Judicial Independence, Outreach to Members Top Dalton’s Agenda

Sayde J. Ladov, a partner at Abrahams, Loewenstein & Brushman, P.C., has been elected Vice Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association. Ladov (1,543 votes) defeated Alexander Kerr (1,421 votes) in the Tuesday, Dec. 5 election. Ladov will serve as Vice Chancellor in 2007, Chancellor-Elect in 2008 and Chancellor in 2009.

Jacqueline G. Segal (1,632 votes), Rosemary Pinto (1,575), Gaetan J. Alfano (1,496), Wesley R. Payne (1,439) and Michael B. Hayes (1,334) were elected to three-year terms on the Board of Governors. Also receiving votes were Karen L. Deitmer (1,214), Natalie Klyashtorny (924) and Shelley R. Smith (915).

The following candidates for Bar offices ran unopposed and will be serving in 2007:

- Judicial independence, outreach to membership, and positioning the legal sector as a vital part of the Philadelphia business community will be the top priorities of Jane L. Dalton as she serves as the Association’s 80th Chancellor in 2007.

Dalton outlined her agenda for the upcoming year at the Association’s Annual Meeting at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue before a crowd of nearly 500 people on Dec. 5. “These initiatives will benefit every one of you sitting in this room and every one in our legal community,” said Dalton, a partner at Duane Morris LLP. Dalton is the fourth woman to serve as Chancellor of the 205-year-old Bar Association. Dalton’s term begins on Jan. 1.

‘The freedom we enjoy as Americans depends, above all, on our courts. This most vulnerable branch of our government is being attacked. The judges cannot speak out and defend themselves. We can and we must. I applaud (Immediate-Past Chancellor) Alan Feldman for leading the effort to protect our judges. I support (Vice Chancellor) Sayde Ladov’s efforts to focus on judicial independence. Judges are our first line of defense to protect our freedoms’,” said Dalton.

Meet New Chancellor at Jan. 9 Reception

All members of the legal community are invited to attend a reception on Tuesday, Jan. 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. in honor of Jane L. Dalton, 80th Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association. Dalton is a partner at Duane Morris LLP. 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 the city’s busiest and most successful attorneys patiently wait in line to wish their leader and each other good luck in the year ahead.

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Clifford E. Haines is a respected trial lawyer, former Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association and Director of Temple University’s Academy of Advocacy.
Frontline

The freedom we enjoy as Americans depends, above all, on our courts. Fair, impartial, diligent, and competent judges are essential to all of us, including business people attempting to enforce a contract, a tenant in a dispute with his landlord or a woman seeking protection from abuse or child support.

Speaking of elections, we will be electing two new justices to our Pennsylvania Supreme Court. New judges will be elected to the Superior and Commonwealth courts. And in Philadelphia, we will be electing new judges to the Court of Common Pleas and Municipal Court. Our role is to evaluate the candidates, not based on their political party or on the geographic location from which they come, but based upon their demonstrated legal ability and their commitment to the rule of law.

Before this year’s primary election, the Bar Association’s Judicial Commission will carefully and thoroughly evaluate the qualifications of candidates running for election to the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas and Municipal Court. Candidates for those judicial offices who do not participate in the Judicial Commission’s process are automatically “Not Recommended.” Candidates who do participate complete a detailed questionnaire: Each candidate is interviewed by an investigatory team of lawyers and lay people. The investigators then interview lawyers and judges identified by the candidate and lawyers and judges who are not suggested by the candidate. The information developed by the investigative team for each candidate is presented to the Judicial Commission. The candidate appears before the Commission after making a brief opening statement, the candidate answers questions posed by the Commission. The Judicial Commission then votes on whether to recommend each candidate. A decision of whether to recommend or not requires the votes of a majority plus one of the members of 17 votes.

The Judicial Commission is a diverse group of 10 members. Its membership is defined in the Bar Association’s by-laws to include the Chancellor, Chancello Elect and Vice Chancellor, the District Attorney of Philadelphia, the City Solicitor, the Chief Defender, the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the chair or certain specified sections and committees, the president judges of the Philadelphia Common Pleas and Municipal Court, presidents of certain minority bars and four “civilians” who are not members of the bar, among others. The Commission will publicize and advertise its ratings for the primaries in the spring. They will be posted on the Bar’s Web site. But, we need to do a better job at educating the public.

The freedom we enjoy as Americans depends, above all, on our courts. Fair, impartial, diligent, and competent judges are essential to all of us, including business people attempting to enforce a contract, a tenant in a dispute with his landlord or a woman seeking protection from abuse or child support. A recent poll showed that more people knew the names of the Three Stooges.

Clearing the Record

January is a time of New Year’s resolutions and new beginnings. It is with great excitement that I begin my term as the 80th Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association. My resolution for 2007 is to do my best to serve our members and our community. Our Association, through its members and its programs, can really make a difference in the lives of its members and in the lives of the people of Philadelphia.

In 2007 there will be many new beginnings in our city and in our commonwealth. Philadelphia will be electing a new mayor in 2007. There are many important questions facing the mayoral candidates. How do they propose to confront the serious issues facing our city? How can we stop gun violence? How can we ensure that the Philadelphia public schools receive sufficient funding to provide the education that is needed for our children to have the tools necessary to be successful as college students and working adults? How can we attract new businesses to Philadelphia to assure a strong economic base for increased prosperity in the city? The issues facing the voters today are of fundamental importance to this city’s future.

What is the role of the Philadelphia Bar Association? We can provide a forum for the candidates to discuss and explain their views on these and other important issues. As lawyers we can ask the tough questions. We can analyze and evaluate the answers. We can educate our friends and families and continue on page 21

Tell Us What You Think!

