Bevilacqua Elected Vice Chancellor

by Jeff Lyons

Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua, a partner at Saul Ewing LLP, has been elected Vice Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association. Bevilacqua will serve as Vice Chancellor in 2002, Chancellor-Elect in 2003 and Chancellor in 2004.

Bevilacqua received 2,873 votes to challenger Allan K. Marshall's 464 votes when votes were tallied at the Dec. 4 election. Bevilacqua will serve as the Association's 77th Chancellor in 2004.

In the race for seats on the Board of Governors, Robert W. Meek (2,219 votes), Cheryl L. Gaston (2,160 votes), Richard F. Furia (2,125 votes), Stephen A. Madva (2,121 votes) and Ronald A. Kovler (1,981 votes) were all elected to three-year terms. Patrice A. Toland (1,850 votes) finished sixth.

The following candidates ran unopposed and were elected: Sayde L. Ladov, Secretary; Gregory H. Mathews, Treasurer; John E. Savoth, Assistant Secretary; and Mary F. Bevilacqua.

Gordon Vows Support for Bar’s Pro Bono Efforts

by Jeff Lyons

New Association Chancellor Allan H. Gordon reaffirmed the Bar’s commitment to pro bono in a speech to members at the Annual Meeting Luncheon on Dec. 4.

"Be clear about this: The Philadelphia Bar Association’s pro bono commitment remains strong and steadfast. Our record -- which is really a model for the nation -- inspires us to increase our efforts, especially during times like these. And we will do that," Gordon said.

Gordon, who assumed his duties as the Association’s 75th Chancellor on Jan. 1, said the delivery of pro bono legal services will be examined by a task force that will report to the Board of Governors by April 30.

"We will do this in an open, inclusive, non-proprietary manner that welcomes sincere, constructive ideas and suggestions from every quarter," he said.

"This task force deserves our support. It needs our help. It provides us with an opportunity to build and move forward so that the promise of ‘equal justice under law’ can be kept for all. As lawyers we know the..."
It’s Important to Keep Things in Balance

by Allan H. Gordon

Balance. That is the one word that we need to keep in mind right now. That is the idea that we need to return to again and again as we face the difficult days ahead and attempt to move our nation and the world beyond the events of Sept. 11.

Recently, I spoke at a naturalization ceremony commemorating the anniversary of the Bill of Rights—the first 10 amendments to our Constitution. My faith in our nation and its ability to strengthen and renew itself grew even stronger as I looked into the hopeful faces of our newest citizens.

This is what our enemies despise— the freedom and precious rights that we enjoy—rights sought by so many. This is what they envy—a free and open society united by our Constitution and Bill of Rights. The right of free speech and free expression. The right to worship freely. The right to assemble and to petition our government for redress of grievances. The right to protest. The right to the presumption of innocence and a fair and open judicial system. The right to worship freely. The right to engage in political affairs. All of these rights and more are contained in a document of less than 500 words, which comprises barely one-tenth of our Constitution.

Thomas Jefferson wisely observed that a bill of rights like this one “is for the people who are entitled to participate in every government on earth.... And what no just government should refuse”.

In a time of war, this Bill of Rights and these freedoms are probably more important than ever before. True, we are primarily concerned with our security. But we are also concerned with our freedom. And these two things are connected.

As lawyers we know that when these protections are lessened or minimized for some, there is justifiable concern that the rights of all are threatened. Such a development would not only undermine confidence in our system but may also unintentionally aid our enemies and deprive us of support that we might otherwise receive.

American Bar Association President Robert E. Hinson recently declared, “A free and open judicial system is what our country is all about. It is the foundation that established our freedoms followed by public executions. This is not what America stands for!” I agree.

Within the Constitution and the Bill of Rights our system provides for a sensible balance and sharing of power. The checks on unbridled authority are inherent in the nature of our democracy. Part of our job as lawyers is to protect, defend, and uphold this system of checks and balances.

Of course, our Constitution also speaks of securing the blessings of liberty for ourselves. Those blessings include the pursuit of happiness. So we need to balance our personal lives if we are to realize a sense of fulfillment and contentment.

For example, I recently read that some people spend hours a day on the phone with their cell phones. In the old days, we used to take at least 45 minutes a day just for yourself. Start with a minimum of 45 minutes. If you can’t find at least 45 minutes a day, you need to stop and think about what’s missing from your day. Do you need to make time for exercise, for your personal life, for your family, for your friends, for your business?

So security is important. But we cannot condone security without justice. Our precious rights need not be eroded. Our legal system affords protections not just to the accused, but to the search for truth itself.

As we face the difficult days ahead, we need to remember that when we lose sight of the need for balance, we lose sight of the need for freedom. We need to take more time with one another, and our fellow citizens. We need to be more caring and less abrupt in our personal and professional dealings. We need to read, listen, reflect, and discover; and we should try to do it all beyond our usual day-to-day work environment.

Some will still insist that they have no time for this. My suggestion is that you take at least 45 minutes a day just for yourself. Start with a minimum of 45 minutes. If you can’t find at least 45 minutes a day, you need to stop and think about what’s missing from your day. Do you need to make time for exercise, for your personal life, for your family, for your friends, for your business?

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The food will be highlighted with Philadelphia original’s— soft pretzels, cheesesteaks and hoagies. All of this will be topped off with an open bar.

Tickets are $75 per person. To order tickets, contact the Bar Association at (215) 238-6301.

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The reception will be held in the Regency Ballroom at Loews from 5 to 7 p.m. No reservations are necessary.

This is the event at which even the city’s busiest and most successful legal luminaries patiently wait in a long line to wish their leader and each other good luck in the year ahead. Gordon, who will oversee the Association during its bicentennial year, is a partner at Kobre, Gordon, Robin, Shore & Bezar.

Join Bar at Jan. 12 Owls Game

Join your fellow Temple Alumni for an afternoon of college basketball at Philadelphia Bar Association-Temple Alumni Day at the Owls on Saturday, Jan. 12 at 4 p.m. at the Liacouras Center on the Temple campus.

Tickets are just $6 to see the Owls take on Atlantic 10 Conference rival Rhode Island. And the first 2,500 people in attendance will receive a John Chaney bobbing head doll, sure to become an instant collector’s item. To order tickets, call (215) 238-6303.

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The Association's Public Interest Section celebrated its 10th anniversary on Nov. 29 with a festive dinner and honors for two of its own.

Irv Ackelsberg of Community Legal Services was presented with the Andrew Hamilton Award and outgoing Section Chair Michael J. Carroll was honored with a plaque commemorating his service to public interest. A donation was also made in Carroll’s name to Community Legal Services, Inc.

Former Association Chancellor Robert C. Heim, the force behind the creation of the Section, was thanked at the dinner. A donation was made in Heim’s name to the Philadelphia Public Library.

The featured speaker for the evening, American Bar Association President Robert E. Hirshon, talked about his group’s commitment to expanding the provision of pro bono legal services and the need for more lawyers to choose public interest careers.

In recognizing the enormous loan burden that new law school graduates face, Hirshon announced the creation of a task force to study the issue of loan forgiveness and to potentially propose legislation modeled after the loan forgiveness legislation affecting the medical community.

Hirshon also acknowledged the attack on our civil liberties that has occurred in the aftermath of Sept. 11. He assured the audience that the American Bar Association was committed to doing everything within its power to try to prevent widespread prejudice and discrimination in the name of national security.

The highlight of the evening was the introduction and presentation of this year’s Andrew Hamilton Award winner, Irv Ackelsberg. Cathryn Carr, executive director of Community Legal Services, Inc., introduced Ackelsberg and cited his many accomplishments, including his recent national recognition for his work on predatory lending.

