
“I am forever grateful to the lawyers of Philadelphia for allowing me the opportunity to serve as Chancellor,” Feldman said. “I promise I will tackle the difficult issues confronting our profession, and try to make a positive difference for all of us. I want to thank those who had confidence in me from the beginning; I know that I have to earn your support all over again every day. I will do my best,” he said.

Feldman said plans are under way to

by Daniel A. Cirucci

Association Chancellor Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua has called for the creation of a special, new Commerce Court for Philadelphia and vowed that the Association will work harder to ensure the election of judicial candidates that it finds “recommended” for office “to make sure that we get our message across to the voters.”

Bevilacqua, 55, who became the Association’s 77th Chancellor on Jan. 1, made his remarks to more than 400 of his colleagues at the Association’s Annual Meeting Luncheon at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue on Dec. 9.

Bevilacqua, a Philadelphia resident and a partner with Saul Ewing LLP, also reiterated the Bar’s support of a non-elective, merit-selection system for selecting judges at the appellate court level. “An uninformed and uninterested electorate should not continue to select judicial candidates — generously financed by the very lawyers who may appear before them.

There is a better way. We must appoint appellate judges. But until that ultimate better way becomes a reality, we must do a better job of advising and guiding the voters. And we cannot wait ‘til 2005. We have to get to work on this now,” he declared.

With an eye on the Commerce Court to handle business-related cases, Bevilacqua said that he would work with “the state Supreme Court, the leadership of the First Judicial District, our Legislature and all appropriate parties” to create the new court.

Among the new Chancellor’s other proposals:

• Mandatory continuing legal education for the state’s judges. Currently continuing legal education is mandatory for all lawyers in Pennsylvania but not for judges.

• The development of a new Association program “to help all lawyers who...”

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We Are One: Defend Rights for All

by Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua

The future is now. The global village is today’s reality. At least in terms of instantaneous communication, we really do inhabit a global village linked by satellite television and the Internet. For better or worse, we witness the world’s major events together. From the atrocities of Sept. 11 to the trials of Michael Jackson – it’s all there for everyone to see and experience. We gather around our computers or TVs (or now even the images on our cell phone) and laugh, cry, celebrate and grieve together.

One would think that nations and societies and cultures and races would understand one another better and would be newly linked literally as they seem to be figuratively.

One would be wrong.

In 1998 Time magazine set out to envision the future of a world beyond the 20th century and the cold war. In a lead story called “The Shape of the Future” Time foresaw a new world split not along traditional ideological lines but along darker, more combustible divides “written in the blood of deep seated ethnic panics.” In the same article, Harvard historian Samuel P. Huntington declared: “Global politics is being reconfigured along cultural lines. Political boundaries are increasingly redrawn to coincide with cultural ones: ethnic, religious and civilizational.”

The world is linked as never before. And it is true that a global economy that we all create and encourage openess and democracy is stronger than ever. But none of this has necessarily brought nations closer together or made the world a more peaceful place.

Meet Chancellor at Jan. 8 Reception

All Bar Association members are invited to attend a free reception on Tuesday, Jan. 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. in honor of Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua, 77th Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association.

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

This is the event at which even the city’s busiest and most successful legal luminaries wait in line to wish their leader and each other good luck in the new year. Bevilacqua is a partner at Saul Ewing LLP.

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try to bring the American Bar Association’s Pro Bono Conference to Philadelphia in 2006.

“in addition to the kind congratulations I’ve received from so many colleagues, I’ve also received ideas and suggestions from many lawyers about how we can improve and enhance our profession, and I’m excited about the terrific opportunities ahead. I’m looking forward with great enthusiasm to serving my fellow lawyers, our great profession and the wonderful city we live and work in,” Feldman said.

The following candidates for Bar offices ran unopposed and will be serving in their positions on Jan. 1: Secretary, Sayde I. Ladov; Treasurer, Mary F. Platt; Assistant Secretary John E. Savoff; and Assistant Treasurer, Scott F. Cooper.

Members also elected five new members to the Board of Governors. They are Marla A. Joseph (2,553), Mark N. Cohen (1,951), Daniel-Paul Alva (1,849), Marsha L. Levick (1,845) and Laura A. Feldman (1,823). Others receiving votes included Butler Buchanan III (1,580) and Joseph A. Prim Jr (1,510).

Seven people were also elected to the Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee. The new members include: Shira J. Goodman (500), Michael E. Adler (530), Andrew R. Duffy (487), Damon K. Roberts (429), Dennis G. Young (416), Chad E. Kaufman (410) and Kimberly K. Heuer (404). Others receiving votes included: Eileen P. Huff (535), Charles Eppolito III (513), Shanese L. Johnson (295), Harper J. Dimmerman (196) and Leonard P. Haberman (134).

not always be quickly and willingly embraced by others, especially in a time of war. So be it. We must remain true to our profession and our ideals while maintaining the perspective of history and a dose of pragmatism.

We live in historic times. What each one of us does, how each of us acts will help to define the cause of freedom. In the end, as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once observed, “Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.”

Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua, a partner at Saul Ewing LLP, is Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association. His e-mail address is gluamb(phl)philabar.org.

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During the past two years, with strong support from Bar leadership and staff, the Philadelphia Bar Foundation has gone through a process of long-range planning and restructuring that is now essentially complete. This marks an appropriate time to report to the Bar, whose generosity makes the work of the Foundation possible.

We have hired a new executive director, Maureen Mingey, who came to us from the Eisenhower Fellowships in Philadelphia, and has brought great energy to the job. The Bar Foundation Board of Directors is now half the size that it was only a year ago, and with a smaller Board has come a correspondingly increased degree of responsibility. Every Board member now has hands-on involvement with the work of the Foundation, and has made a meaningful financial commitment to both the Foundation’s operating expenses and endowment. With the support of the Association, the Foundation has moved to larger, newly renovated offices on the 11th floor at the Bar Association offices, with enough room to hold meetings and recruit interns. Its operating debt has been retired, and it begins 2004 with a reserve for overhead.

Our two major fund-raising events, the Golf Outing and the Hamilton Ball, were streamlined to reduce overhead. Through the generosity of The Philadelphia Inquirer, the expense of a patron book was avoided, replaced by a half-page ad in the Sunday edition recognizing our contributors. As a result, net looking for a special way to remember someone?

Through the Special Way to Remember program, you can honor a colleague or loved one with a contribution to the Philadelphia Bar Foundation. Since 1964 the Bar Foundation has distributed millions of dollars in attorney gifts and other funds to public interest groups that provide counsel and assistance to the poor, disabled, elderly and children in our community. Your gift will help serve the needs of Philadelphians who have nowhere else to turn for legal services.

If you would like to make a gift to the Foundation as a meaningful expression of respect, please call (215) 238-6334.

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by Gerald A. McHugh Jr.

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President-Elect Edward F. Chacker of Gay, Chacker & Mittin, P.C., commented: “We’re building on our past success, and we’re working with a great group of attorneys and law firms. We’ve carved out an ambitious mission for ourselves, and we’re well on our way.”

At the same time, the Bar Foundation also announced that LexisNexis will enable the attorneys, paralegals, and support staff at the many legal services organizations funded by the Bar Foundation to have free use of LexisNexis legal research tools.

“We are happy to support the work of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, both directly through our financial contribution, and through our gift of research hours to the organizations the Bar Foundation funds. It is important for the legal community to support the organizations that are providing access to justice, and LexisNexis is proud to be able to help,” said Steve Zubrzycki, senior vice president and publisher for LexisNexis.

