you have the luxury of a long career. I would encourage you to plan for that career. Think about what you want to do 15 or 20 years down the road.”
2. “Expand your horizons as a person. We have a gift of analytic thinking and good judgement that we should contribute to other things.”
3. “Associate yourself with people who want you succeed. It’s the only way to learn and grow.”
4. “Use the ‘look in the mirror test’ when you assess how you fulfill your professional responsibilities. Always make sure you’re upholding your responsibilities. Always make sure you’re upholding your responsibilities.”
5. “You go through a time...”
YLD UPDATE

by Marla A. Joseph

For those of you who became lawyers so you could work 12-hour days, have little freedom in selecting your cases and no political power in your law firm, you should read no further and go back to the assignment your supervising partner gave you involving the Rule against Perpetuities. However, for those of you who chose a legal career so that you could work on interesting cases, develop business and be respected members of your firms, then you need to consider becoming involved in the Philadelphia Bar Association.

Four years ago, my friend Michael Shaffer asked me to be my law firm’s liaison to the Young Lawyers Division (YLD). Although I was a member of the Philadelphia Bar Association at that time, voting in the annual Bar elections and attending the free Chancellor’s cocktail reception was the extent of my involvement with the YLD. So, as a favor to my friend I began YLD mailings regarding upcoming events and before I knew it I was hooked. And I decided to run for the YLD’s Executive Committee. I could easily fill the remainder of this newspaper with all of the incredible programs and opportunities that the YLD provides for its members. But, in a nutshell, there are three essential functions that the YLD can provide to young lawyers: community service, leadership development and networking.

Regarding the first objective, the YLD has affectionately been referred to as the “conscience of the Bar Association” because of the significant public service programs that we offer. Whether you are a litigator or a trans-actional lawyer, there is a program tailor-made to satisfy your needs. If you are a litigator and you wish to help the less fortunate and I am honored to work in such a fine firm.”

I encourage you all to invest your time, money and talents to someone in need, whether it be a child whose trust has been shattered by adult misconduct or a person living with HIV or AIDS who has to fight just to maintain a sense of dignity in their lives. Or a senior who has been disowned by the very people they raised. We must broaden our horizons and reach out and ascend from apathy,” Davis said.

Pereatta award winner Travaskis talked about access to justice. “I’ve been impressed and appalled by the fact that there are so many people out there who don’t have access to justice because they don’t have access to an attorney and it makes what we do so important,” Travaskis said.

“To be a great lawyer you have to give and give back to your community,” he said.

Plenty of Reasons to Become Involved

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When everybody needs you. You have to figure out how to cope with these needs. You gather your friends around you for good times and bad times. You need people for those times in between like when your child needs to be picked up. Don’t be afraid to reach out.”

“More you concentrate on who you are, the better off you’ll be,” she added.

Perry Award winner Davis thanked her firm, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, for allowing her to do the work she does. “I decided to run for the YLD’s Executive Committee. I did not envision myself waking up at 5:30 a.m. on a Saturday to pick up a truck full of clothes for the homeless. And I realize that if you are in your late 20s or early 30s and you have never been involved in public service activities then I am not going to be able to convert you in this short column. However, please do not stop reading because I promise you, your involvement with the YLD will benefit your career. Three years ago, when I was still embarrased to tell my clients how old I was for fear that they would fire me on the spot because I was so green, I wanted to find a way to dis-tinguish myself in the field of Worker’s Compensation. This was no easy task, as there are longstanding “players” in this field, the majority of whom are older men. When I tried to get on a panel to lecture for the well-known seminar providers I was told that I did not have enough experience and I needed more speaking engagements under my belt. It was analogous to looking for your first job in a new field and being told that you would not be hired until you gain experience. I began to realize that I would never get the break. I was looking for someone to organize my own seminar. And that is exactly what I did. Through the YLD’s professional development committee I offered a seminar titled, “Introduction to Workers’ Compensation.” While I had many “players” on the panel, I managed to assign myself a topic and within three years I became a regular panelist for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers. This is just one example of how the YLD can offer you the opportunity to become a leader in your field. Finally and arguably most importantly, the YLD provides incredible net-working opportunities. The majority of us never meet lawyers outside of our respective law firms or practice areas. Moreover, we are so busy working on the cases that the partners brought into the firms that we do not have time to develop our own business contacts. By becoming an active member of the YLD, whether by getting involved in some of the programs I have just discussed, or attending our Happy Hours on the first Thursday of the month, you will be surrounding yourself with lawyers from all walks of life. I now have a network of young lawyers to whom I can refer work in a variety of practice areas and I have received many referrals in return. I have also helped my husband, David Joseph, to develop his criminal defense and traffic law practice, as there are very few young lawyers who practice in these fields and they now consider David first when their clients get charged with a DUI or have another sensitive criminal issue.