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Updates Under Way for 2007 Legal Directory

The annual process of updating the more than 10,000 attorney and law firm listings in The Legal Directory is nearing completion. If you are responsible for reviewing information on your firm and its attorneys, and have not received your update packet, call (410) 828-0120, extension 305. Solo practitioners and non-resistant firm-based attorneys will be contacted; the deadline for their updates is Jan. 12.
People who do not speak English as a primary language will have access to interpreters in legal proceedings thanks to a bill supported by the Bar Association and signed into law by Gov. Edward G. Rendell on Nov. 29.

"Access to the court system for our immigrants promotes two things - justice and economic development," said former Chancellor Andrew A. Chirls, who was instrumental in getting the legislation moving in Harrisburg. "When people know they can come to Pennsylvania and use the legal system that reinforces their rights at home and in their economic transactions, it helps us to grow. We want people to play by the rules and prosper; the system that enforces the rules has to be accessible to those people," Chirls said.

Chirls credited the hard work of the Bar Association and other organizations for the bill becoming law. "Paul Uyehara at Community Legal Services and Art Read at Friends of Farmworkers put endless hours into talking with legislators and staffs. Our language access task force, headed by Shira Goodman, and the Intergovernment Commission on Gender and Racial Bias made the case for language access over many months," Chirls said. "I am looking forward to how the availability of interpreters is going to develop. The First Judicial District has been a leader in this field. The Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts seems to have plans in place for certification of interpreters and training of county court personnel, and I am confident that it is really going to work," he said.

Gov. Rendell told KYW Newsradio 1060 that the new law will ensure that those with limited proficiency in English will be provided with certified translators. "This bill is necessary because we know that some of those called to testify do not always speak English and adequate interpreters are not always available. Again, in some areas of the state they are, but it is not uniform. Former Chancellor Chirls put it this way: 'Justice is blind, but her ears must not be closed to those who do not speak English well," Gov. Rendell said.

The Board of Governors approved a resolution in 2003 concerning equal access to courts and administrative agencies by limited English proficient persons and persons with disabilities.

After the board approved the resolution, Chirls visited with legislators in 2004 and 2005 to have the proposal turned into law. Chirls said he worked with Association lobbyist Tony Crisci on drafting points and technical amendments to the legislation. "We were constantly letting the governor and legislature know we viewed this as an important priority," Chirls said.

He added that this is the first recommendation of the Interbranch Commission that has become law.
The Practice Technology Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association has announced its meeting schedule for 2007, the first year of existence for the Committee and the newly created Law Practice Management Division. The Practice Technology Committee focuses upon ways that Bar Association members and their staff can learn, work with and implement computers, software and other technology to make their practices more efficient.

Carl G. Roberts, a partner with Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, will discuss “E-Discovery/The New Federal Rules of Civil Procedure” at the Committee’s inaugural meeting on Thursday, Jan. 18 in the Bar Association’s 11th Floor Conference Center. Roberts has considerable experience in electronic discovery issues and document management retention policies and practices. He regularly counsels clients on such issues and the new federal rules of e-discovery, and has spoken at American Bar Association and industry conferences as well as continuing legal education courses. Roberts, who is the past-chair of the American Bar Association’s Law Practice Management Section and a member of the Task Force that created the Law Practice Management Division, will address the new federal rules and explain how they impact attorneys and their clients.

The Practice Technology Committee has a full slate of meetings for 2007 – to be held on the third Thursday of each month at the Bar Association’s 11th Floor Conference Center. The Committee’s Feb. 15 meeting will focus on “Internet Research Tools” and will be presented by Dan Giancaterino of Jenkins Law Library.


“Internet Research Tools” by Dan Giancaterino

“Technology for the Non-Litigator” by Carl G. Roberts

“Setting Up a Law Office – Determining Your Technology Needs” by Carl G. Roberts

“E-Filing in the Court of Common Pleas” by Carl G. Roberts

“Malpractice Avoidance Through Technology” by Carl G. Roberts

“Blogs, Wikis and Other Ways to Use the Internet” by Carl G. Roberts

“Reducing Your Use of Paper – The "Paperless Office"” by Carl G. Roberts

“How to Do 90 Minutes of Work in 60 Minutes” by Carl G. Roberts

“Technology Management – A Discussion for Firms of All Sizes” by Carl G. Roberts

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For more information about the Committee, contact Carl G. Roberts (cgroberts@ballardspahr.com or 215-864-8120) or Daniel J. Siegel (dan@danieljsiegel.com or 610-446-5457). For more information about the Law Practice Management Division, contact the Bar Association at (215) 238-6370.
January is a great time for resolutions, for thinking of the past and planning for the future. In December, the Philadelphia Bar Foundation announced its annual grant making for 2006. The Foundation awarded grants in excess of $425,000, a 14 percent increase over the prior year. Grants were given to 56 legal service agencies in Philadelphia, including one new recipient.

An increase of 14 percent in one year, and yet we still are hardly scratching the surface.

Nationally, the Legal Services Corporation reports that only 20 percent of those in need actually are able to gain access to legal services. That means that 80 percent of the needy have no access to justice. Senior citizens, children, the homeless, immigrants, abused women and so many others suffer silently without the means or ability to access our judicial system.

We must do better. We can do better. We will do better. Working together we can increase the number of legal services organizations that have our corporate community to make access to justice for all in need a reality. To achieve these goals, the Bar Foundation will be executing several initiatives.

First, we will expand on the success of the Raising the Bar Campaign which in its inaugural year saw more than 130 law firms pledge $500 per attorney as a contribution to our legal service community. We raised nearly $1.5 million through this effort. That represents an increase of more than 10 percent over law firm contributions to our legal service agencies in prior years. The Bar Foundation and the Bar Association, under the leadership of our new Chancellor Jane L. Dalton, will jointly work to increase the number of law firms participating and will reach out to our corporate law departments to join the campaign.