A major Bar Foundation restructuring initiated last year saw the Foundation’s Board of Trustees cut in size while each current board member made a personal financial contribution to the Foundation. The Foundation looked to cut costs and explore new sources of revenue. These efforts have worked: this year the Bar Foundation netted 57 percent more money at its annual Golf Outing and 25 percent more from its annual Andrew Hamilton Ball. The Foundation also launched a new initiative, the “Access to Justice” campaign that brought in more than $30,000 and worked to increase the visibility of the Foundation, its mission and its many grantee organizations.
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income from both events was significantly increased. For the first time, the Foundation also engaged in a direct, “retail” fund-raising effort, the Access to Justice Campaign, asking individual members of the Bar to make a donation. As a result of this effort, many more Philadelphia lawyers were introduced to the work of the Foundation, and more than $30,000 was raised. Perhaps most importantly, the Foundation refocused on its core mission of promoting equal access to justice, and the building of an endowment that will serve as a capital asset to ensure such access for future generations. Moving forward, only organizations whose objective is to provide representation or promote access will be eligible for funding. For 2004, the Foundation will award $340,000 in grants to public interest organizations in the Philadelphia area.

New contributions to the endowment, exclusive of the Hamilton Circle, totaled nearly $300,000, led by Morrie Shuster’s historic gift establishing a fund to offset the educational debt of public interest lawyers. Morrie’s gift was quickly matched by another leader of the Bar, who has not yet allowed us to share his identity. As a result of such generosity, the inaugural Shuster Fellowship was awarded to Rodney Cunningham of the AIDS Law Project, who has committed his career to public service.

Sixteen members of the Bar have now pledged leadership gifts to the endowment, with the total of pledges made and contributions already received approaching $600,000. The commitment of these attorneys has allowed us to adopt a formal spending policy in consultation with our financial advisors, which will enable us to support the work of our grantees while still allowing the endowment to grow.

The achievements of the Bar Foundation are the result of the accumulated efforts of many Chancellors, Bar leaders and Philadelphia lawyers over decades. Every year, our success is built upon those who came before us. The Foundation represents the sustained commitment of generations of Philadelphia lawyers dedicated to making the promise of equal justice a reality. Thank you for your support, and join now with our new President Edward F. Chacker in continuing to believe in the most fundamental values of our system of justice.

Gerald A. McHugh Jr., a partner with Litvin, Blumberg, Matusow and Young, is immediate past-president of the Foundation, Administrators Join Forces

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation and the Philadelphia Chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators have announced an exciting new collaborative effort.

The Bar Foundation will work to provide an information link between the 27 organizations it funds and the members of the ALA (and the law firms they represent). This new information exchange will build partnerships to make maximum use of extra materials, such as office equipment and furniture. For example, if a local law firm is planning to update its computers, the new information network will work to see that the firm’s surplus equipment finds a good home among the various legal service providers in the greater Philadelphia area.

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More than 100 people attended the Association’s 5th Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast on Nov. 25 at the Westin Philadelphia. Breakfast Chairman Edward F. Chacker (center) and Immediate-Past Chancellor Audrey C. Talley (right) are joined by speakers (from left) Philadelphia Common Pleas Court Judge Jacqueline F. Allen, Ezra Wohlgelernter and Philadelphia City Solicitor Nelson A. Diaz. The panelists discussed “The Rules of Professional Conduct and the Old/New Testaments - Conflicting or Consistent?” For the first time, CLE credit was available for those who attended the event.

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Business Lawyers Needed for LawWorks Program

by Steve Grumm

Philadelpia LawWorks is a business law pro bono program that matches attorneys with community groups, nonprofits, and small businesses. LawWorks’ primary goal is to find volunteer attorneys willing to provide free legal services to individuals and organizations that serve low-income communities or serve the public interest in some other way, but that may not be able to afford private counsel. Having legal services provided on a pro bono basis allows these organizations to focus more resources on working within their own communities.

The LawWorks project resulted from a collaboration among the Business Section of the Philadelphia Bar Association, Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program (VIP), and numerous other public interest law agencies in the region. In 2001, several attorneys in the Philadelphia Bar – from private practice, the public interest arena, and academia – recognized that numerous community groups and businesses serving local neighborhoods needed legal services but could not afford them. In addition, there were many local business and transactional attorneys who were searching for an outlet to put their expertise to use doing pro bono work. LawWorks serves as a conduit through which business attorneys can provide much needed pro bono services in our local communities.

LawWorks operates under the umbrella of Philadelphia VIP. For more than 20 years, VIP has been the cornerstone organization for pro bono services in Philadelphia. LawWorks serves a similar function, except that this project is devoted solely to aiding community groups and small businesses with transactional legal needs.

LawWorks’ clients have an array of legal needs, ranging from specific taxation, employment, and real estate law questions, to more general corporate law issues. A client may request an attorney to help review a lease or may need assistance in incorporating as a corporation. For more information about LawWorks, contact Steve Grumm at Philadelphia VIP at (215) 523-9562 or by e-mail at lawworks@phillyvip.org.

Board OKs 4th Bias Measure

by Jeff Lyons

The Board of Governors has unanimously approved a resolution urging the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to take action to address gender bias in family law matters.

The resolution calls for required training of all judicial personnel on gender bias, substantive family law areas such as domestic violence, custody, divorce, and support, the nature of domestic violence, including safety issues for families affected by domestic violence, cultural issues affecting victims, domestic violence among same sex partners, male victims, communications training regarding persons with limited English proficiency, and financial equity issues surrounding divorce.

According to Lynn A. Marks, co-chair of the Bar Association’s Special Committee to Coordinate the Bar’s Response to the Supreme Court Racial and Gender Bias Report and

Recommendations, the resolution is the fourth on this issue that has been approved by the Board. The action came at the Board’s Dec. 16 meeting, its last under Chancellor Audrey C. Talley.

The resolution also urges the Supreme Court to:

• Conduct and publish audits of the allocation of funding and personnel to family law matters in each judicial district.
• Conduct and publish audits of Pennsylvania Common Pleas Courts pursuant to the Trial Court Performance Standards published by the National Center for State Courts.
• Take steps to ensure that all courts handling family law matters provide pro se litigants with written and oral information and the necessary forms to represent themselves in custody, support, protection from abuse, and divorce proceedings, including in appropriate languages where necessary for limited English proficient litigants; adjudicate cases in a timely fashion; ensure safe courthouses and courtrooms; support on site social services in domestic relations proceedings; explore ways to provide child care for litigants and parties in or in proximity to the court houses; develop safe visitation centers; support evening and weekend operations; and support the provision of facilities and assignment of sufficient personnel to accomplish all of the above-mentioned goals.

The resolution also urges the Supreme Court to seek and allocate funds to support the actions.

In other matters, the Board heard reports on the state of pro bono activities from the Business Law Section, Family Law Section, Probate and Trust Law Section, Workers’ Compensation Section, Large Firm Committee and the Delivery of Legal Services Committee. The Board also heard impassioned pleas from Leonard A. Busby, chair of the board of Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program, and VIP.

Bar Now

Hot Spot for Wi-Fi

The Philadelphia Bar Association headquarters on the 11th Floor of 1101 Market St. is now a Wi-Fi hot spot.

This means that members and other visitors to the Association’s meeting rooms and offices can now make a wireless connection to the Internet from their laptops and personal digital assistants (PDAs).