So regardless of your motives, the YLD has something to offer you that will enhance your practice, make you a better lawyer and provide you with personal fulfillment. If you would like more information about any of our programs, just log on to our Web site at www.philadelphiabar.org and check out the link to the YLD. In the process, make sure to sign up for our list serve so you can be provided with updated information regarding our current events and programs.

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Public Interest Fellowship Program Needs You

by Heather M. Bendt

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation is looking for first-year attorneys and law firms to participate in the Philadelphia Public Interest Fellowship Program.

The Fellowship Program was developed by the Public Interest Section of the Philadelphia Bar Association to provide law school graduates who have secured employment with a participating law firm the opportunity to spend their first year in practice working for one of Philadelphia’s public interest organizations. These organizations include Community Legal Services, the Homeless Advocacy Project, the Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program, the Education Law Center, the Juvenile Law Center, the Public Interest Law Center and the Support Center for Child Advocates. The fellowship program is administered by the Philadelphia Bar Foundation on behalf of the participants.

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation offers law school graduates who participate in the fellowship program an extraordinary opportunity for everyone involved. Public Interest Fellows can anticipate substantial independent responsibility for their own caseload, acquiring a level of experience far beyond most other first-year attorneys in private practice. Working as public interest attorneys, they will become involved in a broad array of activities, from client interviewing and counseling, to litigation, to legislative advocacy. Best of all, Philadelphia Public Interest Fellows will receive training and guidance from some of the nation’s leading public interest attorneys. Philadelphia’s legal services community is continually challenged to provide a consistent level of service and support in the face of shrinking resources for legal services and a growing need for them. The Philadelphia Public Interest Fellowship represents an opportunity to expand the agency’s capacity to serve clients without incurring the expense of hiring additional staff, an expense most of the legal services agencies cannot undertake.

For the private firm employer, supporting the Public Interest Fellowship program is a terrific way to provide much-needed support to the legal services community, as well as to the community at large, while providing a unique leadership development opportunity for a future rising star.

Here’s how it works: Firms wishing to make this significant contribution would survey their incoming first-year attorneys to identify interested participants. The Philadelphia Bar Foundation can assist with identifying a legal services organization seeking fellowship support. Under the terms of the program, participants are compensated directly by the participating private law firm, who also provides full benefits; the first-year salary is split between the first year and second year. The participant’s salary resumes in the third year on parity with other third year attorneys at the firm.

If your firm would be interested in participating in the Philadelphia Public Interest Fellowship, contact Heather M. Bendt, director of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, at hbendt@philabar.org or (215) 238-6334.

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International Law Committee

Philadelphia Bar Takes Part in Historic Meeting in Paris

by Ern H. Adler

Maison du Barreau, the “petit palais” home of the Paris Bar, was the setting on Dec. 6 and 7 for a historic conference, comprised mostly of national bar associations from more than 30 nations. The purpose: to form an International Criminal Bar for the International Criminal Court (ICC). This was history in the making. It would be the first time that there would be a specific bar for any international court.