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If you are a member of the YLD, I want to know how our division can make your life easier and more enjoyable. My goal this year, as your chair, is to diversify our events and programs so that the YLD attracts the full gamut of its members, from the recent law school graduate who is a freshly minted attorney to the 37-year-old attorney who has been a part of the profession for more than a decade.

Although our division consists of about 2,300 members, I would say that our division has between 300 and 500 active members. This is clearly unacceptable on so many levels. In order to ensure the future success and vitality of our Bar Association, the YLD must find ways to get these other members involved.

That is the reason why I am asking for all members of our division to take that mutual leap of faith to make the YLD grow. If you are already an active member, I hope for your continued service and participation. If this is new to you, I assure you that the YLD can meet both your professional and personal needs.

Our first event this year is a free happy hour on Jan. 25 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Glenlivet City Links, a 10,000-square-foot indoor golf course modeled after the famous St. Andrews course in Scotland. The golf course is located inside 855 Chestnut St. At the happy hour, members can sign up to join the various planning committees for events and programs being planned by the YLD for the upcoming year.

As a preview, you should know about two exciting new programs that the YLD has in store for you.
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Women in the Profession Committee

Survey: Not Enough Women at Top Levels of Law Firms

by Heather J. Holloway

Women are well represented at the lower level of the law firm structure, but their numbers decline when examining partnership positions, the former president of the National Association of Women Lawyers told the Women in the Profession Committee.

Lorraine Koc, vice president and general counsel of the Deb Shops, addressed the committee on Nov. 28 regarding the recent NAWL survey. Koc defined the survey as the first edition of an annual survey that seeks to identify the positions that women lawyers hold at every level of the law firm structure, including governance and compensation. The comprehensive survey was sent to the AmLaw 200 and NAWL received 105 responses and was limited only to law firms.

Survey results show that women are well represented at the lower level of the law firm structure. Women account for 45 percent of associates. There is a decline, however, as results are tracked up the ranks. Women account for only 28 percent of counsel, 26 percent of non-equity partners and 16 percent of equity partners. Few surveys that have been conducted by other organizations distinguish between equity and non-equity partners.

Koc identified the 50/15/15 problem. Women account for approximately 50 percent of law school students but for only approximately 15 percent of equity partners and 15 percent of chief legal officers. NAWL has issued a challenge to double these figures. Koc quoted statistics that imply that the numbers have increased over time. When the numbers are evaluated based on the year of graduation, the results show that women who graduated prior to 1980 account for 9.5 percent of equity partners. Graduated between 1980 and 1990 account for 19 percent of equity partners. Those who graduated between 1990 and 1995 account for 21 percent of equity partners. Although Koc noted that those who graduated in or after 1996 are still being considered for partnership, preliminary figures show that women in this category account for 24 percent of equity partners.

The study also distinguishes between firms that have a one-tier and those that have a two-tier partnership track. Women account for 17 percent of equity partners in firms utilizing a one-tier track but only 13 percent of equity partners at firms using a two-tier track. This is a figure that Koc described as statistically significant. Generally speaking, there is a lower percentage of women partners if you consider both equity and non-equity partners. Further, women make up only 16 percent of the governing committees and 5 percent of managing partners. Although she noted that the response rate to the survey was more than 50 percent, fewer firms responded to questions regarding compensation. Twenty-seven firms provided the median level of compensation for non-equity partners and 33 firms provided the median level of compensation for equity partners. With regard to non-equity partners, the distinction was described as statistically insignificant. The median compensation level for female non-equity partners is $207,000 compared to $229,000 for their male counterparts. The distinction was described as statistically significant for equity partners, where the median compensation level for women is $429,000 compared to $510,000 for their male counterparts.

Heather J. Holloway, an associate at Thorp Reed & Armstrong, LLP, is an associate editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.
When Sharon Browning took over as executive director of Philadelphia VIP five years ago, she spent the first several months “just listening.”

“I wanted to get a feel for things and find out what people wanted and needed from VIP,” she said. Now, as she steps aside from VIP, Browning will be “just listening” all the time. She’s establishing Just Listening as an effort to seek out and intensely listen to people living on the social margins, exploring their thoughts and beliefs about justice, systemic equality/inequality, fairness and the common good.

“Personally, I see other things that need to be done and can’t do them if I’m at VIP. What I want to do is not outside the mission, but it’s coming at it from another angle,” she explained.

Browning’s organization will listen deeply and profoundly to marginalized individuals and groups about issues of justice. After listening and attempting to achieve a deeper understanding, the project will explore ways both of empowering these voices to speak and of facilitating the hearing of what is articulated.

“Our own legal system has become increasingly preoccupied with the satisfaction of the demands of the process, rather than justice. Access to justice for people living on the social margins continues to be severely limited. Only a small percentage of the legal needs of poor people are met; estimates range from 6 to 20 percent of the need. The scarce and diminishing resources of legal services programs necessitate the reliance upon the pro bono efforts of the private bar to supplement their own.

“Recently, I’ve been told by several clients that they thought our organization was the most important thing that has happened in their lives. They’re saying things like ‘This is the first time that I’ve ever had a lawyer in my corner.’ And that’s really heartening. It gives me hope. I think it’s really about access to justice.”

“Sharon has been a passionate advocate for the rights of the underprivileged. She believes we’re all entitled to equal access to justice and she’s made sure it happens at VIP,” said Thomas E. Zemaitis, president of VIP’s Board of Directors.

“She’s led VIP very effectively for the past five years. She’s worked hard with all the public interest organizations in a collaborative and successful way to keep Philadelphia in the lead for pro bono services. She’s an incredibly warm and wonderful person to get to know. We’re going to miss her,” Zemaitis said.