Hot spots are frequently sought by professionals, students and business travelers and are becoming increasingly common at hotels, airports, coffee shops, bookstores and other venues.

Wi-Fi is now the term of art for such wireless connections. Hot spots are places that enable Wi-Fi. According to Patrick Lo, CEO of NetGear, Wi-Fi will quickly become as common as cell phones. Lo notes that “wireless has always been the preferred choice for connections because it’s flexible and easy to install.” But relatively high costs and hardware that did not come with built-in wireless capability prevented a mass move to wireless. Now, the cost of chips has dropped and PCs and PDA are being produced with Wi-Fi built in. Lo calls it the latest cyber “revolution.”

The hot spot is the newest Association service extended to members and guests. Next time you come to the Bar Association offices for a meeting try your wireless connection. Anyone with a wireless network card in their laptop can use the Association’s wireless network for Internet access. Access is available on both the 10th and 11th floors in all the meeting spaces at Bar Association headquarters.
Association Honors
Three Bar Legends

by Bruce H. Bikin

Three giants of the Philadelphia legal community were honored at the Association’s Annual Meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 9 at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue with three of the Association’s top awards.

U.S. District Court Senior Judge Louis H. Pollak was honored with the Association’s William J. Brennan Distinguished Jurist Award; former Chancellor Harold Cramer was presented with the Bar Medal; and Lawrence J. Fox, a partner with Drinker, Biddle & Reath LLP, was honored with the Association’s Wachovia Fidelity Award.

Judge Pollak told the audience that receiving the Brennan Award was “extraordinarily gratifying.” He commented that he was not certain he was worthy, saying he was just a man who “tries to do his job and has been doing it for a long time.”

Speaking of Justice Brennan, Judge Pollack said, “Brennan’s achievement is almost matchless.” He recalled for the association members an awards dinner he had attended in 1989 in which the speaker had said of Brennan, “There are two great symbols of liberty in America. One of those is the gracious lady in the harbor (referring to the Statue of Liberty). The other is Justice Brennan.”

The Brennan Award recognizes a jurist who adheres to the highest ideals of judicial service.

Judge Pollak was appointed to the federal bench in 1978. He left his position as dean of the University of Pennsylvania Law School to serve on the court. He had previously been a dean at Yale Law School from 1965 to 1970. He led affirmative action efforts at both institutions that resulted in the admission of significant numbers of minority students, and he is credited with creating an environment that allowed their success.

Judge Pollak received the American Bar Association’s Spirit of Excellence Award earlier last year at the ABA’s Midyear Meeting in Seattle. U.S. Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan Jr. was the first recipient of the award in 1995. Other recipients of the award, which is now named in honor of Justice Brennan, include the following: Judge Alex Bonavita of the California Court of Appeal; Judge Phyllis W. Beck of the Pennsylvania Superior Court; Chief Judge Edward R. Becker of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit; Judge Louis C. Bechtle of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; Chief Judge James T. Giles of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; and Justice Russell M. Nigro of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. The Brennan Award was not given in 2001.

Harold Cramer received the Bar Medal for his work as a driving force in promoting and maintaining the Jenkins Law Library. He described Jenkins as “the Colt .45 of western days. It is the great equalizer.” He said Jenkins allows small and solo practitioners to have access to the cases and laws on an equal footing with lawyers in the largest firms. Cramer said he was “flabbergasted” to receive the Bar Medal.

Judge Cramer served as Chancellor of the Association in 1972 and is a retired partner with Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP. He currently serves as the president of the board of the Jenkins Law Library.


Fox, recipient of the Wachovia Fidelity Award, remarked that even though he had gotten the award he was disappointed to discover he was “still subject to the billing guidelines… the bank has.”

On a more serious note, Fox told the Association members that Congress has passed legislation, and the attorney general has imposed restrictions that “interfere in the lawyer-client relationship in ways we couldn’t have ever imagined. The idea that people have to turn on their clients, the idea that lawyers’ conversations with their clients will be monitored is shocking.” He finished by saying that there is “no better place than the Philadelphia Bar Association to take a leadership role in resisting this, in speaking out against it and in turning back this tide.”

**Lunardi a Fixture at Association Elections**

By Molly Peckman

While many things about the Association’s Annual Election have changed during the past 28 years, one constant has been Henry J. Lunardi, the long-time chair of the Elections Procedures Committee. Known as “Hank” to all, Lunardi has become somewhat of an institution at the annual event. He has been there to go over the rules when the candidates pick their ballots, weeks before the elections; to inspect the machines before the voting starts; to calm the candidates with his witty banter during election days; and to announce the results in his trademark booming voice when the voting is over.

Get him talking and you’ll hear tales of elections past, like the time a voting machine started to smoke. Lunardi is a walking history of the past 25 years of Association politics and talks about Chancellor races the way a sports announcer discusses famous boxing matches, like David Marion v. Jerry Richter; Mike Rainone v. Sy Kurland, and Don Marino v. Pat Ryan. Often using Association Executive Director Ken Shear as a straight man and fact checker (“Kenny, what year was that?”), Lunardi holds court on election days like an ambassador.

Lunardi’s favorite memory is from 1986, when he missed the election because he was in the hospital recovering from kidney surgery. Bennett G. Picker was being installed as the new Chancellor and found the time to stop by the hospital to see Lunardi, as did Shear, on the Association’s busiest day. And according to Shear, Lunardi has added an additional level of credibility to the elections and nobody has ever questioned the integrity of the process.

Lunardi’s involvement in the Association started 28 years ago, when he was an associate working for Charles Peruto. Lunardi volunteered for the Association’s 1976 American bicentennial Committee and was asked by the late Judge Fred DiBona to get involved in the Annual Election. He spent his first years on the committee resetting the voting machines and was asked to co-chair the Elections Procedures Committee. He began chairing the Committee in 1982.

He explains that at the beginning of his involvement he was terrified. “I felt it was a tremendous responsibility and that every candidate or chairman of a large firm could ruin my career somehow.” In 1984, Lunardi decided to see what it was like to stand at the other end of the election tables and ran for the Board of Governors. He had just finished a two-year term as Chancellor of The Justinian Society but lost that first bid for the Board. He ran again the next year and spent three years on the Board of Governors.

He chaired the 1988 Bench-Bar Conference and was entertaining thoughts of a Chancellor race of his own, when he was asked to join a practice in Delaware County with Leo Sereni (now a Delaware County Court of Common Pleas judge). Despite the move, Lunardi says he always saw himself as a Philadelphia lawyer who simply happened to be working in Delaware County and continued his work as chair of the Association’s Elections Procedure Committee.

Lunardi, who has been in practice for 35 years, spent 10 of those years as solicitor for Darby Township and Darby Borough. He now lives in Plymouth Meeting and is the proud father of three grown children. And although we now him as “Hank,” he also goes by continued on page 19

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grapple with addictions, find themselves in physical or mental distress for one reason or another or face serious family problems.

- Greater monetary support for the Bar’s Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS) and its award-winning pro bono program, Philadelphia VIP, which helps those who cannot afford legal help.
- A new Association Litigation Section exclusively for litigators.
- “Our civil litigators (representing both the plaintiff and the defense bar) are obvious in their absence from section status. This will be an important step toward inclusion and communication within this segment of the bar, and between this new section and the rest of us,” he said.
- A completely new Association Web site with more content, new services, and greater usefulness to the profession and the public.
- Reinstitution of an annual Bench-Bar Conference to bring lawyers and judges together “for a full dialogue on a broad range of issues.”
- Bevilacqua called on his colleagues to play significant, active roles in the life of the city and use their experience and talents to help better the lives of others. He reminded them of their economic clout. “We are an historic, vital and vibrant part of this city and region. To be sure, the Philadelphia legal community is on the cutting edge of the region’s service economy and we are essential to the economic well-being of greater Philadelphia. Let us stand for something,” he concluded.