“His work has been work of the highest order,” Carr said of Ackelsberg.

In accepting the award, Ackelsberg stated his belief that perhaps a greater threat to the American people than terrorism or even the response to terrorism is our obsession with the stock market.

“We see the market deciding that jobs just have to abandon our city and that we all need to strive to be more competitive rather than better people. We see the market telling us that we must privatize our public institutions into private, money-making ventures. We certainly see it transforming the practice of law, and we even see it invading the law itself. Where before we took for granted that structural unfairness and power imbalances in the market required the protections and restraints imposed by a rule of law, increasingly the market has begun to swallow up the last.”

He went on to discuss his experiences as a public interest lawyer who specializes in consumer issues. He reflected on how, over the 25 years that he has spent as a Community Legal Services attorney, he has seen consumer protections erode and market forces become increasingly dominant.

“Principles of finding liability for wrongdoing, even the right of access to the courts, are increasingly being looked at as old-fashioned vestiges of a dying belief system.”

Despite the growing concern, however, Ackelsberg concluded his remarks on a hopeful note. He highlighted the fact that, in the wake of Sept. 11, there has been an enormous resurgence in volunteerism and community service. He called on all of us to imagine, in light of the recent though previously unimaginable bipartisan support for nationalizing airport security, a world where restrictions on Legal Services Corporation-funded lawyers would be removed, where there was student loan relief for those who choose careers in public interest law, where the work of “legal aid lawyers and public defenders, nurses and childcare workers” is valued.

In keeping with an analogy that Ackelsberg drew in the beginning of his speech between the secular faith of “justice, compassion and public service” and religious faith, he concluded, “I am convinced that the old time religion is not dead at all. It’s just lying dormant, waiting for more believers to go public, waiting for small acts of courageous heresy by our political leaders, our judges, our journalists, or organized bars and our clergy against this established state religion called the market. I continue to hope and to live my life as if all this remains possible. Thank you so much for the recognition bestowed upon me tonight, and let us continue to celebrate together those old-fashioned values of justice, compassion and public service.”

After Ackelsberg’s moving acceptance of the award, Heim commented that the creation of the Public Interest Section was easy and long overdue. He stated that the Section has provided an effective mechanism for facilitating communication between the public interest and private bar. He remarked that both the public interest and private lawyers have benefited from the 10-year partnership, supporting one another in their joint endeavor to ensure that Philadelphia’s indigent are well-served by the Philadelphia legal community.

More than 160 people attended the event at the Warwick Hotel. The event was truly a public private venture, with invitations provided by Dechert, programs provided by Reed Smith and co-sponsorship provided by the Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel and USI Colburn Insurance Services.

For more information

A booklet produced by the Philadelphia Bar Association commemorating the achievements of the Section over the past 10 years was distributed at the dinner. For your free copy of the booklet, contact Cathryn Miller-Wilson, public interest coordinator, at (215) 238-6355.
Bonavitacola Accepts Association’s Bar Medal

by Kate Maxwell

In what he described as a personal privilege and a professional honor, Immediate-Past Chancellor Carl S. Primavera presented the Bar Association’s coveted award, the Bar Medal, to former Common Please Court President Judge Alex Bonavitacola at the Association’s Annual Meeting Luncheon on Dec. 4. Primavera reminded the crowd of about 450 members of the legal community that the Bar Medal is not given annually, but is presented by Chancellors at their discretion for extraordinary service over a prolonged period of time. It is reserved for high accomplishment and impressive achievement. Past recipients include Peter J. Liacouras, immediate past president of Temple University; former Gov. Tom Ridge; former Mayor Edward G. Rendell; and the late Judge A. Leon Higginbotham Jr.

Describing Bonavitacola as an outstanding jurist who has been a model for all of us and who has upheld the very highest standards of his judicial career,” Primavera praised him for a lengthy period of service spanning four decades. It includes service in the Trial Division, the Family Court, the Orphans’ Court, service as administrative judge of the Trial Division and as president judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

During Bonavitacola’s tenure, there were many advances, but none more important to both lawyers and clients as the civil case inventory reduction program, a model that has been studied by court systems all over the country. Bonavitacola was also instrumental in improving the efficient operation of the courts. “I accept this prestigious Bar Medal with a great deal of pride and with a full measure of humility. To be so honored by one’s peers is a prize to be cherished above all others,” Bonavitacola said.

Holding the heavy medal up for all to see, Bonavitacola said, “In receiving this recognition, I am really a surrogate for all of our civil team leaders; our supervising judges; the industrious, hardworking judges; and the rank-and-file employees who labored through all of the necessary processes, which were a very important contribution to our present successes and in managing our court docket. Lastly, but just as important, was the huge pro bono contribution of the bar. They served diligently and with great success as settlement masters and as judges pro tem.”
Heim Receives Association’s Fidelity Award

by Glenn F. Rosenblum

Former Philadelphia Bar Association Chancellor Robert C. Heim received the Association’s First Union Fidelity Award at the Annual Meeting Luncheon Dec. 4 in the Crystal Tea Room at the Wanamaker Building. The award recognizes faithfulness to the profession and its highest ideals.

Honored for his long-standing commitment to pro bono work and public interest legal activities, Heim accepted the award with brief remarks addressing lessons he has learned and causes that have occupied much of the past 10 years since he was Chancellor.

Heim, a partner at Dechert and chair of the firm’s Litigation Department, stated that one must have patience. He illustrated this lesson by focusing on Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts, the leading organization in the state to advance the issue of merit selection of judges. He is co-founder and current vice chair of the organization.

He recalled that when he, former Chancellor Bennett G. Picker and Fred Voigt came up with the idea for Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts in the late 1980s, they thought that merit selection of judges in Pennsylvania was just “down the block and around the corner.” Noting that it has been a long block, Heim said that merit selection now “truly is around the corner,” as there is a “new recognition that has dawned”: The high costs of judicial elections, the difficulty of making the elections meaningful to the citizens and the unfairness of election to judges means that it is time to do something, he said.

He also learned that “while a good idea has legs,” it takes good people and leaders to make it happen. He was referring to the Public Interest Section of the Bar Association, which he founded 10 years ago as Chancellor. Without the leadership of public interest organizations and the private bar, the “good idea” of the Public Interest Section would not have grown into what it is today, Heim commented. He observed that there are now 27 public interest law centers and hundreds of private lawyers working together to make life better for the elderly, the poor, the disabled and the disadvantaged.

Heim said that “all of those people working together” made the Public Interest Section happen.

In introducing Heim, award committee co-chair Paul Tufano noted Heim’s “compassion for the less fortunate” and “commitment to improving the legal system.”

The award has been presented annually since 1960. This year’s award was presented to Heim by Tufano and Noel Turner, vice president of First Union National Bank.

Heim’s excellence in the profession and service to the bar, said that Heim has exhibited leadership as a lawyer, a member of the bar, and a citizen serving his fellow man. He said that Heim has worked tirelessly to improve the legal system. Referring to a quote of Theodore Roosevelt, he said that Roosevelt would have described Heim as “a great citizen.”

Heim has served as president of the National Conference of Bar Presidents, member of the American Bar Association’s House of Delegates, and chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Century 3 Commemorative Dinner. He has also been vice chair of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s Criminal Justice Task Force, vice chair of the City of Philadelphia’s Charter Reform Commission, and a member of Mayor Street’s transition team.