Browning treasures her time at VIP. She’ll stay on until a new executive director is selected, probably until March. “I’ve really learned a lot about the role of the private bar about providing legal services to low income people. And VIP is in really good shape to continue that mission. It’s been really fun. It’s just time to do other things at this point,” she said.

VIP, Browning said, is “such a valuable, necessary part of this access to justice process. It’s wonderful to have had a role in stabilizing it and helping it grow.”
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Two Honored for Long Service to Association

by Jeff Lyons

Two men known for their long service to the Association were honored in separate events in conjunction with the Association’s Annual Meeting and Election on Dec. 5.

Executive Director Kenneth Shear, celebrating 30 years in his position, was presented with the Philadelphia Bowl at the Annual Meeting at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue. Henry G. Lunardi, judge of Bar Association elections, was honored by Association staff members during his final election on Dec. 5.

The honors for Shear were a surprise. Chancellor Alan M. Feldman told the audience, “If he had known we were planning to recognize his years of service today, I don’t think he would have cooperated, so we didn’t tell him. But we can’t let this milestone pass without some small ceremony.”

Feldman looked back to the beginning of Shear’s career with the Association. “In 1976, Gerald Ford was president of the United States and a mysterious disease struck an American Legion convention at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel. The movie ‘Rocky’ was introduced and lawyers now in their third year of practice had not yet even been born. Also in 1976, a young man armed with his recently earned graduate degree in political science applied to Smart’s University and started his new career.”

Feldman said Shear has served 30 chancellors and other bar leaders, while presiding over dynamic growth and development of the association. Shear has earned a “truly national reputation as truly one of the smartest and best executive officers of any bar association in America. Like my predecessors, I have learned to consult closely with him on every matter of significance and to value his counsel and mature judgment. It’s not easy to go to the same job every day for 30 years and remain as fresh, energetic and inspired as you were on day one. But our executive director is a very special fellow. And we are the beneficiaries of his extraordinary talents,” Feldman said.

Shear was presented with the Philadelphia Bowl, a gift that he presented to many guests of the Association. The bowl contains the inscription “Kenneth Shear, in recognition of 30 years of innovative and devoted service to the Philadelphia Bar Association.”

Lunardi’s gift was a thank you from Association staff members who have been treated to cocktails and other sweets from Lunardi over the years during the election.

Prisoner Advocates Accept Wachovia Fidelity Award

by Jeff Lyons

Stephen D. Brown and Samuel W. Silver co-coordinators of the Prisoner Civil Rights Panel for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, accepted the Wachovia Fidelity Award at the Association’s Dec. 5 Annual Meeting.

The Wachovia Fidelity Award is presented annually by the Association to individuals who have helped improve the administration of justice and exhibited faithfulness to the profession. “It is one of the most significant awards presented by this association,” said Award Committee Chair Ezra Wohlgelernter.

Steve and Sam have for the past decade helped to ensure that federal prisoners have access to able and capable counsel. “We’ve all read about the 8th Amendment. But the 8th Amendment means nothing when a prisoner has only himself to represent in a claim against him that imprisons him for excessive force, violence or deprivation of constitutional rights,” Wohlgelernter said.

“And these folks who require their services have been able and capable representation. Sam and Steve have helped out with the prisoner panel for the Eastern District not only by volunteering themselves and members of their firms but recruiting others to serve as panel attorneys representing indigent defendants. I speak today on behalf of those prisoners, those members of our society who have been downtrodden, forgotten and discarded, who look with hope to a better day, thanks to our two honorees,” he said.

“The real honor to me and Steve is to be a part of the prisoner panel civil rights program,” said Silver, a partner at Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP. “It’s the panel and the broad group of people who make it work who are truly worthy of this award. The prisoner civil rights panel is a remarkable, unique program, initiated by Judge Edmund Ludwig. We’ve continued on page 20
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ing the Association this past year in steadfast support of our judges and I pledge to continue that support. Our judges must be free to render decisions based on the rule of law without fear of reprisal,” she said, adding that the public needs to be educated about the importance of a system where cases are decided on the rule of law, not by bias or outside pressure.

Dalton said the Association’s Judicial Commission will carefully and thoroughly evaluate the qualifications of Philadelphia judicial candidates and judges running for retention in 2007. “We will publicize and advertise the Commission’s ratings and strongly urge the election of ‘recommended’ candidates. The Commission’s recommendations will help the citizens of Philadelph ia make informed decisions on Election Day. She said attorneys can help the public with their decisions by sharing the commission’s recommendations with voters.

Another challenge for Dalton will be to get young lawyers involved with the Association. “If they don’t start their careers being active in the Association, chances are they probably are not ever going to become active members. Experience tells us that in our profession, we don’t get any less busy as the years go by. We must engage our young lawyers right away,” she said.

Dalton said pro bono can be used to help keep the best and brightest law students in the region. “Every one of our area’s law schools has a program for students to assist in legal research on pro bono matters. The law schools are actively looking for lawyers who need their students’ legal research. The Association is developing a page on its Web site where lawyers can ask the law schools to identify a student to help with legal research on pro bono projects. Every year our lawyers help thousands of people and organizations by volunteering their legal services. I challenge every one of you to volunteer for at least one pro bono matter this year, just one. At the same time, you can be assisted by a law student. Our community and the justice system will benefit by the increased number of volunteers for pro bono cases. And the students will benefit by developing relationships with practicing lawyers and seeing the benefits of practicing law in Philadelphia,” she said.

In 2006, the Business Law Section instituted a working relationship with Temple Law School students, who were encouraged to assist with projects such as legal research, drafting, and editing. “The Business Law Section intends to expand this project to other law schools. In 2007, I will call on other sections to appropriate projects for law students. These students are tomorrow’s partners and bar leaders. It is our responsibility to guide them in the practice of law, to school them in the Association’s long tradition of pro bono service, and to encourage them to practice in Philadelphia.”