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Chancellor Gabriel L.J. Bevilacqua visits with Chancellor-Elect Andrew A. Chirls (left) and Philadelphia Common Pleas Court Judge Sandra Mazer Moss before the Dec. 9 Annual Meeting.

Chancellor Gabriel L.J. Bevilacqua and his wife, Phyllis, and son, Patrick, before the Annual Meeting. Not pictured is Bevilacqua’s other son, Gabriel Jr., who was taking an exam at the Annual Meeting.
Sections, YLD, Committees Hold...

Philadelphia Common Pleas Court Judge Abram Frank Reynolds (left) is joined by incoming Criminal Justice Section Chair Judith F. Rubino and Immediate-Past Chair Matthew Perks on Dec. 17 at Maggiano's Little Italy. Judge Reynolds received the Section's annual Justice Thurgood Marshall Award.

Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Sandra Schultz Newman (center) meets with incoming Family Law Section Chair Carolyn M. Zack and Immediate-Past Chair David J. Steerman on Dec. 8 at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue. Justice Newman was honored with the annual Family Law Section Award.

Tax Section Chair Stanley J. Kull, Vice-Chair Barbara W. Freedman (left) and former Chair Wendi L. Kotzen enjoy the festivities at the Section’s Annual Dinner on Dec. 4 at the Four Seasons Hotel.

Chancellor-Elect Andrew A. Chirls (from left) is joined by Kevin P. Ray, former Board of Governors Chair Jeffrey M. Lindy, Alison S. Coleman and Lenore F. Carpenter at the Committee on the Legal Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men’s 7th Annual Holiday Party on Dec. 8. Lindy was presented with the Committee’s Cheryl A. Ingram Advocate for Justice Award. Ray and Carpenter were co-chairs of the Committee in 2003, and Carpenter is a co-chair in 2004.

Members of the Probate and Trust Law Section gathered Dec. 10 at the Kimmel Center for their annual reception. Shown, from left, are Philadelphia Common Pleas Court Administrative Judge for Orphans Court Joseph D. O’Keefe; Mary Jane Barrett, vice-chair of the Section; Philadelphia Common Pleas Court Judge Anne E. Lazarus; Section Chair Marilyn C. Sanborne; Ronald R. Donatucci, register of wills for the City of Philadelphia; Louis DiRenzo, chief probate clerk for the City of Philadelphia; John F. Raimondi, deputy of litigation for the City of Philadelphia; and Howard I. Verbofsky, immediate-past section chair.

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...Year-End Events, Distribute Honors

Marsha L. Levick, immediate-past chair of the Public Interest Section, joins Robert B. Dunham of the Defender Association of Philadelphia, Federal Court Division along with Dunham’s grandmother, Naomi Tumarkin, and wife, Ann Kaufmann. Dunham received the Section’s Andrew Hamilton Award at the Section’s Annual Reception on Dec. 2 at Maggiano’s Little Italy.

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Former co-chairs of the Women in the Profession Committee gathered with the current leadership at the Committee’s Dec. 18 meeting. Pictured from left are Deborah Weinstein, Roberta D. Pichini, Kathleen D. Wilkinson, Jane L. Dalton, Immediate-Past Chancellor Audrey C. Talley, Elizabeth L. Bennett, Nicole D. Galli, Rochelle M. Fedullo and Sayde J. Ladov. Galli and Ladov are Committee co-chairs for 2004.

Workers’ Compensation Section Immediate-Past Chairs (from left) Daniel V. DiLoretto, Judge Pamela Santoro and Christian M. Petruso pose at the Section’s Annual Party on Dec. 11 at the Pyramid Club. The Section presented its annual Martha Hampton Award to Jeffrey S. Gross, a former co-chair of the Section.

Joanne Phillips, immediate-past chair of the Real Property Section, presents the Section’s Good Deed Award to John Ball, chair of The Reinvestment Fund, and Donald R. Hinkle-Brown (right), executive vice president of community development of The Reinvestment Fund. Ball and Hinkle-Brown accepted the award on behalf of The Reinvestment Fund founder Jeremy Nowak at the Nov. 13 program at Loews Philadelphia Hotel.

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Help Spread the Word About YLD Programs

by Kim R. Jessum

It starts with one person.

An associate in your department or, perhaps, a colleague on another floor. She sends you an e-mail inviting you to volunteer time for a Young Lawyers Division (YLD) service program. You’ve been looking for a way to get more active in your local Bar Association (and, perhaps, help your own marketing plan). So you take the plunge and sign up.

Before you know it, you have made dozens of new friends at law firms and offices across the city. Best of all, you have the satisfaction of knowing that you made a difference in your profession and your career.

I now invite you to become that person. Help us spread the word.

As this year’s chair of the YLD, my goal is to provide more opportunities for young lawyers to get involved in and benefit from the Philadelphia Bar Association. As set forth in our bylaws, the YLD shall promote and preserve the interests of young lawyers. In furtherance of its general purposes, it shall provide, among other things, a forum for the exchange of views among young lawyers; encourage the professional development of young lawyers through educational and service programs; participate in the growth and advancement of the legal profession; and interest and encourage young lawyers to participate in the general activities of the Philadelphia Bar Association.

“How will the YLD benefit me?” you might ask. The benefits are numerous and can be outlined using a model by Betty Lou Bettner and Amy Levy, two renowned psychologists, known as the 4 Crucial Cs model:

CONNECT
CAPABLE
COURAGE
COUNTER

First, young lawyers can connect with the YLD in several different ways.

There are numerous existing programs of which young lawyers can take advantage, including fun social events, networking opportunities and professional and community service programs. Via a list serve sent once a week, the YLD keeps you informed of all the YLD events and other interesting happenings in the community. Young lawyers are always invited to attend the YLD monthly happy hours at popular establishments throughout the city; ZooBoolee, an annual family event at the Philadelphia Zoo held each October that brings three generations of lawyers together for an afternoon of costume contests, face-painting, animal displays and a silent auction; and annual summer and holiday parties.

For the first time this year, the YLD will hold a “Black & White” gala event on Saturday, April 17, 2004, to raise funds for the Philadelphia Bar Foundation. This black-tie-optional event will provide a setting for young lawyers, as well as more senior lawyers, to get together for one night in a social setting. All attendees will be able to dance the night away and bid until their hearts are content at the silent auction. This is sure to be an event you do not want to miss! Stay tuned for details!

Another way to connect to the YLD is to get involved in the mentoring program, which matches younger lawyers and law students with more experienced lawyers. This program provides young lawyers with mentors outside of their firms who can discuss career, family, and just about anything else. The same young lawyers may also request to mentor law students to help direct them in their career choices or deal with the stresses of law school.

Second, the YLD will provide training for young lawyers that will allow them to be capable attorneys. This training can be acquired through any pro bono activity or CLE program offered by the YLD. This year, we plan to have at least one CLE program geared specifically toward young lawyers.