Heim said he is donating the monies part of the award to the Philadelphia Bar Foundation.

This year, the Philadelphia Bar Association celebrates its 200th anniversary. To commemorate this special occasion, The Philadelphia Lawyer’s Winter edition will be a special keepsake edition dedicated to the Association: its past, present and future as the heart of the Philadelphia legal community.

So plan to take a stroll down memory lane in the pages of The Philadelphia Lawyer magazine. Remember those Philadelphia lawyers who have taken the legal profession to a new level through their work, their dedication, their character and their commitment to justice. Remember those moments both in and out of the courtroom that have defined the Philadelphia legal community as one of the finest in the nation over the past two centuries.

We’ll also pull out our crystal ball and gaze into tomorrow. We’ll forecast a vision for the future of the Philadelphia legal community, both in the character of those who will carry on the work into the next century and the issues that will define the profession in the years to come.

As we enter our third century of serving the profession and the community, we are pleased to offer you this commemorative edition of The Philadelphia Lawyer. Look for it this month.
Work-Life Task Force to Aid YLD Members

by Maria A. Joseph

Have you ever felt overwhelmed by the pressure of meeting deadlines or billable hour requirements? Or perhaps you are a rising star at your law firm, but you have frequently sacrificed family or social commitments in order to further your career. If you fall into either of these categories, you are not alone. Nearly 40 percent of the Philadelphia lawyers surveyed by the Bar Association in 2000 said that the "stress and long hours of my job are damaging to my health." Significantly, this study polled lawyers of various age groups. I would suspect that we would find even greater numbers of stressed-out lawyers if the study’s population included only lawyers ages 36 and under. As young lawyers, we feel the greatest pressure to prove ourselves, under. As young lawyers, we feel the greatest pressure to prove ourselves, and this often translates into an increased workload and an inability to say "no," even at the expense of our personal lives.

As I embark on my role as chair of the Young Lawyers Division, I intend to tackle this issue by creating a Work-Life Task Force. The mission of this task force will be to assist young lawyers in finding a balance between their work and personal lives. The YLD has already made great strides in tackling these issues with several of our award-winning programs. Former executive committee member Michael Sharper spearheaded our professional development seminars, which former chair Molly Pedman renamed the 3L series (Law, Life and Lunch). The 2000 Bar Survey demonstrated the ongoing need for the 3L series, because only 42 percent of the lawyers rated their firms positively in the area of training and guidance. I would like to continue the 3L series by offering seminars on issues that might not be addressed in the conventional continuing education programs or in our members’ respective law firms. These programs offer training in time management, financial planning and marketing, all of which are crucial tools in developing your career and maintaining your sanity.

Additionally, I would like to expand upon the scope of our Social Committee to include lawyers’ families. Some of you may be familiar with the YLD’s First Thursday Happy Hours, which offer a great opportunity for lawyers to network and socialize outside the legal setting. Unfortunately, many of our YLD members have young children so they cannot find the time to attend our Happy Hours. However, these attorneys would like other opportunities to network with their colleagues. Former executive committee member Glenn Massina realized this need and he previously planned a skating event for young lawyers and their families. I intend to follow his lead and develop more social programs that would include our families.

Our "Work-Life Task Force" will also take on new issues that should assist our members who are trying to strike a balance. In my own informal survey, I have found that many young lawyers struggle with selecting the best child care arrangements. But there are very few resources available to critique child care options, so each lawyer tends to independently research her options.

The Work-Life Task Force will create an open forum for our members who are making important decisions regarding the welfare of their children.

Finally, I look forward to continuing the YLD’s tradition of being the “conference of the Bar Association” by offering an array of programs to assist the community at large. Whether our members are coaching a high school student during our mock trial competition or gathering clothing for our Harvest for the Homeless event, the YLD has incredible programs in place upon which we can continue to expand. In order to effectively manage these programs and inspire future volunteers, I have planned a January retreat for our new Executive Committee that will involve extensive leadership training. With strong leaders, we can continue to pursue our award-winning programs and attract new members to the Philadelphia Bar Association’s YLD.

It is with pride and enthusiasm that I take on the role of chair of the YLD during the Philadelphia Bar Association’s bicentennial year. I hope to achieve my goal of making the lives of our young lawyers more satisfying by facilitating the balance between their work and professional lives. While our jobs are often inspiring, we need to remember that we are working to live, not living to work. Our children will only have one first word, moments with our parents will unfortunately not last forever, and time with our significant others is precious.

Association Honored for Law Week

by Jeff Lyons

The Philadelphia Bar Association will receive an American Bar Association award for its 2001 Law Week activities. The Philadelphia Bar Association was one of just six programs selected nationwide for the honors. A special presentation will be made to the Philadelphia Bar at the ABA’s Midyear Meeting here in February.

Awards are given to programs that have found creative ways of reaching out to schools and the community, and have forged strong partnerships with other groups to deliver the message about the benefits of the rule of law.

Marla A. Joseph and Melissa Schwartz, co-chairs of Law Week 2001, said the success of the program would not have been possible without the incredible response from our legal community, the media and the public.

The program’s theme was “Promoting the Best Interests of Children.” We held programs every day of the week beginning with our kick-off event, Habitat for Humanity,” said Joseph.

In addition to continuing our successful events of years past, such as LegalLine and Lawyer for a Day (where high school students shadow lawyers for a morning), we incorporated new programs that highlighted this theme. For example, we introduced a booth at the Law Fair at One Liberty Place which provided information regarding children’s health insurance programs,” said Joseph.

“The most inspiring event was our closing ceremony where we presented scholarships to high school students who wrote the best essays on zero tolerance policies,” she said.

Winning programs will receive a gift certificate for the Law Day store, national recognition from the ABA and mention in the ABA Journals as well as inclusion in the ABA Law Day Planning Guide.

The Law Week program was run by the Association’s Young Lawyers Division and featured 18 different programs and activities. The programs included:

• Lawyer/Doctor in the Classroom: Volunteer attorneys and physicians visited area schools to instruct students on the legal and medical implications of drug and alcohol abuse.

• Same-Sex Couples and the Law Forum: A panel of attorneys provided free legal information to participants about issues related to same-sex families.

• Edward F. Chacker Essay Contest: This essay contest, named after the past Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association, is an annual staple of Law Week. The theme this year was “Zero Tolerance.” The student who wrote the best essay received a cash prize of $1,000 toward a college education. The contest winner was announced at a naturalization ceremony for new citizens in the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. The winning essay was read by the author.

YLD Annual Meeting on January 15

The Philadelphia Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division invites all young lawyers, their colleagues and friends to its Annual Meeting and Luncheon to welcome incoming YLD Chair Marla A. Joseph of the law firm of Sacks, Weston, Smolinsky & Albert. Her e-mail address is mjoseph@sackslaw.com.

The event will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 15 at noon in the Grand Ballroom of the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets.

Guest speaker at the event will be Third Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Marjorie O. Randall. Other speakers will also feature the presentation of the YLD’s Craig M. Perry Community Service Award and the Volunteer of the Year Award to recipients to be announced.

Tickets are $30 and faxable order forms are available on the Bar Association Web site at www.philadelphiabar.org.
Career Corner

Be Prepared When Discussing Salary Issues

by James LaRosa and Gary Mintz

There are many difficult aspects in searching for a new job. One of the most difficult is negotiating the salary and other benefits you desire. Months of sending cover letters and resumes, scouring the Internet and newspapers, networking and going on numerous interviews, you have an offer from an employer in which you have an interest. Now is the tough part - the negotiation regarding compensation.