Dalton also called for the Association’s support of the diverse lawyers in the community, noting “there are not enough women and minorities in positions of power in our profession. When I entered the University of Pennsylvania Law School, I was one of 22 women in a class of 220. Today almost half of the law students are women and one quarter are minorities. This increase has not resulted in a similar increase in the numbers of women and minority partners.”

She said a recent ABA study shows that in 2004 almost half of the associates in private law firms were women and 15 percent were attorneys of color, but only 17 percent of law partners were women and only 4 percent were attorneys of color. “I have asked the Women in the Profession and the Minorities in the Profession Committees to make special efforts to communicate with every new member of the Association to invite and encourage their participation in Association events. Through these committees we have our best chance to mentor and support women and minorities,” Dalton said.

Dalton also talked about the importance of the legal profession to the city economy. “According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Philadelphia law firms generate annual wages in excess of $6.6 billion and annual city wage tax payments in excess of $60 million. A recent Bar Association survey found that almost half of the attorneys who work in Philadelphia live in Philadelphia. And Philadelphia law firms account for an astounding 72 percent of the business privilege taxes paid by profession al services firms. That’s about $66 mil lion per year to the city.” She said the Association will develop additional economic analyses to provide specific data to increase the impact of our testimony before City Council on the importance of continuing reforms to Philadelphia’s tax structure, particular ly the business privilege tax.

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Dalton concluded with a call for members to become more active in the Association. “One of my favorite authors, the prophet Kahlil Gibran, said, ’You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.’ During this next year I ask that you give your time, and special talents to our Association. I pledge to give all that I have to the office of Chancellor.”

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in their positions on Jan. 1: Secretary, John E. Savoth; Assistant Secretary, Kathleen D. Wilkinson, Treasurer, Scott F. Cooper, and Assistant Treasurer, Jeffrey M. Lindy.

Ladov served as Secretary of the Board of Governors from 2002 to 2004 and Assistant Secretary from 1999 to 2001. She was a member of the Board of Governors from 1996 to 1998. She served as co-chair of the 2005 Bench-Bar Conference and chaired the Lawyer Referral & Information Service Committee from 1996 to 1999 and 2005 and 2006. She was co-chair of the LRIS Committee in 2001 and 2002 and was co-chair of the Women in the Profession Committee in 2004. In the race for Executive Committee of the Young Lawyers Division, Heather A. Suydam Herrington (380 votes), Abbie Y. Duffayne (564), Joshua B. Ryan (327), Henry Tamposky (1254), David M. Koller (1208), Abigail R. Schiller (1260) and Jennifer Segal Coatsworth (1258) were elected to three-year terms. Richard Vanderslice (1255), Danny Cevallos (1675), Joshua Burg (1355) and Michael Z. Mandale (1191) also received votes.
Sections, YLD, Committees Mark Holidays

Alexis Walter (from left), YLD Vice Chair Scott P. Sigman, Jennifer Coatsworth, Walt Coatsworth, Hannah Nochumson and YLD Chair Alan Nochumson enjoy the YLD Holiday Party at Cuba Libre in Old City on Nov. 28.

Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Orphan’s Court Administrative Judge Joseph D. O’Keefe joins Probate and Trust Law Section Chair Mary Jane Barrett and Vice Chair Kathleen Stephenson at the Section’s Nov. 28 Annual Reception at the Atrium of the Crystal Tea Room in the Wanamaker Building. The Section held a CLE session and annual meeting prior to the reception.

Peter J. Weber received the Workers’ Compensation Section’s 7th Annual Martha J. Hampton Award at the Section’s Annual Reception Dec. 5 at the Pyramid Club.

Family Law Section Chair Jacqueline Segal presents the Herbert R. Weiman Jr. Award to Joseph McHugh at the Section’s Annual Dinner on Dec. 6 at Maggiano’s Little Italy. McHugh is manager of the Customer Service and Call Center at Family Court, Domestic Relations Branch.

The Business Law Section’s Bankruptcy Committee sponsored a reception for the U.S. Bankruptcy judges at the Union League on Dec. 7. Pictured from left are Committee Chair Kevin Buraks, Vice Chair Brad Sandler and Judges Jean K. FritzSimon, Eric Frank, Stephen Rastovich, Diane Sigmund (Chief Judge), Bruce I. Fox and Richard E. Fehling.
Public Interest Section Chair Jeffrey Campolongo presents the Section’s Andrew Hamilton Award to Tom Gilhool of the Public Interest Law Center at the Section’s 15th Anniversary Celebration on Dec. 6 at Loews Philadelphia Hotel.

Tax Section Chair Joseph E. Ronan Jr. and Vice Chair Joan Arnold enjoy a break at the Section’s Annual Meeting and Reception on Dec. 7 at the Rittenhouse Hotel. A CLE program was held before the meeting and reception at the Rittenhouse.

State Civil Litigation Section Co-Chairs William P. Fedullo (left) and Kathleen D. Wilkinson join Frank Checkovage at the Section’s Dec. 12 Annual Meeting and Reception at the Westin Philadelphia. Checkovage was honored for his work with the city’s dispute resolution center.

Immediate-Past Chancellor Alan M. Feldman (from left), Chancellor Jane L. Dalton, Rita Addessa and Lawrence S. Felzer meet at the Annual Reception for the Committee on the Legal Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men on Dec. 13 at Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll LLP. Addessa was presented with the committee’s Cheryl Ingram Advocate for Justice Award in honor of her advocacy on behalf of the community. Felzer is co-chair of the committee.

Criminal Justice Section Chair John Ryan (right) meets with Thurgood Marshall Award winner George H. Newman at the Section’s Annual Reception on Dec. 14 at Loews Philadelphia Hotel.