Third, the YLD welcomes you and provides you the courage to get involved in any of the YLD activities. The YLD offers you the opportunities and just asks that you volunteer or attend an event. If you are willing to volunteer or attend just one event, I am confident that you will want to continue with your efforts and volunteer again. Your involvement in the YLD need not require full-time commitment, but only a few hours per continued on page 15

Students Experience Drama of Lindbergh Trial

by Sheryl L. Axelrod

Each year, the Young Lawyers Division, in conjunction with the Law Education and Participation Program of the Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law, puts on a Mock Trial Camp for Philadelphia public and parochial high school students. Students attend the camp as a precursor to their participation in the John S. Bradway High School Mock Trial Competition. In the competition, teams from each of the participating schools are paired together to advocate opposing positions in full-blown mock trials. Each team performs its opening and closing arguments, the roles of its witnesses and its direct and cross examinations. Rules of evidence govern the trials that are put on by before lawyers who sit as their jurors and scorekeepers. Students get to participate in the camp in advance of the competition to learn how to conduct trials.

Approximately 200 people attended the camp, which was held in the newly renovated Moot Court Room at the law school on Nov. 22. Introductory and welcoming remarks were provided by trial lawyer James E. Beasley, Philadelphia Common Pleas Court President Judge Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson and former U.S. Attorney and current Phillies’ Vice President Michael R. Stiles. Each speaker discussed the presentation of opening arguments and answered questions from the students.

To bring the speakers’ discussion to life, the students were treated to a spectacular reenactment of a condensed version of the Lindbergh Trial, beginning with the opening arguments made in the trial.

As many will recall, although Bruno Hauptman was the defendant in the case, the matter was called “the Lindbergh trial” because Hauptman was accused of the kidnap and murder of the infant son of American millionaires Charles and Anne Lindbergh. New Jersey Attorney General David Wilenz charged that Hauptman kidnaped the boy from the upstairs of the Lindbergh home. A ladder was found next to the window where the baby had been, and Wilenz argued that Hauptman climbed the ladder, struck the infant dead and left with the child in his arms.

The controversial trial seized the attention of the American public. As the first person to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean, Charles Lindbergh was seen as a hero and the country deeply grieved the loss of his young son. At the time the trial began in 1935, anti-German sentiment was rampant in this country. Hauptman, who was of German descent, was vilified in the American press, which couched the trial in terms of a clash between the forces of good and evil.

In performing the opening arguments, William Banton acted as the prosecutor and James E. Beasley Jr. as counsel for Hauptman. Counsel were continued on page 15
2005-17T Attorney who represent- ed partnership that is now dissolving may not be able to represent one part- ner in the dissolution if others considered the attorney to be their individual attorney in partnership matters.

2005-19T No conflict when oppos- ing counsel and judge were partners in same firm 30 years ago, due to passage of time.

2005-22T Court judge who was charged with an actual ladder like the one provided with exhibits including the infant victim. As Banton and Hauptman was charged with forgery checks and documents, there is a duty to report it to the Disciplinary Board, with client’s informed consent (advising of impact upon financials).

2005-21T Attorney who took mat- ter for evaluation only and then declines representation may refuse to return copies of documents, but should assure client as to confidentiality.

2005-20T Attorney may have client sign judgment note to secure payment of divorce services out of proceeds of personal injury case, provided there is compliance with Rule 1.8a.

2005-21T When adversary party in divorce, who is an attorney, admits forging checks and documents, there is a duty to report it to the Disciplinary Board, with client’s informed consent (advising of impact upon financials).

2005-21T Attorney whose client has died has no standing to agree to or oppose adverse spouse’s petition re: support order.

2005-22T Attorney who was unsuccessful in withdrawing from rep- resentation in case about to go to trial must pay for physician deposition if fee agreement provides for attorney to advance costs and deposition is required for proper handling of the case.

2005-22T Attorney with bad paying client may take judgment note provid- ed there is compliance with Rule 1.8a.

2005-23T Attorney who writes to adverse counsel may not carbon copy adverse counsel’s client on the letter, except for requirement by statute when issuing settlement check.

2005-26T It is permissible to write to former client with outstanding bill threatening to sue client.

2005-24T2 Attorney in same firm, one who represents consumer in bank- ruptcy, and the other who represents creditor, have imputed conflict under Rule 1.10a, which can probably be waived by both clients.

2005-25T There is no prohibition against threatening criminal prosecu- tion in a civil matter, provided there is an actual criminal remedy and present intent with client approval to do so if matter is not settled.

2005-23T Attorney ethically may send announcement letters to former clients of old firm, on whose cases attorney worked. However, tortious interference issues might be present.

2005-25T Attorney who did estate planning for one partner of same-sex couple may represent that partner in a cohabitation agreement, but may not represent both.

2005-27T Estate of deceased attor- ney with funds in IOLTA account avail- able for distribution should hire coun- sel on a temporary basis to review files and handle distributions.

2005-24T Attorney who is also an R.N. may note same on business cards if true.

2003-290T Partner in law firm who takes flat tax in criminal case and deposits it in his own personal rather than firm account could have ethical problem in nature of embezzlement.

2003-201T Attorney may have duty to report former adversary party in civil matter and adverse counsel’s client on the letter, except for requirement by statute when issuing settlement check.

2003-255T There is no prohibition on adversary party in civil matter, provided there is compliance with Rule 1.8a.

2003-334T Attorneys with other licenses degrees (e.g., engineer) may list them on business card.

2003-179T No conflict when oppos- ing counsel’s client on the letter, except for requirement by statute when issuing settlement check.

2003-172T Attorney who represent- ed partnership that is now dissolving may not be able to represent one part- ner in the dissolution if others considered the attorney to be their individual attorney in partnership matters.

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2003-179T No conflict when oppos- ing counsel and judge were partners in same firm 30 years ago, due to passage of time.

2003-185T Attorney admitted in New Jersey only.

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Bar Signs
3-Year Deal
With JuriStaff

The Association has penned an additional three-year exclusive contract with JuriStaff, Inc., making JuriStaff its sole career planning and placement service.

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Specializing in the legal staffing of attorneys, paralegals, legal secretaries and support staff firm, JuriStaff provides access to temporary, temporary-to-permanent, part-time and permanent employment opportunities. JuriStaff has six attorneys on staff providing a full range of career planning services to the employee member. In addition to assisting clients with where and how to look for a job in the legal arena, recruiters will work with clients to perfect their resumes, refine interview skills and solidify their salary negotiating skills.

A wide variety of free services are also available to employer members. On top of the basic service of listing job openings on its Web site, JuriStaff recruiters aide legal employers with hiring decisions; including salary ranges, structuring compensation plans, continued on page 21

Career Corner
Job Market Showed Growth in 2003

by James LaRosa and Gary Mintz

As we start a new year, it is always interesting to take a few moments to reflect back on the year that just passed. As far as the legal market was concerned, it appears that 2005 was better than 2002 and 2001; of course, it depends on with who you are speaking. From the perspective of a legal recruiter, however, it appears there were more opportunities than there were in the two previous years.

In a totally non-scientific, anecdotal survey of the Philadelphia legal market, this is what we saw in 2005:

Practice areas
• Growth in commercial, products liability (especially mass tort and pharmaceutical litigation), securities, antitrust, white collar and IP litigation.
• Continued growth in bankruptcy and intellectual property.
• Continued growth in corporate governance and compliance-type work.
• Continued growth in labor and employment.
• Growth, especially in the third and fourth quarter, in commercial real estate and land use.
• Some growth opportunities in the traditionally low growth area of insurance defense.
• Declines, and feared further declines, in medical malpractice.
• Corporate transactional work appeared to stay slow, with small growth in the 4th quarter.