It might seem surprising that an attorney would have a difficult time negotiating salary and other benefits with a prospective employer. After all, for many attorneys, negotiation is an integral part of their job. They constantly negotiate settlements, contract provisions and numerous other agreements on a daily basis. There is a major difference, however, between negotiating on behalf of a client and negotiating on behalf of yourself. The latter is much more difficult.

Lawyers are in a particularly difficult situation when it comes to employment negotiations. Many times they feel as if they are in a "no-win" situation, particularly if it is for a position they truly want and the original offer is fair. The conundrum attorneys often find themselves in is that they do not know what is expected from them.

As attorneys, they are expected to be strong, tough negotiators. How would it look if they "rolled over" and took the first offer made? Is this offer a test? Does the prospective employer expect a counteroffer if a counteroffer is made, do you risk losing a fantastic career opportunity?

Below are some tips and strategies that have proven to be successful in helping with the negotiation process. Be prepared. Obtain as much information as you possibly can about the prospective employer. This goes beyond going on Martindale-Hubbell and the employer's Web site. Ask around. Ask anyone who might have knowledge of the prospective employer, including other attorneys, paralegals, legal secretaries, judges, etc. Use the Internet. See what articles have been written about your future employer. The more information you have, the better prepared you will be to negotiate a good employment package and to weigh the value of the offer made.

Evaluate the opportunity. Try to determine what is truly important to you and why you are leaving your present position. Is it an increase in salary your primary goal or are there other more important factors such as quality of life, interesting work or future career advancement? Make a list of the factors that you feel are of primary importance in your job search. Now look at the offer and the opportunity. Review the various factors you laid out and try to determine how this opportunity satisfies these factors. Keep in mind that employment negotiation should not be adversarial. It is not like buying a house. You do not walk away from your adversary and never see them again. These are people you are going to be working with and hopefully building a career with. Your goal here is not necessarily to negotiate the best possible deal for yourself. Keep in mind that even if you are able to negotiate a higher salary, an extra week off or any other term, you take the risk of alienating your future employer. Your goal in employment negotiation is to truly create a win-win situation. While you want something that is fair to you, you also want your future employer to feel they have negotiated a good deal.

Similarly, keep in mind that it is also in your future employer's best interest to have you start off on a good note. An employer wants its future employee to be excited about the opportunity. It does not benefit the employer if an employee starts out unhappy, thinking they are being taken advantage of. As recruiters, we are often in the middle of employment negotiations. We have found that when an employer finds a candidate they are interested in making an offer to, their primary goal is making a fair offer that will benefit both the firm and the employee.

Finally, don't lie. We've mentioned this in other articles, and it is important to remember - Philadelphia is a very small legal community. Chances are, somebody knows somebody who knows somebody who can find out the salary structure or other important information regarding your present employment situation.

Keeping these factors in mind should assist you in future employment negotiations. It should help in determining the value of an employment offer and what, if any, counteroffer you should make.

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students received prize money and were honored at a Law Week luncheon.

• Lawyer in the Classroom: Volunteer attorneys visited classrooms to discuss law-related topics. Attorneys also attend career days to encourage students to do in case of emergencies.

• Law Week Luncheon: A panel of volunteer attorneys went to an area high school with informational handouts and spoke at an assembly of about 150 seniors. Topics covered included drunk driving, buying and selling property, marriage, domestic abuse, credit, employment law and taxes.

• Legal Line: Volunteer attorneys took phone calls from the public and offered free legal advice.

• Law Fair at One Liberty Place: During this two-hour program, a panel of nine attorneys provided free legal advice to shoppers. As part of the Law Fair, parents were provided with Polaroid photo identification cards and booklets containing information about how to protect their toddlers and what to do in case of emergencies.

Others groups honored for their Law Week activities included the Alabama Center for Law & Civic Education, the Baton Rouge (La.) Bar Foundation, the Maricopa County (Ariz.) Bar Association, the Napa (Calif.) Superior Court and the Nevada County (Calif.) Bar Association.

• Stepping Out for Seniors: A panel of volunteer attorneys went to an area high school with informational handouts and spoke at an assembly of about 150 seniors. Topics covered included drunk driving, buying and selling property, marriage, domestic abuse, credit, employment law and taxes.

• Career Planning and Placement from JuriStaff

by appointment, Mondays from 9 to 11 a.m. and Fridays from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at Bar Headquarters. For an appointment, call Cindy Towers at (215) 751-9100, extension 301.

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A foundation’s endowment secures the future for its grantees by ensuring stability and continuity of funding. In 1992, the Andrew Hamilton Circle was founded by the Philadelphia Bar Foundation to help increase the Foundation’s endowment without limiting its ability to make grants every year.

Members of the Andrew Hamilton Circle each have pledged to contribute $100,000 to the Foundation’s endowment, payable in ten annual installments. Since that time, more than 300 leaders of the Philadelphia legal community have made this commitment. We thank these individuals for their generosity and salute them for their dedication to securing access to justice for the most vulnerable members of our community. With their help, the foundation’s endowment now exceeds $3 million.

The following individuals made the pledge in 2001:
Alpert, S. Danbridge III; Carl B. Everett; Richard F. Furia; Arthur S. Gabinet; Michael J. Izzo; Elaine M. Rinaldi; and Paul A. Tufano.

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Judge Scirica Accepts Beccaria Award

U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Anthony J. Scirica (left) holds the Cesare Beccaria Award presented to him by the Criminal Justice Section and The Justinian Society. Joining Judge Scirica (from left) are Michael Rainone of The Justinian Society, Criminal Justice Section Chair Stanley J. Krakower and Alexander Giacobetti, chancellor of The Justinian Society. The ceremony was held in the Mayor’s Reception Room on the second floor of City Hall on Nov. 28.

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Philadelphia Bar Foundation

$350,000 Granted to Legal Services Agencies

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the Philadelphia Bar Association, delivered an early holiday gift on Dec. 12 by awarding $350,000 in grants to 33 organizations serving Philadelphians struggling with poverty, abuse and discrimination.

The money distributed was raised by and through Philadelphia lawyers, as well as members of the business community, dedicated to ensuring equal access to justice. The grants, ranging from $2,500 to $98,000, were awarded to organizations providing free legal services and other essential support to abused women and children, the elderly, the indigent, the homeless, people with disabilities, and others who need help not only during the holidays but throughout the year.

"During these difficult times, as we look to the coming year with renewed hope and commitment, we are delighted to announce the distribution of these funds to agencies providing critical access to justice for the most vulnerable members of our community. Even though world events are much on our minds, we cannot forget that there are still so many of our neighbors who need our support. We feel privileged to be able to help," said 2001 Philadelphia Bar Foundation President and current Bar Association Vice Chancellor Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua.

Bevilacqua added that the 2001 grants are a "fine example of how the Philadelphia Bar Foundation reaches out as a good neighbor and embodies the legal profession's commitment to the community."

Grants were awarded to such organizations serving low-income individuals as Community Legal Services and Friends of Farmworkers.

Grants were also awarded to organizations providing support to individuals struggling with abuse and discrimination, including the Education Law Center, the AIDS Law Project, the Center for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights and Senior Citizen Judiciary Project.

Grants were provided to organizations serving children and adults with disabilities, including the Disabilities Law Project, the Legal Clinic for the Disabled and the Pennsylvania Health Law Project.

Grants were awarded to organizations serving the needs of women, including the Women's Law Project, Women Against Abuse and Women Organized Against Rape.

Grants were awarded to support advocacy and watchdog efforts by the following organizations: the ACLU, the Committee of Seventy, the Juvenile Law Center, the Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia and Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts.