The Philadelphia Bar Association was the only city bar in the United States specifically invited to participate in the Paris Conference. Once again I was privileged to represent the Philadelphia Bar at this meeting as I had at the 1998 Rome Treaty Conference to establish the ICC and, to date, at eight follow-up Treaty Prep Coms at the United Nations. The Association’s Board of Governors passed a resolution, prior to Rome, in favor of the establishment of a permanent and independent International Criminal Court. The Philadelphia Bar was one of only three American bars to do so. The resolution was distributed in Rome to Treaty delegates and non-governmental organizations. With almost four years of consistent ICC Prep Com participation and visibility, delegates and NGOs now recognize the Philadelphia Bar as a committed and active collaborator.

The Philadelphia Bar now has achieved independent standing as a bona fide NGO member of the CICC. The need for a Criminal Bar for the ICC became evident with the unprofessional activities and departure of some defense lawyers, who had represented the accused at the ad hoc tribunals for Yugoslavia and Rwanda. There was no prior training of these lawyers and no set standards of ethical/professional conduct. They came from a variety of cultures and judicial systems. Some were disadvantaged by an inadequate or corrupt judicial and political system in their country. Others accepted bribes, fee splitting, kickbacks and other such behavior, which, in their culture, were accepted norms.

The legal framework for the creation of an ICC Bar Association comes under Rule 202(3) of the finalized Draft Text of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence. Together with Rule 202(1), this rule gives the possibility for the prospective ICC Bar Association to play a consulting role with the Registrar of the Court on some of the tasks deferred to him by this statute. These tasks would relate to legal assistance, training and code of conduct for defense counsel. In succeeding years, the future ICC Bar probably will develop its activities and role further as it proves its legitimacy and efficacy.

After a contentious concluding plenary and a definitive final resolution, the decision was made that a smaller, globally representative group would be formed to hammer out a draft proposal. This proposal would then be sent to each participating Bar Association for approval by its governing boards. There was no question among the conference delegates that the momentum and process began here must go forward. As the ICC Treaty gets closer to coming into force, the delegates were very aware of the urgency of enacting a final document, so that this Bar can begin to function and develop along with the Court.

French Interns Headed to Philadelphia

Three new interns from Lyon, France are headed to Philadelphia this month as part of a twinning program with the Lyon Bar Association. Pictured from left are Christian Leroy, director of the Lyon Twinning Program; Ern H. Adler, immediate-past co-chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association’s International Law Committee; Pepper Hamilton LLP intern Anne Bust; David Adler; Duane Morris intern Julien Boucaud-Maitres; Reed Smith intern Stephanie Prud’homme; and Danielle Prieur of the Lyon Twinning Program. If you would like more information about hosting an intern, or would like to apply for an internship in Lyon, contact Michael Scullin at (215) 979-1263 or mescullin@adl.com.
This Viewer Objects to ‘First Monday’

by Bruce H. Bikin

I was going to present my review of “First Monday,” the new CBS television drama about the U.S. Supreme Court, in an interview format with a friend who watched the show, too. However, when that did not work out, I thought instead I would interview myself. At least I knew I did not have to worry about any trick questions. Here goes.

Q: What did you think of the show generally?
A: I didn’t throw up any time during or after the show, if that counts for anything (and I had a pepperoni pizza for dinner, so it would have been colorful). It reminded me a lot of the show “JAG,” except not as good. I kept expecting the new justicje to start doing his own investigation, finding evidence and getting into fist fights and gun battles with the bad guys. Fortunately, that never happened.

Q: Did you like the drama? Did you connect with it?
A: As a citizen of the United States whose life is, in some ways, shaped by the Court’s decisions? As a lawyer? As a television viewer? There was not much drama from any of these perspectives. It was difficult to get worked up about the Eighth Amendment issues as they presented them. Sending someone to the electric chair after he has been stripped by lightning while in a prison exercise yard is cruel and unusual punishment? There are a lot better ways to frame a serious issue than that.