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Django’s accoutrements are visible through its entranceway’s glass-faced door and adjoining storefront window. Sunset-colored walls provide a playground for a multitude of farragoous posters, including, inter alia “Charlie Chaplin,” “Tabarin” and “The Wizard of Oz.” Look closely; there’s the color of emerald green somewhere in every one of them.

Tables in this small hallway-shaped restaurant are covered in white cloths, over which have been draped another layer of linen with blue flower prints. Waitpersons (almost all women) wear aprons over street clothes. The aprons’ prints emulate that of the top tablecloth. Miniscule glass lamps are illuminated with the smallest of candles.

A brioche baked in a flowerpot arrives. Its bulb-shaped bread, redolent of crusty wheat, reminds one of the contraption used by Dorothy in her attempt to return from Munchkinland to Kansas. Beside the bread is an upside-down porcelain butler urn whose purpose could be to wet a morsel of brioche, or shine ruby slippers.

Married owners Bryan Sikora and Aimee Olexy provide “monthly” menus, using the most luscious local produce as staples for the freshest fare. Bryan has plenary power for plating the first courses and entrée courses, while Aimee is benignly dictatorial in designing, describing and hand-delivering desserts.

Both November’s and December’s menu included saffron and sherry infused mussel bisque, salt cod fritters, and herb olive oil ($7). An unimpeded wintry wind would have to be wafting between your ears not to order this soup. Cruelly creamy olive-colored liquid languishes in a low bowl until your silver soupspoon dabbles its tranquility. A heated mouthful is transported to your lips, with your eyes measuring the spoon’s capacity. Those same eyes shut dreamily as your tongue is bathed by diluvial flavors hinting at mussel broth and a shameless soupcon of sherry. A cod fritter is delicately chewed, escaping down your throat after a burst of a scintilla of saltiness. One’s medulla remains coated with a satin aftertaste.

For fear of writer’s gout, I will not mention this first course: “Game tart,” braised boar, venison, pearl onions, pastry, fried quail egg and foie gras gravy will make your knees tremble and your ankles yeamingly ache.

I would refrain from the curried scallop and pistachio terrine, pesto of fines herbes, rice chips and pistachio sauce ($9). This is not an ample first course, and evokes “interesting” in a jello-jiggly risible way. It may be that scallops are better left hurriedly uncurried, and never matched with pistachio paste and pesto of high-fallutin’ “fines herbes.” This item, which appeared first in December, should be lost for January as a New Year’s resolution. But, as the old adage goes: “He who never made a mistake, never made a discovery.”

“Inventive combinations” is the expression most used to differentiate Bryan Sikora’s cooking from chefs with voids of imagination. He almost always succeeds. His entrée course offerings are astonishingly comestible. For instance, if you’re a placid...
Is Another Joe McCarthy Ready to Appear?

by Bruce H. Bikin

History has a not-so-funny way of repeating itself. There was a time in the nearly memorable past of our nation that was perceived as a time of a great evil in the world. We sent men to war in a small foreign country to fight the spread of the great evil. Politicians rallied against the great evil as “un-American,” as a destroyer of our freedoms. The great evil came from a distant land and Americans did not really understand the evil, and feared what they did not understand. They were soothed by the words of politicians who told them that we could all be safe if we rooted out the evil that was attacking our great country from within.

We had a mission. We had to find that evil, wherever it hid and eradicate it from our soil. This mission, this search, this great investigation started in April 1954 and was the first major television spectacle of our history. It was known as the Army/McCarthy hearings.

In ordinary times, a two-bit demagogue like Joe McCarthy would not have been able to interest any mainstream political activists or voters in his decidedly paranoia delusions of “commie plots.” But the early 1950s were decidedly not ordinary times.

Post-war occupied Europe sat divided between the western powers and the Soviet/communist monolith. Even the city of Berlin was divided. In August of 1949 the Soviets had detonated their first atomic bomb. In 1951 Ethel and Julius Rosenberg were convicted of treasonous offense of passing American A-bomb secrets to the Soviets. And then along came Joe McCarthy, in one of the seminal moments of television’s history, to tell us all that there were communists hiding under our beds and in our communities, working to destroy and subvert our values and our way of life.

This turned out to be particularly true in Hollywood, where harmless playacting under our beds and in our communities, working to destroy and subvert our values and our way of life. This turned out to be particularly true in Hollywood, where harmless playacting under our beds and in our communities, working to destroy and subvert our values and our way of life. This turned out to be particularly true in Hollywood, where harmless playacting under our beds and in our communities, working to destroy and subvert our values and our way of life. This turned out to be particularly true in Hollywood, where harmless playacting under our beds and in our communities, working to destroy and subvert our values and our way of life.

We all still harbor some residual fears, both rational and irrational, that something akin to those attacks may happen again. We mostly do not understand those events or why they happened. That fear and confusion and ignorance makes us vulnerable.

The American people support the war in Iraq as a vehicle to ensure their safety and to assure that another “9-11” never occurs, even though there is no evidence any Iraqis was involved. There is rejoicing about the capture of Saddam Hussein, even though there has yet to be produced the first iota of evidence that Hussein had weapons of mass destruction or even the remotest of ties to al-Qaida.

We have not caught Osama bin Laden and I guess there is fear we may never. But we can certainly beat up a fourth-rate army in a fifth-rate dictatorship run by an evil, delusional man. And we did. And it made us feel good.

No amount of flexing of our military might in Iraq is going to make us truly feel safer from the bizarre and irrational hatreds of the Muslim jihadis who follow bin Laden. These are people who are willing to blow themselves up to inflict damage on us. In fact, our very presence in Iraq has reportedly attracted thousands of such extremists into that country just for the opportunity to fight the Great Satan.

This long prelude is not to discuss the wisdom of U.S. foreign policy, but rather to share my fears about our future. I believe the U.S. is currently ripe for the empowerment of another Joe McCarthy. That thought scares me.

He may be on the political scene now, waiting patiently to “morph” into his new, dynamic persona. He may still be in the shadows of American political life, learning the craft of fear and suspicion. But I am convinced he will come. I am convinced because the people of this country just do not understand why so many Arabs seem to hate us and they do not understand what we have ever done to be the object of such determined hatred. We view ourselves as good people, tolerant people, kind people. We raise our families. We help our neighbors. We attend church or synagogue. We give to the charities of our choice. If we are all of the things we believe about ourselves, why do so many Arabs hate us?

In truth it doesn’t matter why they hate us. That a sect of one of the world’s great religions bears the U.S. such violent animosity, and is willing to perpetuate such horrific atrocities in the name of their religious beliefs, may be beyond our comprehension. We may understand a Timothy McVeigh. He was one of us. We may shake our heads and ask for his life as punishment, but we understand, at least a little, what he was thinking. The jihadis are a mystery. And their elusiveness and their will-of-the-wisp existence frustrates our straightforward nature.

We want to make someone pay. I know I do.

This is why lawyers, and in particular...
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LawWorks is an exciting new program, presenting many different types of opportunities for attorneys to lend their expertise and strengthen our local communities.

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Lunardi remembers years when he would see thousands of voters on election day but thinks we will always need the voting machines. “The in-person voting is too important to the vitality of the Association to abandon it completely...and I’d say that if only 100 people showed up,” Lunardi said.