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Food for Thought: Get Involved, Have a Bite

by Sunah Park

Anyone who knows me knows that I love eating. I love eating in. I love eating out. I just love eating food. I take a lot of ribbing for it (someone once accused me of having a hollow leg), but what people do not realize is that food has gotten me where I am and I am utterly grateful.

Before I went to law school, I ran a restaurant in Center City with my sister. She did all the cooking. I did all the talking. At the restaurant, I had three square meals a day (sometimes five) so I never had to stock my refrigerator at home. Fast forward to 1999, when I started at my present firm. I had kept in touch with Diana Liu, an Asian-American partner at WolfBlock, whom I had met during on-campus interviews. She invited me to the Asian American Bar Association of the Delaware Valley’s annual fund-raiser – a 10-course Chinese banquet! I was in heaven.

I ended up meeting some wonderful people, ate a ton of great food and so I joined the organization. And behold, in 2001, I became president of the organization.

As president of AABADV, I also became very active in the Philadelphia Bar Association. I attended numerous bar meetings. Why? One, I was invited and two, they served food at the meetings. I went to committee meetings for lunch and went to events in the evening for dinner. As an associate editor at the Philadelphia Bar Reporter, I covered a lot of committee meetings when my managing editor figured out that all he had to do was tell me that lunch was served. In the process, I had the opportunity to meet some wonderful attorneys and judges. It reminded me of my days in the restaurant when I met people from all walks of life and all my meals were provided for.

During this time, I was honing my writing and advocacy skills but I was also encouraged by my firm to start marketing. Since no one told me otherwise, I decided that marketing had to involve a meal. Throughout the years, I got to meet incredibly accomplished people and eat at great restaurants in the city. It was the best combination of my two favorite activities: talking with people and eating. I loved marketing!

Many times, I’ve had young attorneys contact me to ask how I got to where I am. I usually arrange to meet with them over lunch or dinner. I tell them how I joined the Asian bar because I loved their banquets and met some nice people. I tell them how I became active in the Philly bar because they had so many events with food. I tell them that because I did it all out of love of eating, that is how I got to where I am.

I truly appreciate how fortunate I am that I have never missed a meal. I know that my father could not say the same growing up in Korea. He and my mother are happiest when they know that I’ve eaten. To them, the fact that I’ve eaten so well all these years is truly proof of my success. Is it any wonder that I am grateful?

If any of you are planning to attend the Chancellor’s Reception in honor of Jane Dalton on Jan. 9, I’ll see you there – it’s going to be a great spread!

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

BAR FOUNDATION

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pool by partnering with our corporate community. By solving the legal problems of the needy, we make our community a more livable, viable and attractive place to work. We will be reaching out to our local corporations not only for financial support but to work with us on developing programs and initiatives to better serve those in need in our community whether through technology, better financial management or creative alternatives to do more with less.

Third, we are in the process of developing tools to better communicate with you, our donors. Sadly, too many in our legal community do not know the mission of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, let alone its accomplishments. In 2007, the Bar Foundation will work to achieve greater visibility.

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Court Appointed Special Advocates; Disabilities Law Project; Education Law Center; Friends of Farmworkers; HIAS and Council; Homeless Advocacy Project; Juvenile Law Center; Legal Clinic for the Disabled; Special Academy in Philadelphia; Pennsylvania Health Law Project; Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center; Pennsylvania Immigrant Re-Source Center; Pennsylvania Institute for Child Advocates; Women Against Abuse; Women’s Law Project; and Volunteers in Medicine.

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In Their Own Words
Blaze Trails
With Diversity
By Dennis J. Morikawa

At the recent National Asian Pacific American Bar Association annual convention held in Philadelphia, I had the opportunity to reflect on my experiences as one of the first Asian-American attorneys in Philadelphia and one of the first Asian-American partners of a large Philadelphia law firm. As I had become a partner at Morgan Lewis in 1983, a group of us got together one evening and decided to form what later became the Asian American Bar Association of the Delaware Valley. At that time, our numbers were quite small—only about a dozen of us—but those who met that evening, including, among others, the late judge William J. Marutani, Taiwoen Law, Wendy Shiba, Judge Ida Chen and Tony Hom were committed to the idea that, in order for us to have a voice as Asian-American attorneys and to speak out on Asian-American issues, we needed an effective platform to accomplish those objectives. The AABADV became that platform.

Some 22 years later, as I sat at the podium of the National Constitution Center to receive a Trailblazers Award from NAPABA, I was humbled to look into the faces of more than 1,000 attorneys who had gathered to celebrate their achievements in the practice of law. At that moment, I realized that being a true trailblazer meant not just being the first person to do something but rather to be a person who was involved with and committed to the idea that our profession should not only welcome to its ranks people of color but also to help to create opportunities for them to succeed. In short, we should aspire to create and maintain an environment that reflects true diversity and which enables us to nurture the trailblazers of the future.

For me, the experience of participating in the NAPABA convention encouraged me to work harder within my own firm and within my community to focus on the recruitment and retention of people of color in the legal profession and never to lose focus of the people who helped blaze trails for me and others to follow. We should always be mindful of the group of Philadelphia attorneys who met in a restaurant almost 25 years ago to chart a course that all of us benefit from to this day. To me, they will always be the real trailblazers.

PRO BONO HONORS

Justice Warren's Life Revealed

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Reviewed by James D. Moran

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James D. Moran is a sole practitioner.

Dennis J. Morikawa, a partner at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP and incoming 2007 president of the Asian American Bar Association of the Delaware Valley.

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Very early in his term on the high court, Warren came face to face with the school desegregation cases and, to represent themselves in legal matters that can be quite complicated,” said Judge Fitzgerald. “There is a great need for free legal counsel on behalf of city residents in matters ranging from family law to personal finances and beyond. The recipients of this award have responded to the growing demand and have gone above and beyond the call.”