Grants were also awarded to organizations coordinating volunteer attorneys, such as the Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program, the Support Center for Child Advocates, Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, the Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project and the Homeless Advocacy Project.

Grants were awarded to organizations providing legal and other assistance to immigrants, including the Detention Resources Project, HIAS and Council Migration Service of Philadelphia, Nationalities Service Center and the Pennsylvania Immigration Resources Center.

Since its inception in 1964, the Philadelphia Bar Foundation has awarded more than $4 million to advance the legal community's commitment to equal access to justice.

Bar Foundation Says ‘Thank You’

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Members of the firm include: Edwin Dashinsky, Mayer Horowitz, E. Douglas DiSandro, Robert F. Kuhn, Michael J. Dempsey, Arthur S. Novello, Bradley H. Kane, Kevin M. Malloy, Jeffrey S. Short, Jeffrey L. Dashinsky and Andrew S. Dashinsky.

Levy Fund Donations Top $8,500

During his tenure as chair of the Compulsory Arbitration Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association, Ben Levy was instrumental in establishing the process permitting individuals sitting as arbitrators to donate all or a portion of the arbitrator’s fee to support the delivery of legal services to the needy. Over the years, this has helped raise thousands of dollars.

In grateful memory of this, donated arbitrator’s fees received by the Bar Foundation are earmarked for the Benjamin F. Levy Fund. By the end of November, the Bar Foundation received nearly 120 contributions totaling more than $8,500, or roughly equivalent to the average grant awarded by the Foundation for 2001.

The Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to the many generous individuals who supported this program in 2001, and hopes that all members of the Bar Association serving as arbitrators in the future will continue participating in this program to benefit legal services.
importance of process. Our process will be rational, deliberative and sensible. Within that process, let us all work together for the profession and the public so that others will know we are united in a common cause," Gordon said.

The new Chancellor said ABA President Robert E. Hirshon, in a speech before the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Public Interest Section, spoke out about the need to encourage more lawyers to do more public interest work.

"I will strongly support President Hirshon’s proposal to institute a debt forgiveness plan for law school grads who go into public interest work. Such plans are already the norm for new doctors and teachers, why not lawyers? This is a fine idea and we will work to make it a reality," he said.

Gordon also said the Association will work closely with the courts and judges to continue to build a better justice system.

"We will continue to support merit selection and the work of our Judicial Selection and Retention Commission. We will build on that in the public interest. And we will also forge new alliances and cooperative ventures wherever possible with other bar associations, law-related organizations and like-minded groups. Here, our goal is to better serve our members and the profession," he said.

"So, we will seek opportunities to consolidate services, share resources and chart new paths – together – to serve others. In service to the public, to the courts we will not falter. Not here at the birthplace of liberty. Not now at this time in our history," he said.

In speaking about the Association’s legacy, Gordon said, “we cannot rest on our laurels. We cannot be satisfied with having been the best bar association in the nation.”

"We want to advance our Philadelphia lawyers and law firms as a vital, integral part of the regional, national and international economy. We will work with local, state and federal officials to establish a partnership, which takes into consideration the important role that the legal profession plays in the economy of the region. Government must realize the impact our Philadelphia lawyers have on the fiscal health of the region. They should consider the tax base we represent; the amount of real estate we occupy and the amount of commerce we generate. We recognize the critical role that government plays and we hope that working together economic growth can be fostered for all involved," he said.
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The Astral Plane
1708 Lombard St.
(215) 546-6220

Center City Atavistic
Above Broad and completely above board is this Bohemian relic with hodge-podge décor from four decades ago when I “LIKE IKE” buttons had height. A pantheon of Korean War war-tage is your ceiling, and each table appears seance-ready. A “Twilight Zone” ambiance cause one to caution a bricolage-carrying waiter with the only 1950s legal maxim eerily to come to mind: KLUTA BERRATTA NICTO. Vegetarians have their way at this shebang, so much so that “stir-fry” and “curry” are used frequently both as nouns and verbs. Grilled fish and chicken dishes have a smokey cheerfulness a la Storrs grilled over chips of Howdy Doody.

Audrey Claire
20th & Spruce streets
(215) 731-1222

Center City Neighborly
Audrey Claire appears in a tiny Times New Roman font almost imperceptibly on a low window pane at a building whose in life is the Northwest corner of 20th and Spruce. Otherwise, one could not guess that this premises has a name at all. For, as of this writing, no sign exists; no brightly lettered façade is apparent; and only an outdoor chalk-laden high-window pane bears a signboard proposing an identity. Notwithstanding marquisees, this “BYOB - Sorry, No Credit Cards” shebang draws neighborhood cabals in droves. If you can’t feast at Audrey Claire’s for less than $15, you’re missing the issue. Of the “Small Dishes” pick the Grilled Spicy Squid. For $7 I wouldn’t dream and down the carrier from a squid, let alone seven of them, each the size of a finger on a winter glove. Nor would I know how to grill them while so the outside is burnt to terness while the inside remains moist and solid white. And never would I even dare to submerge the swollen, turgid, grilled bodies into a broth that makes you whimper, and wrest with an uncontrollable urge to curse filthy puerile words out loud.

Buddakan
325 Chestnut St.
(215) 574-9440

Old City Stephen Starr
As required by Titles 31 and 47 of Pursuits of Justice, the Office of the Indispensable Nutritional Counselor (“OINC”) hereby submits substantial evidence and incredible information that may constitute grounds for lawyers to sing, “Hail to the Chef:” Restaurateur Starr (albeit Stephen) has renovated a Post Office on Chestnut near 4th, consuming nearly 1.6 million of his own pre-tax dollars. At 42 years of age, he describes this Buddakan fabrication as “a youthful indiscipline.”
Lee Hou Fook
219 N. 11th St.
(215) 925-7266
Chinatown Authentic Shanghainese
I began patronizing this eatery more than 15 years ago when I discovered it doesn’t serve dessert; it has no liquor license; it accepts no credit cards (its prices are the most reasonable in Chinatown); and it’s as if being in Shanghai in the late 1950s. A fabulously authentic meal can take hours to prepare, and then consume. Plan an early arrival, never later than 6 p.m., especially on Sunday. With luck, your fine fortune cookies will be presented at 8:30 p.m. Food is served casually and purposefully, and for good reason. Mr. Fook starts your order virtually from scratch and imbues in each entrée brilliant nuances of flavors that cause sensations of déjà-vu. You can almost, but not quite, identify the tastes circulating upon your tongue, appearing and disappearing until you swallow. Mrs. Fook says most lawyers are “too full abalone.”

Nice Chinese Noodle House
Wha-Hang Triu Hung
1038 Race St.
(215) 625-8393
Chinatown Noodles
The first time you come you check for here lunch, dinner or take-out, simply listen to and watch what the Chinese customers are ordering. Ninety-eight percent of the diners are Asians, speaking various Oriental dialects, all seemingly understanding to the waitstaff. Realize that when you order a dish for yourself, you are truly ordering for the napkins, invariably find their columns, “conceal-lighted” distressed walls, a tenaciously restored tin ceiling, elevator doors, exposed black pipes and a huge serpentidipitous sprinkle hole provide a “Matrix” sensation.