The behind-the-scenes machinations between the differing Court factions? We hardly saw them, except to note them in passing, and their real significance seemed trivialized as a dramatic device. “First Monday” is very unlike “West Wing,” another TV drama about a branch of our federal government, the White House. “West Wing” makes most viewers wish this was how things really were at the same time that it gives a pretty good feel for the sense of urgency and self-importance that runs through the White House. “First Monday” doesn’t generate much energy and the Court comes across as being intellectual and laconic. These are not necessarily bad things for a Supreme Court, but they are not qualities that generate a lot of dramatic moments or sense of anticipation.

Q: How realistic do you think it was?
A: Not many people have the personal experience to enable them to make an authoritative pronouncement about the reality of this show. We are probably talking about a few hundred folks, at best. However, those who do have sufficient insight seem to be nearly unanimous in saying “not.” The one actual argument featured in the first show involved the practical difference (not the legal difference) between being a transsexual and a transvestite. (Don’t they have dictionaries at the Supreme Court?) The client was actually present (in drag) and the Court, so help me, took testimony!

Even more egregious from both a realism and a professional misconduct perspective, one of the clerks started to date the female lawyer who argued before the court, well before any decision could have been handed down in that case. Fortunately for all, no ethical dilemmas arose because the lawyer turned out to be a male transvestite and had no real interest in the clerk. Whew! That was close.

Clearly, the screenwriters failed to do much (or any) research about the Court, the justices or the issues that come before the Court before sitting down in front of their computers to draft the first script. The show seemed more a cobbled-together amalgam of Sally McBeal and “The Rockford Files” (with James Garner playing the Chief Justice). Even more so than “Ally McBeal” and “The Rockford Files,” Perry’s clients always win? Perry Mason was real compared to this.

Q: Were they going for realism in this show or is this simply an updated “Perry Mason” where Perry’s clients always win?
A: Perry Mason was real compared to this.

Q: Is the viewing public ready for a television show dealing with theoretical conflicts over arcane points of law?
A: I would guess the writers and producers thought not because there was very little of the Court’s actual business involved in the show. The two issues they came up with were presented in such ridiculous fashion that any sense of significance that a Supreme Court pronouncement should have would definitely be scaled down. That is too bad, because there is so much the Court has done to shape our society, whether you agree with their decisions or not.

Q: What did you like best about the show?
A: When it ended.

Q: What did you hate?
A: That it seemed to trivialize the Supreme Court, the justices and the real and important Constitutional issues that come before the Court as so much dramatic fodder to be edited and dramatized any which way to fit into a neat hour for prime time television.
Fish & Ships: The Crystal Cruise Diet

Crystal Cruise Lines
Crystal Harmony; Crystal Symphony
(Cal Your Travel Agent)

by Skinny D. Boeskil

Even members of this Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division occasionally fantasize about retirement options. Some greyer old gents spout recurring daydreams of owning fly-in homes on golf courses; starting new careers as chefs at seaside restaurants in Cannes or St. Tropez; scouring English and Italian villages for antiques; devoting minds and time to music or teaching.

I am totally committed to becoming an ambassador most on Crystal Cruises. It's the only way to lose a pound per day while cruising the seas on the world's most luxurious "six-star dining" ocean liner, and see the world. Ambassador hosts, let me first explain, are debonair men who “dance on water,” to make certain that any woman who wishes to fox trot, tango, kick up the old heels. And, as many judges have stated in frigorific tones, “Lawyer, heel thyself.”

Why I have chosen the Crystal Cruise Line in my dreamworld should need no explanation. From stem to stern, each of its ships (presently 8) boasts of numerous programs. He is a host of numerous programs. He is a past president of the Society of American Historians. He has been elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and has received 31 honorary degrees.