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What’s the Best Thing About Being a Lawyer?

“As a child, I loved playing with blocks. What lawyers do is very similar. As children, we were limited to using shapes and numbers of blocks yet we were building anything we wanted. As lawyers, we are confined in the boundaries of law yet we are creating and developing our own thesis and analysis for our clients. It’s exciting to see how our childhood game can transform into our profession.”

- Sehee Yun

“The best thing about being a lawyer is having the opportunity to learn about new industries and topics on a daily basis. Having a diverse practice allows me to inject some variety into each day, and for that I am always very grateful.”

- Paul H. Schultz

“One good thing is there’s never a dull moment - I’m never bored.”

- Alexis Arena

Deadline for Magistrate Judge Applications is Jan. 31

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the replacement of one full-time United States Magistrate Judge position for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia. The appointee may also be required to preside at court sessions to be held at Reading and Lancaster.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging, and will include: (1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the District Court; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants. The basic authority of the United States Magistrate Judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636.

To be qualified for appointment an applicant must:

1) Be, and have been for at least five years, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years; 2) Be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be emotionally stable and mature; be committed to equal justice under the law; be in good health; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness; 3) Be less than 70 years old; and 4) Not be related to a judge of the district court.

A merit selection panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the judges of the district court in confidence, at least five, but not more than 15 persons whom it considers best qualified. The court will make the appointment, following an FBI full-field investigation and IRS tax check of the applicant selected by the court for appointment. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified applicants, including women and members of minority groups. The current salary of the position is $151,984. The term of office is eight years.

Application forms and more information on the magistrate judge position in this court may be obtained from the District Court Web site at www.paed.uscourts.gov or by contacting the Clerk of the District Court at (267) 299-7089. Applications must be submitted only by potential nominees personally and must be received no later than close of business on Jan. 31, 2007. Submit completed applications to:

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Magistrate Judge Application

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclose, and all applications will be examined only by members of the Merit Selection Panel and the judges of the district court. The panel’s deliberations will remain confidential.

Harvey Bartle III, Chief Judge

Thanksgiving Drive

Volunteers from the Barristers’ Association of Philadelphia assemble baskets of food that were distributed to needy families during the Barristers’ 22nd Annual Thanksgiving Drive on Nov. 18 at the Cozen PAL Center in North Philadelphia. More than 500 baskets of food were distributed.
The first event is aptly called "Lawyerpa-looza." Simply stated, the YLD is looking for a few brave souls willing to show their musical talents to the legal community. This concert will be by lawyers for lawyers. Although the event is planned for October, we're already in the process of planning the event and need your help.

Also, this year, the YLD will be hosting a luncheon program series at the Bar Association called "3L: Live, Life and Law." At these lunches, the YLD will facilitate a discussion of the various issues confronting our community. We need topics in which you are interested. The proposed topics include: "The Ins and Outs of Buying Your First House;" "You're $100,000 in Debt, What Should You Do?;" "How to Build a Book of Business;" "How to Start a Law Firm;" "Basic Training for First-Year Associates;" "My Dream Job: What It Takes to Go In-House;" and "Two to Tango: Child Care Concerns for Attorneys."

Please stop by our Jan. 25 happy hour, enjoy drinks and food on us, take a few swings at the virtual golf course and learn more about our future events and programs.

Alan Nochumson, sole shareholder of Nochumson P.C., is chair of the Young Lawyers Division. He can be reached by e-mail at anochumson@nochumson.com or telephone at (215) 399-1346.

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been fortunate to have the chance to work with someone as committed to the cause of justice for all as Judge Ludwig."

Silver said the panel, which is made up entirely of volunteers, would be nothing without the many individual lawyers and law firms who have supported it in the most meaningful way possible. "And that's by giving your time and your talent to accept appointments. Without your generosity, the panel truly could not function."

"Our firms give enumerable hours to the panel each year, both by taking on panel cases to litigate and by taking Steve's time and mine so that we can serve as panel coordinators. Our firms are truly leaders in their commitment to public service," Silver said.

Brown, a partner at Dechert LLP, said Judge Ludwig and the members of the public interest committee of the federal court have created a win-win-win situation. "The court wins, because the cases move along faster. The clients win because they get excellent representation. And the lawyers win because they get an opportunity to try cases," he said.

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Brandes Society Festivities

Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Anne E. Lazarus presents the Brandes Law Society's Benjamin F. Levy Community Service Award to Harris T. Bock at the Society's annual Hanukkah Party on Dec. 14 at the Top of the Tower, 1717 Arch St.

Membership in the YLD is automatic for attorneys who meet the criteria and have paid the regular Bar Association annual dues. There is no additional fee to be a member of the YLD.

For more information about the YLD E-Zine or to subscribe, contact Amy Muldoon, Public Relations Coordinator, at amuldoon@philabar.org or call 215-238-6305.

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The Philadelphia Lawyer Chapter of the American Constitution Society invites you to a screening of:

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The Honorable Louis Pollak
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FRONTLINE continued from page 3 than know the names of the three branches of government. People who do not know the name of the judicial branch of government are not likely to understand the importance of voting for qualified candidates for judicial office. In addition, people who would like to vote often say that they did not vote in the primary for any of the judicial candidates because they did not know how to decide for whom to vote. We will extend our outreach and develop new techniques to increase the impact of our Judicial Commissioner’s ceremony to applaud local attorneys for their work in providing pro bono legal services. The award ceremony, which was attended by more than 150 attorneys and judges, represented the culmination of the Judicial Pro Bono Committee’s work throughout the year. Judges from every division within the First Judicial District nominated at- torneys they felt had provided “exemplary” pro bono services. Nominees were recognized for work on a single case, the length and depth of service, or for willingness to take on the most difficult cases given the least advance notice. A subcommittee, which consist- ed of judges and a member of the Bar nominated by the Chancellor, made the final selection of award recipients.