Noting that candidates and their supporters have been consistently friendly and cooperative through the years, Lunardi said that his goal has been to get the elections done with minimum fuss and maximum fairness. He said that the Association staff is phenomenal and has made it a pleasure.

“I look forward to election day each year and enjoy spending time with the staff – many of whom have become my great friends — and seeing people I haven’t seen all year.”

Steve Grumm is the LawWorks coordinator at Philadelphia VIP.

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lar the lawyers of this Bar Association, will be so important to preserving and protecting the freedoms that are so fundamental to our way of life. We must be ready to fight for the rights of all people against the tide of fear and suspicion that grows daily in this country and is being exploited by cynical men and women for political gain. We must be willing to fight the onerous provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the Patriot Act that cannot help but make one who cherishes the Constitution shudder. We must be willing to fight for the right to go online and seek information about whatever interests us without Big Brother looking over our shoulder. We must be willing to fight for the right to criticize the government and its policies without fear of being called “un-American.” We must be able to converse with our clients without fears that we will be required to disclose their secrets under threat of prison or disarmament.

Our Constitution is the one protection we have against such tyranny. We must guard it and protect it and defend it with all our strength and wisdom. There is no one else who can or will.
In this, the fourth draft of a tribute to the late tenor Franco Corelli (who died in October in Italy at the age of 82), a writer finally realized that there are often situations that cannot be adequately described in words. Hearing and seeing Corelli sing is one of them. Not that the world isn’t brimming with fine singers. But the atmosphere in which Corelli sang is a world apart from our own time, even if the divide is only a few short decades.

Technology and the immediate impact of media have reduced the world of wonders by providing us with unnatural wonders every day. Franco Corelli made his mark at the start of the stereophonic era, where there were still many people alive who had heard the voice of the greatest tenor of them all, Enrico Caruso. Caruso stopped singing in 1920 (he died in 1921) and Corelli started in the late 1940s. When Caruso sang at the Met there were no electronic amplification systems for the huge auditorium. The highest balcony had to be reached by the human voice solo, and Caruso not only sang well, but is rumored to have cracked the crystals in the Met chandelier with his vocal power. For decades, people would comment on how Caruso broke glass with his voice.

Corelli, a six-foot, very handsome and talented singer, was also rumored to have the same vocal capacity. Not only did he sing well, but the great wind that issued from him could hurt you if you stood too close. This quality was looked upon as a miracle in the age before electronic amplification. It is a miracle even today, except that engineers can duplicate it without the need for lungpower. Singing today with proper amplification can produce a great electric display from the merest candle.

The very essence of singing had been the ability of the singer to project a powerful sound even in the most unfriendly opera house. The old Metropolitan in New York was a notable hole, where sounds were often swallowed and whole performances had to be specially fitted so that voices would not be overcome by the coldness of the hall. In comparison, the Metropolitan Opera in Philadelphia, at Broad and Poplar streets, was often noted for its acoustical warmth and was used as a classical recording venue until very recently.

Audiences had no trouble understanding who was great, based upon the ability of the singer to overcome the technological limitations of concert halls or ancient recording processes. Caruso shouted into a tin horn in order to make all of his recordings, and his voice, limited through the frequency response of acoustic recording, still managed to thrill millions. Even today, listening to Caruso on the original equipment is far more thrilling than listening to digital. This is because the modern amplification process has cut-off devices when voice becomes painfully powerful. In the old days that capacity did not exist. Old recordings could not handle explosive sound. But they could not filter them either and so audiences got a small echo of unfiltered sound. The sound was less accurate but more truthful.

When Corelli sang, usually with much beauty, audiences knew they were listening to a huge tree of a man. A large trunk, tall and with the internal capacity to produce both sound and wind that passed through the thickest concert halls and thrilled the top balconies. I have no doubt the engineers had to tone down their amplification systems when he sang. Audiences had only to hear him to know the power of his voice and that what they were hearing was the unvarnished power of the greatest of human voices.

The age of Corelli was eclipsed by the Pavarotti mania, which is itself in the process of replacement these days. Pavarotti is a great artist. He is not in the same stylistic mode as Corelli. Pavarotti is a lyric tenor (lighter and sweeter) and Corelli and Caruso were dramatic (deeper). Both of them, because they are great singers, used Caruso at the yardstick.

Legends are often as much about overcoming the ordinary events of our lives as they are about extraordinary feats. Technology is part of our times. Corelli and Caruso existed in an age where technology was secondary to talent. Pavarotti was smart enough to recognize that immortality still
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depended on the ability to overcome the limitation placed on talent by modern technology.
Those who mourn Corelli need never miss the sound of his voice, for he is well represented in the current record catalog. In opera after opera, the sound of that bottomless voice seemed to echo from caverns and pierce the air for miles. The sound of raw talent, easily identified and in no need of help from anyone.
I had an elderly neighbor who fled from the czar and could remember seeing

the great Feodor Chaliapin sing “Boris” in Russia. For as long as I knew that neighbor, he never tired of re-enacting the death scene for me as we were walking our dogs. And I never tired watching him do it, because the experience has been one so indelible that the glory of it lasted, even if the reproduction quality was flawed.
The glory of Franco Corelli, a real man who filled the air with a mighty sound, will never die until the last waves of sound created by him reach the end of the universe.

—Mark W. Krohn, a sole practitioner and advisory editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter, has been writing about the arts and media since 1973.

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and how they rate in comparison to similar firms. Free seminars are also available to cover these relevant and timely topics.
“We are very pleased to continue our relationship with the Philadelphia Bar through 2006,” said James LaRosa, president of JuriStaff. “We feel that this been a great partnership for both JuriStaff and the Association, and in continuing, we have the ability to build upon our prior four years of service and with programs that are already in place.”
JuriStaff plans more specialized programs that will cater to the specialized needs of the Association’s many sections and committees.
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FEASTS TO FAMINE

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“prime rib” type of dinner, try instead roasted bison loin, braised cabbage and sausage chowchoute, potato and horseradish cream sauce ($23). The latter makes the former seem like bland canned food. Bison loin is rich, red and lean. It tastes like the combination of a well-aged juicy porterhouse filet and a perfectly cooked ostrich breast. The cabbage and sausage bring spikes of molded garlic and pepper to the palate. The potato-horseradish combo brings comfort and tang. A lone baby carrot adds sweet humor. The probability of tasting all these ingredients at once is only worth betting on at Django. Bring your own best burgundy as a complement.
Moreover, whenever the entrées include “goat cheese gnocchi,” “tangled lobster,” “spicy apples,” “almond milk” or “crispy tentacles,” you can bet the house.
And finally, the best dessert for last. It will be difficult to avoid the hazelnut madeleine cakes, coffee ice cream and creamy butteryscotch sauce ($6), or a candied orange crème brûlée and crispy phyllo Napoleon in vanilla sauce ($7). Notwithstanding, don’t hesitate to obtain the artisan cheese tasting plate, honey, nuts, dried fruits and toasted crostons ($11).
Aimee presents her cheese selections as if they were characters in a play, with identifiable personalities. “This has a buttery complexion from a late summer wheel,” she summarily intones, pointing to the top of a round plate with an eneam of chosen cheeses, “while this one is brusque from Connecticut where the grass is really green.” Her joyful monologue mentions “the Netherlands,” “Normandy,” “English Stilton” and “aged in the Pyrenees.”
“Start at one o’clock for the mildest, and simply head clockwise toward the sharpest,” she counsels. I can only advise that time cures all.
If you were to put BEST & BYOB & PHILADELPHIA as your Westlaw query, there’d be one result: “Django” OMNE TRINUM EST PERFECTUM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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.