The celebration begins with a cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $225 per person, which includes cocktail hour with open bar and dinner with wine service. The dress is business attire. Please make your reservations by Monday, March 4.

1. Eat only foods that begin with an "F"—fish, fowl, fruit, fromage, field greens, fungi and fermented grapes (all in moderation); and
2. Dance the night away as your wife ambassador host and husband, auditioning for the "real thing" when, and if, retirement arrives.

Guests aboard a typical Crystal Cruise consume over 50 pounds of caviar, 3,000 pounds of fresh fish, 30,000 eggs, 600 pounds of fresh strawberries and more than 4 tons of bananas, oranges, mango, papayas and melons.

I participate in some of these statistics; but I will not allow one ounce of meat, bread or confections pass between the portals of my lips. Anchors a weigh. If a buffet item or dessert is so tempting that my sea legs can’t stand it, I simply take sublimating pictures of it with a camera. So much of eating is wishing to mentally memorize the food, and the use of a camera is just as mnemonic, but without the calories.

I nibble, internationally, at Greek souvlakis marinated chicken skewers or seafoods displayed in brochette, tasting tajines of Moroccan chickens, biting into Bacalhau cod and octopus with omnipresent cordiality, unparallaleled entertainment, creative elegance, and cuisine that is nothing less than 247 nautical grand gala nourishment. Imagine at your fingertips, at all reasonably conceivable times: marinated gavial, wild salmon with cream cheese, baby eel, mountain river trout, Norwegian baby shrimp, jumbo prawns on ice, Alaskan salmon, Pacific lobster, roasted young turkey, special of Black Angus beef, French paté, salads, forest mushrooms, caviar, remoulades and cognac sauces, beef steamship, ham in crust, international cheeses, confections, pies, brûlés and mousses; and that's just for room service. Feasts are to be had in the main dining room at lunch and dinner, while separate Italian and Japanese restaurants, a bistro and an outdoor grill stay ready at the helm for further culinary conquests.

Yet, on a Crystal Cruise, I LOSE ONE POUND PER DAY!!!

I know I have failed in the past. There have been occasions when I needed three showroom tickets to force my belly into a tuxedo for the Captain’s Farewell Champagne Party, when that same tux had fit perfectly at embarkation. At the end of one two-week cruise, I was alarmed, in a bloated belching frenzy, that I could neither find nor reach my feet.

So, in the same fashion as one assembles an appellate brief, I examine the issues, then paraphrase a stateroom of facts, and reach these conclusions:

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Between the Seas, "Mornings on Horseback," "Brave Companion" and "Humain!" None of these books have ever been out of print—a rarity among writers. In addition to being a sought after, worldwide lecturer, McCullough has been editor, essayist, teacher and familiar presence on public television as host of numerous programs. He is a past president of the Society of American Historians. He has been elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and has received 31 honorary degrees.

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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.

**Friday, Feb. 1**
ABA/Philadelphia Bar Association Rockin’ Block Party - 7:15 p.m., Loews Philadelphia Hotel. Ticket information: (215) 238-6303.

**Monday, Feb. 4**
Public Interest Section Executive Committee - meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.
Family Law Section - meeting, 4 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

**Wednesday, Feb. 6**
Delivery of Legal Services Committee - meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee - meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.
Environmental Law Committee - meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.

**Thursday, Feb. 7**
Civil Rights Committee - meeting, 12:15 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room.
Philadelphia Bar Reporter Editorial Board - meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Cabinet Room.

**Friday, Feb. 8**
Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee - meeting, 12:15 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.50.
Philadelphia Lawyer Editorial Board - meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room.

**Monday, Feb. 11**
Business Law Section Pro Bono Committee - meeting, 4:30 p.m., 10th floor Cabinet Room.
International Law Committee - reception, 5:30 p.m., 10th floor Wanamaker Building.