The Novelty Box Apetizer ($22) is one signature “Imaginative plate,” an innovative version of a traditional Japanese lunch box featuring four items including sushi. On four 3-inch square white porcelain dishes nested onto a larger identical square foot rendition rests (a) salmon tartare resting on diced sweet cucumber bits, (b) crab meat chunks protected by steamed asparagus and hot peppers, (c) huge tiger shrimp satay and (d) lightly grilled Striped Bass filet. If at bull’s eye is a targeted round terrine of rich tomato-based dipping sauce. The ingredients bristle with freshness, each plate redolent of a differing culture, and all a Catholic catharsis. Grilled Ahi Tuna ($26.50) is served over, of all things, snow pea leaves. The tuna, upon request, is crisscross at its center. When served, it resembles a sumo wrestler awaiting its chance to knock you off your chair. The tuna frightens by its cross-hatched enormity. The fish loin is covered slightly only by a chick loin is covered slightly only by a chick

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The Plough & The Stars
123 Chestnut St.
(215) 733-0300
Old City Irish
Notice first the bar’s prominence, more so when contrasted visual with the nearby arrangement of low furniture, milking about tall. Then smell the beer. Instead of behind the tap, by Guinness technicians, is a sophisticated system imported from Ireland, which perfects the porters and beers on tap. The least you do can to pause, and learn how to drink from the bloody thing. “Order, or you’ll perish sitting there,” says our waiter, who is an exact replica of Michael Ratley, but less blond. “If you don’t order the Worm Sea Scallop Scallop ($37.75) it’s a sacrilege,” he blunts. “To deny yourself the Striped Bass is a mortal sin. And to be bereft of Baby Rack of Lamb ($197.75) is a sin so venial, there’s no cloy can save you from damnation.”

I’m astounded at his attempts to satisfy my eating habits by allusions to holy terror. I reply to his succinct Irish till, “If I don’t have all three before me within 20 minutes, you’re a disgrace to your mother and Ireland in general.”

On a huge white round plate is served grilled sea scallops the size of the nightingale’s egg, accompanied in bas-relief upon the old Federal Courthouse. The striped bass is panseared, with a potato crust in the shape of scales, served with a lobster sauce. The taste is simply humbling. You’re in a state of grace. Your eyes water entirely.

Topeka as sweet as when they left, “If I could describe the rack of seven baby lamb chops served ruby red and crusted, I would. They are spread over mustard leaves hefted from heaven. God knows you have to keep your dip, but you’ll find yourself shameless-ly shoveling the crushed spuds with the little sheep’s bones (as utensil) between teeth, until cheeks are filled and languished with lustfulness. Moreover, a cup of Irish coffee and a piece of Apple tart will send your belly sticking out a mile. It’s a miserable adulthood to walk the world without.

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Italy, with genes imbued with the DNA of the roots of the seashell, a megahypertrophic. This rib is the essence of what our fingertips touch. We are once again a supper club couple in the 50s, being pampered by tuxedoed waiters. The 13-inch New York strip arrives first, along with three oval plates replete with well-oiled button mushroom, buttered asparagus and steaming spinach, respectively. The beef looks darkly sullen, almost grizzly and evil with the complexion of a black butterfly. It is a majuscule Cuban paradise where the use of taro, coriander and snow peas brings us closer to unlimited free trade with mainland China.

NEIL STEIN’S inspired restaurants, Striped Bass (25th and Walnut streets; 215-732-4444), Rouge (25th S. 18th St.; 215-732-6622) and Bleu (227 S. 18th St. on Rittenhouse Square; 215-545-0342) and the newest, Avenue B, (200 S. Broad; 215-790-0700) are not to be missed. Bass and Bleu are two of the most elegant places in the city. Rouge and Bleu are the less-formal relaxing and enjoyably elegant.

Ristorante Panorama
Penn’s View Hotel
Front & Market streets
(215) 922-7800

Old City Pastas and Wines Galore
Luna Santa, native of Naples, Italy, with genes imbued with the DNA of generations of Neapolitan restaurateurs. In 1974, his family opened La Famiglia in Old City to accolades; and in 1996, Luna’s own vision focused on the Penn’s View Hotel and its Panorama restaurant. The ken is European-style, casual, bustling, comfortable and affordable. One feels as if one has entered an Italian grotto looking over a summer landscape of blooming vines. This trattoria makes more than 130 wines available to the patron at a by-the-glass price. Grown and raised nearby only within reach, but attainable. There are, as well, exceptional “rights” offered, to allow 1.5-ounce tastes of five different wines at a time, a tricky Tuscan task of gobbeting goblets.

Ristorante Tre Scalini
1533 S. 11th St.
(215) 531-3870
South Philly Italian

A voluptuous waitress appears. The dimples in her cheeks rival Veauan craters. Two overhead revolving fans make her banter breezy, as she describes the evenings’ specials. No matter what erupts from her, you must never forget the following: Risotto (with mushrooms, although the menu may offer it only with seafood). A few years ago, I spent an afternoon at Harry’s Bar in Venice tasting its varieties of risotto. None comes close to the perfection of Tre Scalini’s. Risotto is a labor of love where the rice, broth, dimensions and cheeses must be melted, mixed, stirred, added and re-added at just the right culinary moment. The results depend upon the quality of ingredients and the fortitude and fortune of the chef. Tre Scalini’s chef, Francesca DiRenzo, cooks with a passion, so her risotto glistens when it rests in two hands. The Vela Chops are exquisite; the Polenta with Broccoli Rabe, spumanti, is ribald. No meal could be more classy, relaxing and enjoyably elegant.

Susanna Foo
1522 Walnut St.
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Center City Posh Chinese

This is the year of the Dragon Lawyer, which portends joyous prosperity and litigious plenty. The grandest of the banquet halls to celebrate the new lawyer, which portends joyous prosperity and litigious plenty, at the Crystal Court. Duck chunks prevail heavy and thick skinned as a Circuit Court. Duck chunks prevail heavy and thick skinned as a Circuit Court. Duck chunks prevail heavy and thick skinned as a Circuit Court. Duck chunks prevail heavy and thick skinned as a Circuit Court. Duck chunks prevail heavy and thick skinned as a Circuit Court. Duck chunks prevail heavy and thick skinned as a Circuit Court. Duck chunks prevail heavy and thick skinned as a Circuit Court. Duck chunks prevail heavy and thick skinned as a Circuit Court. Duck chunks prevail heavy and thick skinned as a Circuit Court. Duck chunks prevail heavy and thick skinned as a Circuit Court. Duck chunks prevail heavy and thick skinned as a Circuit Court. 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New Citizens Sworn In

New Association Chancellor Allan H. Gordon (top) welcomes new citizens during naturalization ceremonies at the U.S. Courthouse on Bill of Rights Day, Dec. 14. At right (from left) Association member John S. Manos is joined by Penelope Turak, Gregory Turak and Andrei Constantinidis. Constantinidis, from Romania, was one of the more than 50 people to take the oath of citizenship.

Justice for Pollard

To the Editors:

On Nov. 20, 2001, our Board of Governors ignored the facts and the law (jury nullification) in denying support for a pro bono resolution asking President Bush to seriously consider a reprieve or pardon for Jonathan Pollard who has served 16 years of a life sentence, despite a plea bargain for a "substantial" sentence but not life. He was never charged with treason.

The facts and the law are not controverted except the Weinberger Declaration. Pollard gave up vital rights for the plea bargain, which were violated by the prosecutor and abetted by the ineffective conduct of defense counsel.

The only basis of the life sentence was the Declaration, which alleged treason, devastating harm to the U.S. and a maximum sentence. Defense counsel did nothing to challenge the Declaration and did not appeal the sentence. A subcommittee report to the Board agreed that 16 years was considerable and significant and Pollard's rights were violated, but suggested an amendment for more presidential review.

