Building Membership, Long-Range Planning Among Garcia’s Goals

By Jeff Lyons

A focus on long-range planning, a quarterly meeting with a U.S. Supreme Court justice and enhancing membership value are among Rudolph Garcia’s goals for 2011, the new Chancellor told Bar Association members at the Dec. 7 Annual Meeting Luncheon.

“Our bar is the oldest association of lawyers in the United States. We were formed decades before the ABA and all of the other state and local bar associations in this country. And throughout the changing times, we have continued to grow and thrive. Today, we are one of the largest and most respected metropolitan bars in the world. For more than two centuries, we have promoted justice, professional excellence and respect for the rule of law. So, leading this great organization is more than just a privilege, it’s an enormous honor,” said Garcia, a shareholder with Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC.

“Tо paraphrase Winston Churchill, failing to plan is like planning to fail. So I am forming a Long-Range Advisory Council, to focus continuously on our long-term goals,” Garcia told the 400 people gathered at the Hyatt at The Bellevue.

Research Tool Fastcase Available in 2011

By Michael Petitti

Philadelphia lawyers practicing at firms with full Philadelphia-office membership in the Bar Association will soon enjoy the newest member benefit at no cost: Fastcase, the leading next-generation legal research service that puts a comprehensive national law library and powerful searching and visualization tools at users’ fingertips.

The online service will be available for member access in the first quarter of 2011.

“What sets Fastcase apart from traditional legal research services is its approach to search results,” said Chancellor Rudolph Garcia, who announced the new member benefit during his inaugural speech at the Association’s Annual Meeting Luncheon on Dec. 7. “In addition to the usual list of cases in response to a search, users can also see which cases are important and which are not. This makes it easier to find the right case.”

Chancellor’s Reception Jan. 5

All members of the Philadelphia legal community are invited to attend a complimentary reception on Wednesday, Jan. 5 from 5 to 7 p.m. in honor of Rudolph Garcia, 84th Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association, at the Hyatt at The Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets. No RSVP is necessary.

Insurance Savings

Save 5 percent on malpractice insurance with online seminar. Page 8.

Wilkinson to Become Chancellor in Jan. 2013

By Jeff Lyons


Jacqueline G. Segal, a partner with Fox Rothschild LLP, was elected assistant secretary on Dec. 7. The following candidates for Bar offices ran unopposed and began serving in their positions on Jan. 1: Sophia Lee, secretary; Joseph A. Prim Jr., treasurer; and Wesley R. Payne IV, assistant treasurer.

The following five candidates for Board of Governors were elected on Dec. 7 and began serving their terms on Jan. 1: Brian S. Chacker, Nikki Johnson-Huston, Scott W. Reid, Gina Furia Rubel and Marc J. Zucker.

The following seven candidates for the Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee were unopposed and began serving their terms Jan. 1: Jo Rosenberg Altman, Edward F. Beitz, Anthony H. Chwastyk, Joshu Harris, Brielle M. Rey, Christopher Sharp and Todd H. Zarnostien.
We are proud to congratulate our friend and colleague, Rudy Garcia, 2011 Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar.

“Leadership is the special quality which enables people to stand up and pull the rest of us over the horizon.”

~ James Fisher
Happy New Year!

Yes, 2011 is upon us. And not being a numerologist, I know not the significance of its commencement on 1/1/11. But I do know that the start of any new year is a natural time for reflection. So as I begin this year as Chancellor, I can’t help but reflect on why I have become so devoted to this Association of ours.

The short answer is that I am proud of all we do, and I know we can do even more.

Our Philadelphia Bar Association is unique in many ways.

We are the oldest association of lawyers in the United States. We were officially chartered in 1802, seven decades before the first state bar and almost eight decades before the American Bar Association.

Just think about that for a moment. When we started, our lawyers rode their horses to work and wrote with quill pens by candlelight. Our founders could never have imagined using the Internet to submit court filings or communicating with clients on BlackBerrys. Yet we have continued to adapt and thrive throughout the evolution of our society, even during the Civil War, two world wars and the Great Depression.

For more than two centuries, our bar has promoted justice, professional excellence and respect for the rule of law. We have a well-deserved reputation for innovative lawyering and public service. And the warm and cooperative relationship between our bench and bar is the envy of other lawyers.

We provide the opportunity for everyone to become integrated into the Philadelphia legal community and network with others in ways that improve their skills, build their practices and establish lasting new friendships.

We also speak for Philadelphia lawyers on issues affecting the profession, at the local, state and national levels, and even in some international forums. We have terrific publications, including this Philadelphia Bar Reporter, The Philadelphia Lawyer magazine and a variety of online newsletters. We also have a great website and an established social media presence on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and several blogs.