**Tuesday, Feb. 12**
Diversity Committee - meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room.
Divorce/Equitable Distribution Committee - meeting, 4 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room.

**Wednesday, Feb. 13**
Criminal Justice Section Executive Committee - meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.
Medico-Legal Committee - meeting, 4 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
LegalLine - 5 p.m., 11th floor LRIS Offices.

**Thursday, Feb. 14**
Elder Law Committee - meeting, noon, 10th floor Cabinet Room.
Committee on Legal Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men - meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room.

**Friday, Feb. 15**
Social Security Disability Committee - meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.

**Monday, Feb. 18**
Presidents Day - Bar Association offices closed.

**Tuesday, Feb. 19**
Board of Governors Cabinet - meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.
Business Law Section Executive Committee - meeting, noon, 11th floor Committee Room.

**Wednesday, Feb. 20**
Section Chairs Meeting with Chancellor - meeting, 10:30 a.m., 11th floor Committee Room.
Workers’ Compensation Section Executive Committee - meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center.

**Thursday, Feb. 21**
Women in the Profession Committee - meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.
Legislative Liaison Committee - meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.

**Monday, Feb. 25**
Chancellor’s Forum - noon, PBI-PBEC Education Center.
Bar News Media Committee - meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.
Philadelphia Bar Foundation Board of Trustees - meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center.

**Tuesday, Feb. 26**
Criminal Justice Section - meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.
Compulsory Arbitration Committee - meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.
Young Lawyers Division Cabinet - meeting, noon, 10th floor Cabinet Room.

**Wednesday, Feb. 27**
Womens Rights Committee - meeting, 12:15 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

**Thursday, Feb. 28**
Lawyer Referral and Information Service Committee - meeting, noon, 11th floor Committee Room.
State Civil Committee - meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.
Domestic Violence Committee - meeting, 3 p.m., 10th floor Cabinet Room.
Board of Governors - meeting, 4 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

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**Family Law Section Donates Books to Family Court Nursery**

Michael L. Viola, immediate past chair of the Family Law Section, sits with Judge Idee C. Fox, supervising judge of Family Court’s Domestic Relations Branch, in the nursery at 34 S. 11th St. The books and videos were collected by Section members and donated to the court for children to read while their parents are in court.

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Jennifer Blum Feldman, an associate with Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen LLP, has been appointed to the executive committee of the Harvard Law School Association of Greater Philadelphia.

Alan C. Kesler, a partner with Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen LLP, has been reappointed to the Continuing Legal Education Board by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

Dennis R. Supplee, a partner with Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, has been appointed to the advisory council of the National Council of Judicial Education.

Jonathan S. Zies of Silverman, Bernheim & Vogel recently participated in a mock arbitration recently presented by the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants at the organization’s 2001 Forensic & Litigation Services Conference.

Alan L. Zeiger, a partner with Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley LLP, was a speaker at the Mid-Atlantic Business Conference for Science & Technology in Lancaster, Pa. On Dec. 5, Zeiger’s topic was “Knowing When to Take Your Company Public!”

Charisse R. Lillie, a partner with Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, has been reappointed chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia’s board of directors. The board oversees bank operations.

Edward J. Tuttle, a shareholder with Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, was invited by the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association to participate in a Dec. 12 CLE seminar about auto law practice. Tuttle’s topic was ‘Recognizing and Avoiding the Bad Case’

Andrew W. Davitt, a shareholder with Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Financial Planning Association, Philadelphia Tri-State Area.

Ruth E. Ganister has been named Chair of the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

Ronni E. Fuchs, a partner at Dechert, led a panel discussion on “Medical Monitoring: A Ubiquitous Threat” on Jan. 16 at the Pharmaceutical Law Conference in Philadelphia.

Judge Leon Katz, former Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association, has been honored by the Superior Court of Pennsylvania for the 50th anniversary of his admission to the Bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Linda T. Jacobs and Heather A. Steinmiller of Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley LLP were among the presenters at a seminar on payroll management in New Jersey on a Jan. 22 presentation in Mount Laurel, N.J.