Thursday, Jan. 1

New Year’s Day – Bar Association offices closed.
Day After New Year’s – Bar Association offices closed.

Philadelphia Bar Foundation Board of Directors – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

Family Law Section – meeting, 4 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Tuesday, Jan. 6

Philadelphia Bar Foundation Board of Directors – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

Wednesday, Jan. 7

Delivery of Legal Services Committee – meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.
State Civil Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Thursday, Jan. 8

Civil Rights Committee – meeting, 12:15 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.
Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee – meeting, 12:15 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.
Legislative Liaison Committee – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.
Committee of the Legal Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room.
Chancellor’s Reception – 5 p.m., Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets. Free to attend; no RSVP required.

Friday, Jan. 9

Women’s Rights Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.
Fee Disputes Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Committee Room South.

Monday, Jan. 12

Business Law Section – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Tuesday, Jan. 13

Criminal Justice Section Executive Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

Wednesday, Jan. 14

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

Thursday, Jan. 15

Philadelphia Bar Foundation Finance Committee – meeting, 8:30 a.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.

Women in the Profession Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

Friday, Jan. 16

Social Security and Disability Benefits Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.
The Philadelphia Lawyer magazine Editorial Board – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Monday, Jan. 19

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Bar Association offices closed.

Tuesday, Jan. 20

Board of Governors Cabinet – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

Wednesday, Jan. 21

Workers’ Compensation Section Executive Committee – meeting, 10:30 a.m., 11th floor Committee Room.

Workers’ Compensation Section – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.
Federal Courts Committee – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Thursday, Jan. 22

Lawyer Referral and Information Service Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Committee Room.

Friday, Jan. 23

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

Tuesday, Jan. 27

Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

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

Wednesday, Jan. 28

Business Litigation Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

Thursday, Jan. 29

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


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Elliott R. Feldman, a senior member of Cozen O’Connor, was recently honored by the National Association of Subrogation Professionals (NASP) at its 2003 Conference. Feldman, who serves on NASP’s Board of Directors and who was national chair for the conference “Celebrate Subrogation,” received the President’s Award for his continuous dedication and significant contributions to the association.

Bennett G. Picker, former Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association and a partner at Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP, was a plenary speaker and facilitator at the two-day American Bar Association National Institute on advanced mediation and advocacy skills training in Philadelphia on Nov. 21 and 22.

James E. Elam, a partner with Elam Reavis, LLP, was featured in Philadelphia magazine’s “IT” list as one of 22 people to follow in Philadelphia.

G. Lawrence DeMarco, a partner with DeMarco & DeMarco, P.C., addressed students at Temple, Drexel and West Chester Universities on the civil and criminal ramifications of sexual assault and date rape during October and November.

David M. Laigle, a shareholder with Miller, Alfano & Raspani P.C., presented “A Legal Primer: Introduction to Compliance and Health Care Fraud” at the recent American Academy of Ophthalmology’s annual meeting in Anaheim, Calif.

John R. Washlick, a member of Cozen O’Connor, was a featured speaker at the second annual Mid-Atlantic Health Care Compliance Conference on Nov. 17 and 18 at the Borgata Hotel in Atlantic City, N.J.

Ian M. Comisky, a partner at Blank Rome LLP, moderated the program “Guidelines Under Attack – The Protect Act” on Dec. 10. The program was presented by the American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section, Section of Taxation and the Center for Continuing Legal Education.

William J. Levant, a partner with Kaplin Stewart Meloff Reiter & Stein, was a panelist at the seminar “Judgment Enforcement in Pennsylvania” on Nov. 15.

Heather C. Giordaniella, an associate with Miller, Alfano & Raspani P.C., was recently elected as vice president of the Temple University Owl Club Executive Board.

Stephen A. Sheller, founder and managing partner of Sheller, Ludwig & Badey, has been named to the Drexel University Board of Trustees. Sheller also was a co-presenter of “Individual Plaintiff Litigation as a Public Health Strategy” at the 2005 National Conference on Tobacco or Health in Boston on Dec. 11.

Howard Brod Brownstein, a principal of NachmanHaysBrownstein, Inc., made a presentation in Washington, D.C., to the Conseil National des Administrateurs et Mandataires Judiciaires, consisting of French bankruptcy judges and trustees. The presentation provided an overview of corporate renewal in the U.S., including bankruptcy process and out-of-court workouts. The visit of the Conseil, attended by representatives of the French Embassy to the U.S., was hosted by the American Bankruptcy Institute.

Debra Lee Bowers, an associate at Zarwin Baum DeVito Kaplan Schaer Toddy P.C., discussed the Pennsylvania Workers’ Compensation Act with employers and business owners on Dec. 5 in Lancaster, Pa.

James D. Rosener, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP, has been elected president of the Philadelphia Chapter of The National Association of Corporate Directors.

Roger J. Braunfeld, an associate with Blank Rome LLP, was honored by the Jewish Business Network of Lubavitch House at the annual Lights of Tomorrow honoree event on Dec. 10.

Beth Cohen, of counsel at Towers Perrin, recently received the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton Distinguished Alumna Award. The award was established to highlight the accomplishments of Wharton alumnae and to build a stronger bond between Wharton alumnae and the women on campus.

Samuel H. Pond, a partner with Martin, Banks, Pond, Lebicky & Wilson, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Federation of Injured Workers.

Joseph C. Crawford, a partner at Wolf, Block, Schor & Solis-Cohen LLP, has been inducted as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Jay Barry Harris, a senior partner with Fineman Krekstein & Harris, P.C., has been elected a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Mari Shaw, of counsel with Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP, was honored by the Philadelphia Business Journal as a one of the recipients of the Women of Distinction Award on Dec. 9.

William R. Sasso, chairman of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP, has been elected to the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau Executive Committee for a one-year term.

Stanton M. Lacks, principal of Lacks & Associates, recently appeared on the nationally syndicated Fox News program “Day Side with Linda Vester” as a panel commentator analyzing Pennsylvania juvenile law in the recent high school hazing case involving three varsity football players from Mepham High School in New York.

Barbara W. Mather, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP, has been selected as the first woman to chair the Swarthmore College Board of Managers.

Philip L. Hinerman, a partner with Fox Rothschild LLP, has been elected vice president of the Pennsylvania Resources Council. A nonprofit citizen’s action organization founded in 1959, PRC serves as an important link between industry, government and grass-roots organizations, facilitating dialogue to seek solutions to environmental problems.

Richard C. DeMarco, an associate with Klehr, Harrison, Harvey, Branzburg & Ellers LLP, was recently selected to be a faculty member at the National Business Institute Seminar “Practical Guide to Zoning and Land Use in Pennsylvania.”

Kevin B. Scott, a partner with Fox Rothschild LLP, was a moderator of a panel discussion titled “Interest Rate Swaps: A Primer” held at Bear Stearns in New York on Dec. 5. The program, presented by the Pennsylvania Association of Bond Lawyers, dealt with the economics and legal aspects of swaps in general, with a review of recent amendments to the Local Government Unit Debt Act.

Douglas F. Schleicher, a partner with Klehr, Harrison, Harvey, Branzburg & Ellers LLP, was a faculty member at the National Business Institute Seminar “Emerging Issues in Delaware Indoor Air Quality and Toxic Mold Litigation.”

Names Are News

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