We also support more than 30 public interest organizations through the Philadelphia Bar Foundation and our Delivery of Legal Services Committee.

In addition, we screen judicial candidates through our Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention. In the last judicial election, The Philadelphia Inquirer urged everyone to vote only for candidates that our commission recommended, which was a pretty good endorsement of our screening process.

But with little fanfare, much of our best work is done in our sections and continued on page 16

The Philadelphia Inquirer
By Angie Halim

Jules Epstein, a professor at Widener University School of Law, presented an update on evidentiary law in the criminal context at the Nov. 30 meeting of the Criminal Justice Section.

The Pennsylvania Superior Court was recently tasked with analyzing the Supreme Court’s Crawford line of cases to determine whether statements presented by a police officer witness were testimonial in nature and, therefore, whether the defendant’s Sixth Amendment right under the confrontation clause was implicated. In Com. v. Abrue, 2010 WL 4160536 (Oct. 25, 2010), the Superior Court reversed the defendant’s conviction on the basis that out-of-court statements presented were admitted in violation of the defendant’s Sixth Amendment right to confront his accuser.

As a refresher, Epstein provided a brief primer on the Supreme Court’s Crawford line of cases. In Crawford v. Washington, 541 U.S. 36 (2004), the Supreme Court divided all statements given to the authorities into two categories: testimonial and non-testimonial. If statements are testimonial in nature, the confrontation clause of the Sixth Amendment is triggered and the defendant is entitled to cross-examine the declarant. There are, however, exceptions to that general rule. If the prosecution can establish that the declarant is unavailable and that there was an opportunity to confront the declarant when the statement was given or if the prosecution can demonstrate that the declarant is unavailable due to the defendant’s wrongdoing, the defendant’s Sixth Amendment rights are not implicated.

Epstein advised that any statements at issue are still subject to a hearsay analysis to determine whether valid exceptions apply; these lines of cases address the constitutional component of out-of-court statements made to law enforcement.

Epstein then addressed Rule 404(b) evidentiary concerns. Pennsylvania courts have consistently held that prior hostile acts of the defendant are admissible in murder cases to demonstrate that a killing was intentional, particularly in domestic settings. In a recent Pennsylvania Supreme Court case, a defendant was charged with murdering his girlfriend; the commonwealth introduced evidence of two prior PFAs and evidence of prior beatings. The court upheld the admissibility of that evidence. The court declined to address whether the introduction of PFAs violated the hearsay rules because the defendant’s lawyer did not object on that ground at trial. See Com. v. Reed, 990 A.2d 1158 (2010).

In another Pennsylvania Supreme Court case, a defendant was standing trial for murder after he was accused of sexually abusing the victim’s family member. The commonwealth introduced the sexual abuse accusation to demonstrate motive. See Com. v. Wholaver, 989 A.2d 883 (2010). Similarly, in a recent Superior Court case, the court upheld the admissibility of testimony that the defendant was on parole at the time he...
Women Chancellors on Leadership

By Sarah Lessie Hopkins

The Women in the Profession Committee hosted four past Chancellors and the Vice Chancellor recently to discuss the women’s career paths and shed light on what it takes to become Chancellor of the Bar Association.

Past Chancellors Jane Leslie Dalton, Deborah R. Willig, Doreen S. Davis and Audrey C. Talley were joined by Kathleen D. Wilkinson in 2013. Sayde J. Lador, Chancellor in 2009, who was unable to attend the event, was also recognized for her leadership. Each woman discussed her own career path and the steps she had taken on her way to becoming Chancellor. While the women each maintained different practices in different firms, the running themes were apparent: each woman had the support of her firm and mentors, had long ties to the community and the Bar Association, and possessed natural leadership skills.

The women explored whether they became Chancellor because of their leadership qualities or if they became effective leaders as a result of their term as Chancellor. As expected, the answer is not simply one or the other. While it is clear that to become Chancellor, one must start with some leadership qualities and have the desire to lead, being actively engaged in Bar Association committees and chairing subcommittees develops organizational skills and hones a better ability to speak effectively, grooming a person for the leadership necessary to become Chancellor. Further, actually being Chancellor taught each of the women how to be a more effective leader in other aspects of their careers.

A question often pondered by career women is how to maintain a work-life balance. Dalton, the mother of four, answered, “there is no balance, when at work, focus on work, when at home, focus on the children.” She advised that women should let go of things that aren’t important to them, such as maintaing a meticulously clean house. The ladies addressed that it is good for their children to see that their parents have lives outside of the home and that they feel that being career women provides a good role model for their children.