David J. Shannon, an associate with Leonard Tillyer & Sicciola, LLP, was recently appointed to the Narberth Borough Zoning Hearing Board.

Glenn F. Hing, a partner with Concorde Hing LLP, has been appointed by Mayor John F. Street to serve on the Task Force on Police Discipline.

Marc S. Rapanti, a shareholder with Miller, Alfano & Rapanti, P.C., discussed “Ethical, Criminal & Civil Pitfalls Facing Today’s Trial Lawyer” as part of the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association’s luncheon lecture series on Dec. 6 at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue.

Kenneth Fleisher of Zarin Baum DeVito Kaplan O’Donnell Schaer P.C. taught a seminar on “Quiet Title and Ejectment Actions” at the Fifth Annual Real Estate Institute sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bar Association on Nov. 16.

Dorothy M. Bollinger, an associate with Fox, Rothschild, O’Brien & Frankel, LLP, has been appointed an adjunct professor at Temple University Beasley School of Law, and will teach a course titled “Cyberlaw and Policy: Practical Applications in Organizational Settings.”

Barnett Satinsky, a partner with Fox, Rothschild, O’Brien & Frankel, LLP, presented several topics at the recent Pennsylvania Labor and Employment Law seminar on Jan. 10 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Philadelphia. He discussed “Preventing Lawsuits For Wrongful Termination,” “What You Need To Know About Employee Manuals And Handbooks” and “Sexual Harassment - The Employers’ Responsibility.”

Norman F. Zarin, a senior member of Zarin Baum DeVito Kaplan O’Donnell Schaer P.C., conducted a seminar on employee hiring practices for members of the Alliance of Automotive Service Providers of Pennsylvania at the Valley Forge Convention Center on Nov. 11.

Jeremy T. Rosenblum, a partner at Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, has been elected as a Fellow of The American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers.

Michael Krekstein, David White and Scott Mustin of Fineman & Bach, P.C. recently conducted seminars for more than 125 CPAs on tax implications and planning opportunities resulting from the 2003 Tax Act. The seminars were held in Bala Cynwyd, Reading and Cherry Hill, N.J.

Robert W. Gundlach Jr., a partner with Fox, Rothschild, O’Brien & Frankel, LLP, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Home Builders Association of Bucks and Montgomery Counties.

Girard-diCarlo Appointed to Kennedy Center Board

David F. Girard-diCarlo, co-chairman, chief executive officer and managing partner of Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley LLP, has been appointed to serve on the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Board of Trustees by President George W. Bush.

Girard-diCarlo is the first private citizen of Pennsylvania ever appointed to the Board. His term will run through Sept. 1, 2007.

“The Kennedy Center is a national icon and an international treasure. As a member of the Board of Trustees, I will do everything I can to continue its legacy as a producer, commissions advocate and of the arts,” said Girard-diCarlo.

Girard-diCarlo formerly served as vice chairman and as a member of the executive committee of both the Academy of Music and the Philadelphia Orchestra. In 1996, he received the Edwin Forrest Award for outstanding contribution to the theater conferred on him by the Walnut Street Theater, the oldest continuously operating theater in the English-speaking world.

Other new members of the Kennedy Center board appointed by President Bush include Kathleen Robinson Koll of Newport Beach, Calif., Catherine Ann Stevens of Girwood, Alaska, Lois Pfifer Betts of New York, N.Y., Bo Derek of Santa Ynez, Calif., and Anne Sewell Johnson of Austin, Texas.

Michael E. Scullin, executive director of MULTI-LAW, was a guest speaker at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., during a student convocation at the university’s International Week.

Scullin’s topic was “So You Want to Work Abroad.”

Patrick J. O’Connor has been named president and CEO of Coven O’Connor.

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