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The Roll of Honor was announced on Nov. 15 at the First Judicial District’s inaugural "Pro Bono Publico Award"

Wednesday, Jan. 10

Securities Regulation Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

Appellate Courts Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Thursday, Jan. 11

Public Interest Section Executive Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Board Room.
Solo and Small Firm Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

Legislative Liaison Committee – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.

Monday, Jan. 15

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Bar Association offices closed.
Ashley M. Chan, a shareholder with Hangley Aronchick Segal & Pudlin, recently received an award from the Homeless Advocacy Project in recognition of Outstanding Service as Coordinator of HAP’s Adopt-A-Shelter program.

Marc S. Raspanti, a founding partner of Milley Alfano & Raspanti, spoke at the American Bar Association’s "Health Care Fraud Enforcement: Insiders Predict the Future" on Nov. 15.

Nina B. Styrck, a partner with Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP, has been named as a fellow to the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

Deborah Epstein Henry, founder and president of Flex-Time Lawyers LLC and of counsel, Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, moderated "Re-entering the Legal Profession," sponsored by Pace University Law School and the Westchester Women’s Bar Association in Newark, N.J. on Nov. 3.

Gary M. Schildhorn, a shareholder of Adelman Levine Gold and Levin, PC, has been elected to the board of directors of A Better Chance—Lower Merion, a nonprofit organization providing eight deserving disadvantaged students with an education from Lower Merion High School as well as local housing.

Neil Stein, a partner in the law firm of Kaplin Stewart Meloff Reiter & Stein, PC, received the Montgomery County Lands Trust of Pennsylvania’s Montgomery County Green Futures 2006 Visionary Achievement Award.

Kevin B. Scott and Steven Ludwig of Fox Rothschild LLP recently presented at the Annual Pennsylvania College and University Attorney Meeting, hosted this year by St. Joseph’s University. The presentations were focused on matters of interest to the higher education community.

Sunah Park, a partner with Tharp Reed & Armstrong LLP, and editor-in-chief of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter, has been selected as one of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association’s Best Lawyers Under 40 for 2006.


J. Benny Shupe, a partner with Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, presented “Cleared Direct to Federal Court-Why Aviation Cases Are More Likely Than Other Types To Take Flight From State Court” at the Defense Research Institute’s 12th Annual Meeting on Oct. 15 in San Francisco.


Benjamin E. Zuckerman, a member of Cozen O’Connor, recently served as the featured speaker at the Jewish Employment and Vocational Service annual award luncheon, "Strictly Business.”

Gino J. Benedetti, a shareholder with Miller, Alfano & Raspanti, has been elected to the Police Athletic League of Philadelphia Board of Directors.

Marc P. Weingarten, a partner with the Locks Law Firm, was a speaker at the Mealey’s Silica and Asbestos Claims Conference on Nov. 9.

Jary Bay Harris, a senior partner at Fineman Krekstein & Harris, PC, recently spoke at the Property Loss/Liability Research Bureau program titled Critical Issues for Senior Insurance Executives and In-House Counsel. He recently was honored by DRI as the Voice of the Defense Bar as its outstanding committee chair at the group’s annual meeting in San Francisco.

Lisa R. Jacobs, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP, was a panelist for "Law Firms and Contract Drafting – A Gels Panel Discussion" at the University of Pennsylvania Law School on Nov. 16.

Micah U. Buchdahl, president of HTILawyers, Inc., was elected secretary of the American Bar Association’s Law Practice Management Section.

Christopher J. Huber, an associate with Pepper Hamilton LLP, discussed "The Legality of Torture" at the 18th Annual National Asian Pacific American Bar Association convention in Philadelphia on Nov. 9-12.

Gary A. Krimsstock, a partner at Fineman Krekstein & Harris, PC, presented a seminar to the Annual Conference of the Community Associations Institute, Greater Delaware Valley Chapter, at the Valley Forge Convention Center.

Michael H. Reed, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Temple University Alumni Association.

Stephen B. Stroup, a shareholder with Miller Alfano and Raspanti, PC, earned the designation of Certified Fraud Examiner from the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners on Nov. 7.

Murray S. Levin, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP and president of the Tort Law Commission of the Union Internationale des Avocats, was a featured speaker at the UIA’s 50th Annual Congress in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil on Oct. 31 through Nov. 4.

James A. A. Pabarue, a shareholder at Christie, Pabarue, Mortensen and Young, PC, was a course planner and participant in the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s Employment Law Update 2006 seminar in Philadelphia on Nov. 7.


Matthew R. Skolnik, an associate with Rosazel Less & Feldman, PC, has been elected to the board of directors of the City Center Residents’ Association of Philadelphia.

Stephen S. Sichelle, chairman of Saul Ewing LLP, has been appointed chair of the Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia.

William Stock, a founding partner of Klasko, Rulon, Stock & Seltzer LLP, was a featured speaker at the Employee Relations Council’s Global Workforce Symposium in Dallas.

Noel A. Fleming, an associate with Lundy Zareny Lofts, LLP, recently was appointed as a board member of the National Hemophilia Foundation, Delaware Valley Chapter.

Names Are News

“People” highlights news of members’ awards, honors or appointments of a civic or community nature: Information may be sent to Jeff Lyons, Managing Editor, Philadelphia Bar Reporter, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., 11th Floor, Philadelphia, Pa. 19101-2911. Fax: (215) 236-1267. E-mail: reporter@philabar.org. Photos are also welcome.
Duane Morris congratulates our partner

Jane Leslie Dalton
Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association

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