Jerome Shestack wrote President Clinton to pardon Pollard because of a miscarriage of justice. In a recent habeas corpus motion, the noted law professors filed an amicus brief, alleging ineffectiveness of counsel. Judge Williams, in a minority opinion of the Circuit Court of Appeals, called the prosecutor guilty of misconduct and a travesty of justice. The majority relied on the failure to allege misconduct and a failure to appeal.

Pollard has exhausted all legal remedies. Only President Bush can rectify the injustice and violation of his legal and constitutional rights. I sincerely ask that the members of our Bar join me in asking our Chancellor for a re-hearing of the Pollard resolution because our legal system and our Constitution were abused by lawyers. Justice must triumph.

Henry J. Lotto

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JUDGES, CASA VOLUNTEERS ARE HONORED

Five Family Court judges and the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program were honored recently at a reception in the offices of Klehr, Harrison, Harvey, Branzburg & Ellers. Immediate-Past Chancellor Carl S. Primavera, who hosted the event, read a letter of congratulations from U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter. Philadelphia Common Pleas Court President Judge Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson spoke of the dedication and competence of the CASA volunteers.

CASA volunteers are appointed by Family Court judges as officers of the court in cases of children who are victims of abuse and neglect. Judge Massiah-Jackson referred to the volunteers’ success in providing vital information to the court at each hearing and for their effectiveness in protecting children against further abuse.

About 150 volunteers are now part of the Philadelphia CASA organization. They are rigorously trained and carefully screened. Each volunteer gives about 160 pro bono hours per year to work on a child’s case—monitoring the child’s safety, and implementation of court orders, conferring with the Department of Human Services and the child advocate attorney and working to see that the child receives a safe, permanent home in a timely fashion.

Barbara Fruchter, founder and director of the Philadelphia CASA of the Juvenile Justice Center of Pennsylvania, recognized three volunteers who had been selected as CASAs of the Year: Audrey Pye Bey was appointed by Judge Paul P. Panepinto to the case of a 3-year-old child who had suffered serious bodily harm and serious physical neglect. Sharon Sherman, who is also a member of CASA’s board of directors, has been appointed to cases over the past four years by Judge Nicholas D’Alessandro. Leslie Shanley was appointed by Judge Edward Russell to the case of a child hospitalized with multiple fractures and contusions.

Fruchter praised the courage and professionalism of all CASAs and thanked them on behalf of the community and the children for whom they advocate and work so hard.

Adding to the festive atmosphere of the reception was a huge pile of toys and books that had been brought and beautifully wrapped by CASA staff. The gifts are for children who wait, often long and tedious, in the Family Court nursery while their cases are being heard. The toys will be formally presented to the nursery in honor of the Dependency Court judges for whom the CASAs work: Judges Nicholas Cipriani, Nicholas D’Alessandro, Paul P. Panepinto, Edward Russell, Lillian Harris Ransom and Administrative Judge Esther Sylvester.

Join your Section’s List Serve to stay in touch and keep up to date on the latest Bar events. Visit www.philadelphiabar.org for more information.
The Tax Section held its Annual Dinner following a CLE session at the Rittenhouse Hotel on Dec. 6. Pictured from left are Section Chair Wendi L. Kotzen; Mark L. Silow, the section’s CLE Committee chair; Steve Glaze of the Palmetto Group; Mac Campbell, tax counsel to Sen. Blanche Lincoln (D-Ark.) of the Senate Finance Committee; Stephen P. Weiss; and Stanley J. Kull. Campbell was the dinner speaker for the event. Weiss and Glaze participated in the tax seminar.

Ann Mule (left), Chair of the Business Law Section for 2001, and 2002 Chair John B. Wright II presented the section’s Dennis Replansky Award to Jean Zeliter, wife of the late William E. Zeliter. The Business Law Section festivities were held at the Pyramid Club on Nov. 29.

Stanley R. Krakower (center), Chair of the Criminal Justice Section for 2001, congratulates award winners Kathleen Rapone and Judge Anthony J. DeFino at their Dec. 13 Annual Reception in the Mayor’s Reception Room and Conversation Hall at City Hall. Rapone received the section’s Henry Czajkowski Award and Judge DeFino was honored with the Justice Thurgood Marshall Award.

Michael L. Viola and Margaret Klaw (right) are joined by Patricia A. Dubin at the Family Law Section’s Annual Dinner which was held Nov. 27 at Maggiano’s Little Italy. Viola was Chair in 2001 and Klaw will lead the section in 2002. Dubin received the Herbert R. Weiman Jr. Family Law Section Award.
...Year’s End with Gatherings and Awards

Tiffany L. Palmer, 2001 Chair of the Committee on the Legal Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men, and Co-Chair Daniel J. Anders (right) present the Advocate for Justice Award to Frank P. Cervone at the Committee’s Annual Party on Dec. 13.

Nina Segre (right), Chair of the Real Property Section for 2001, and Bernard B. Kolodner present the section’s Good Deed Award to Alma Cohen, who accepted the award on behalf of her late husband, Sylvan. The section’s Annual Meeting was held Nov. 8 at Loews Philadelphia Hotel.

Workers’ Compensation Section Co-Chairs (from left) Niki Ingram, Judge Martin B. Burman and Jeffrey S. Gross enjoy their section’s Annual Party at Zanzibar Blue on Dec. 11. At the party, Judge Jerold G. Klevit was presented with the section’s Martha J. Hampton Award.

Probate and Trust Law Section Chair-Elect Howard I. Verbofsky (left) and 2001 Section Chair Edmund L. Harvey Jr. pose with author and retirement planning expert Natalie Choate during the section’s Annual Meeting at the PBI-PBEC Education Center on Dec. 11. Choate was the featured speaker during a CLE seminar before the Annual Meeting.

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Michael J. McCadden, a shareholder at Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, has been elected to the Board of Directors of Jewish Family Service of Duane, a partner with Wolf, Block, Schoen and Solis-Cohen LLP, recently appointed co-chair of the Intellectual Property Litigation Committee of the American Bar Association’s Section of Litigation.

Eric L. Stern, a partner with Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, and Jeffrey A. Leonard, chair of the Real Estate and Real Estate Litigation groups at Cozen O’Connor, presented an advanced seminar on tenant exit strategies at the International Council of Shopping Centers 2001 U.S. Law Conference on Oct. 25 in Palm Springs, Calif.

John J. McAleese III, a partner with Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, spoke at the Pennsylvania Chemical Industry Council’s workshop on "Terrorism - The New Security Reality" on Dec. 5. He discussed the rights and obligations of chemical manufacturers, distributors and suppliers to inquire about their customers and the use of chemicals sold to those customers.

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African American Museum in Philadelphia: limited number of free tickets available through PVLA.

Allens Lane Art Center: 10 percent discount on one class per year; 20 percent discount on one show per year, excluding closing weekends.

American Poetry Review: $5 off the price of an annual subscription.

American Swedish Historical Museum: 20 percent discount on price of general admission.

Anna Crusis Women’s Chorus: 20 percent off single admission.

Arden Theatre Company: $2 off the price of single adult tickets to any performances except Saturday evenings.

Artists: Americanos: 20 percent discount on the price of general admission; 20 percent discount on new subscriptions.

The Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies: $2 off admission.

Barnes Foundation: 10 percent discount on purchase of paintings, prints, etc. in our Gallery.

The Lantern Theater Company: $6 off for a maximum of 4; $10 off for new subscriptions.

The Philadelphia Orchestra: $5 off single ticket, maximum of 4; $6 off new subscriptions.

Philadelphia Museum of Art: 20 percent off membership for age 65 and older. 10 percent discount on Museum Shop purchases (excluding books and Kebab). 2 for 1 price of general admission the first Sunday of the season. 20 percent discount on Museum Shop purchase (excluding books and Kebab). 2 for 1 price of general admission the first Sunday of the season. (excluding Saturdays).

Villanova Theater: 2 tickets for the price of 1.

Wood Turning Center: 10 percent off purchases in our store.

Vice Chancellor Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua (left), Rudolph Garcia and Robert W. Meek await election results on Dec. 4.

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Platt, Assistant Treasurer. In the election for seats on the Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee, the following candidates were elected to three-year terms: Heather J. Hollaway (388 votes), Regina M. Foley (381 votes), Lisa Getson (375 votes), Michael B. Hayes (328 votes), Mariam Kohbary (307 votes), Peter R. Rosenzweig (411 votes) and Natalie Klyashtorty (382 votes). Andrew D. Swain and Leonard P. Haberman received 368 and 243 votes, respectively. This year’s election was the first time mail-in ballots were used by voters who normally would have voted in person. Of the 3,559 votes cast in the election, 3,064 (86.1 percent) were mail votes. Walk-in voters accounted for 435 votes (12.4 percent).

“The election worked surprisingly well with the help of the Shoup Voting Machine Company,” said Ken Shear, the Association’s executive director. “We were gratified that the process went smoothly. We did find some areas where we can improve on handling so many paper ballots in the future.”
The son of a dear friend I was visiting in Arizona appeared in a "Free Mumia" shirt one evening, prompting a family discussion in which all issues, except the death of Officer Daniel Faulkner were discussed with insight. Since my pat and his sons are all handsome and brilliant, the strange absence of subject in the conversation seemed odd. The discussion was generated by the name of Mumia Abu-Jamal, and yet there was no word uttered that touched on him or his vicious criminal act. In the years since the original crime, media coverage has concentrated almost exclusively on the happenings of demonstrations and disruptions, providing the public with little information that might help them decide if all the media fuss over Abu-Jamal was earned or merely the result of manipulation. While demonstrations in favor of Abu-Jamal are soaked through with clever chanting about social injustice, the rhyme meter of the chants suggests more of the revival meeting than the courthouse. Little that passes for news seems enlightening on any aspect of this less-than-momentous event.

Twenty years ago, at 13th and Locust streets, Faulkner pulled a fellow named William Cook over to the side of 13th Street, because Cook was driving the wrong way on a one-way street. Words were exchanged, Faulkner called for back-up and Cook took a swing at the officer, hitting him in the mouth. While Faulkner was placing handcuffs on Cook, a man ran behind the officer from across the street and shot him in the back. Faulkner was turned by the force of the shot, and managed to shoot his attacker in the chest. The chest wound was not fatal, and as Faulkner lay incapacitated on the sidewalk, the attacker stood over him and unloaded the contents of his gun into Faulkner's brain. Witnesses identified Abu-Jamal, and he was arrested at the site of the murder. He was convicted after a tumultuous trial in 1982. The trial was marred by the defendant's own hisstrionics and lack of cooperation. He persistently claimed he was being victimized by racist police, and as Faulkner lay incapacitated on the courthouse steps, the police shot him, hitting him in the chest. The chest wound was not fatal, and as Faulkner lay incapacitated on the sidewalk, the attacker stood over him and unloaded the contents of his gun into Faulkner's brain. Witnesses identified Abu-Jamal, and he was arrested at the site of the murder. He was convicted after a tumultuous trial in 1982.

The facts are that there are plenty of poor folk in America who deserve justice far more than Abu-Jamal. From the start, the Abu-Jamal groupies and justice riders were never concerned with the behavior of their murderer-hero, but in the evils of racism and the unjust handing-down of capital sentences to minorities. Several states have revised those very issues lately, although as the result of studies that confirm uneven treatment in capital cases. How much of the money and public enlightenment generated by the demonstrators has gone into those studies is a mystery. Good intentions from intelligent people should be rooted in something more than compassion. The facts, or as close to them as you can get, are the best place to start, and the strongest weapon to stand behind when trying to make a point about social justice. The facts are that there are plenty of other poor folk in America who deserve justice far more than Abu-Jamal.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Tuesday, Jan. 1**
  - New Year's Day - Bar Association offices closed.

- **Thursday, Jan. 3**
  - Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee - meeting, 12:15 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $15.00.
  - Environmental Law Committee - meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.

- **Monday, Jan. 7**
  - Public Interest Section Executive Committee - meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.
  - Family Law Section - meeting, 4 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

- **Tuesday, Jan. 8**
  - Diversity Committee - meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room. Lunch: $7.
  - Chancellor's Reception - 5 p.m., Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market St.

- **Wednesday, Jan. 9**
  - Criminal Justice Executive Committee - meeting, noon, 11th floor Board Room.

- **Thursday, Jan. 10**
  - Committee on Legal Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men - meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room.

### Wednesday, Jan. 16

- Family Law Section Executive Committee - meeting, noon, 11th floor Committee Room.
- Federal Courts Committee - meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.

### Thursday, Jan. 17

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

### Friday, Jan. 18

- Board of Governors Retreat
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Bar Association Offices closed.

### Tuesday, Jan. 22

- Criminal Justice Section - meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.
- Business Law Section Executive Committee - meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

### Thursday, Jan. 24

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

### Tuesday, Jan. 29

- Minorities in the Profession Committee - meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.

### Wednesday, Jan. 30

- Women's Rights Committee - meeting, 12:15 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

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.
Board Opposes Frivolous Litigation Bill

by Jeff Lyons

The Board of Governors has unanimously approved a resolution opposing the Pennsylvania General Assembly's plans to pass a bill designed to reduce frivolous litigation.

According to William Fedullo and Richard Seidel of the State Civil Committee, Senate Bill 406 would significantly increase the amount and cost of litigation and promote the misuse and abuse of civil proceedings through the "strategic use and outright abuse" of this new cause of action.

The resolution was approved at the Board's Dec. 20 meeting.

Approved by the state Senate in June, the bill proposes to curb "frivolous lawsuits" by allowing a lawyer to sue opposing counsel for bringing the suit. It creates a separate cause of action for frivolous lawsuits that would be allowed to proceed while the underlying case is ongoing and before a different trier of fact.

"This bill will do nothing but multiply litigation. It will affect every lawyer in the city," Seidel said. "We're not going to allow them to destroy our profession."

"This would have been a catastrophe for the practice of law," added new Chancellor Allan H. Gordon.

The resolution, which was approved at the Board's Dec. 20 meeting, reads as follows: "By allowing parties to litigate simultaneously the original action and the new cause of action for frivolous litigation, Senate Bill 406 will create substantial conflicts of interest between the litigants and their counsel, jeopardize the attorney-client privilege and a client's interest in preserving confidential communications with his or her attorney and otherwise cause unnecessary ethical problems for counsel in the course of representing their clients."

According to the resolution, "the proposed bill is unnecessary given existing statutory and procedural safeguards and remedies, several of which are recognized in the bill itself."

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In other business, the Board approved a resolution thanking Association Executive Director Kenneth Shear for 25 years of distinguished service to the Association.

"We congratulate him on his unprecedented service and we look forward to Kenneth Shear's continued fine work to advance the mission of the Philadelphia Bar Association as it enters its third century of service to Philadelphia lawyers and the public," the resolution reads.

"I've cherished every single day of this job," Shear told the Board. "Some I've cherished a little more than others."

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