The women also recommended that in order to become Chancellor, a person needs to have a thick skin and the “courage to put oneself out there and listen to negative comments.” The women all lobbied for themselves and spent many of their non-working hours networking and meeting with potential supporters leading up to their elections. The ladies advised that as with any election, you will hear that colleagues and people in community are not going to vote for you. The ladies reminded the audience that this is normal and it should not be taken too personally. In fact, dealing with the rejection is good practice for being Chancellor because it teaches a person how to be open-minded and committed to overcoming obstacles.

The five successful women all reached their position as Chancellor from different practices, varying law firm sizes, and with different skill sets. Their common thread was that they were determined, active in the legal community, willing to overcome adversity, and were privileged with having the support of their firms and many colleagues. They joked that they were a commercial for the Bar Association because they strongly encouraged the audience to get involved and stay involved. They agreed you will never know if you are a future Chancellor unless you put yourself out there and try.

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Evidence

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allegedly committed the offense as evidence of motive. See Con. v. Mollet, 5 A.3d 291 (2010). Epstein commented that while Pennsylvania has long had a “let it in” approach to any evidence demonstrating motive, practitioners should be aware that the form of the evidence is critical. While prior behaviors are admissible to demonstrate motive, the form of the introduction may not be admissible. Valid hearsay objections may still exist, for example.

Epstein reminded practitioners that Pennsylvania has never adopted a FRE 608(b) equivalent and that a witness’s character may only be attacked by reputation evidence. Lastly, Epstein pointed out that Pennsylvania, unlike nearly all other jurisdictions, does not allow psychological eyewitness identification expert testimony. Recently, however, the Pennsylvania state legislature introduced a bill to allow such testimony in the context of child abuse cases. That proposed bill is currently pending.

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When I first began practicing law here in Philadelphia, I had the advantage of joining a firm that fully recognized the benefits of membership in professional organizations. From my first days at Feldman Shepherd Wohlgelernter Tanner Weinstock & Dodig LLP, the firm encouraged active participation in these organizations, including the Philadelphia Bar Association. At the time, I felt fortunate to be part of a firm that not only allowed, but also encouraged me to participate in activities outside of my practice. Over the past five years, I’ve realized the wisdom of such encouragement.

Without a doubt, it is through active participation with our colleagues and the community that we build relationships and grow professionally. Too often we allow our professional obligations to become so burdensome, that we fail to participate in activities that will be beneficial to our careers. We sacrifice long-term success when we fail to take advantage of these short-term diversions from daily practice. In these instances, what we miss is the chance to connect with a colleague who could be a future business partner, a source of insight, or lasting friend.

As an active member of the YLD since I began practicing law, I’ve realized that the Bar Association is an invaluable resource to me, both professionally and personally. Professionally, I’ve had the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities outside of my role as a trial lawyer. I’ve spoken at naturalization ceremonies, helped organize community outreach events throughout the city, and have had the chance to interact with numerous students about being a lawyer, and the unique path that led me to where I am now. Personally, I’ve developed a network of colleagues and friends that have proven to be invaluable resources in my practice and life.

Now, I hope to help others enjoy the same experience through my leadership in the YLD. I have the privilege of serving with a phenomenal cabinet: Melanie Taylor, chair-elect; Rachel Kopp, vice chair; Roxanne Crowley, secretary; Aneesh Mehta, treasurer; and Matthew Laver, financial secretary. It is my goal as chair that, along with the Cabinet, we will fully utilize the creativity of the Division’s membership. We want to build upon the great work of previous leadership to increase the lasting impact of the YLD on its members.

My vision for the year is “Get Connected.” Every day, we make all sorts of connections – we connect to our smartphones, our laptops, our desktops and our iPads. We have the ability to be instantly connected to work at any moment. But really, the most meaningful connections we can make are the personal connections with our colleagues – both in the legal community and in the community at large in Philadelphia. As young lawyers, it’s important to establish meaningful professional relationships that will stay with us throughout our careers. It’s even more important in the present economic environment.

The foundation for the YLD’s continuing efforts to facilitate these connections is through community outreach, legal education and mentoring, and social networking. We have an ambitious agenda for 2011. We plan to continue with many of our signature events including Law Week, Harvest for the Homeless, and an ad in The 2011 Legal Directory delivers unequaled impact. More than six out of 10 directories are used by more than one person.* Based on Internet survey of 677 Philadelphia-area attorneys

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Judge Rizzo on White House Panel

Philadelphia’s Mortgage Foreclosure Disperformance Program was highlighted as an example of a successful mortgage foreclosure mediation model at an event held by the Access to Justice Initiative of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and Vice President Biden’s Middle Class Task Force at the White House on Nov. 19 to launch several new initiatives designed to close the justice gap for working and low-income families.

Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Annette M. Rizzo participated at the event as a member of a panel invited to discuss effective strategies to help families in financial distress avoid mortgage foreclosure that included Lawrence Tribe, DOJ senior counselor for access to justice; Helen Kanovsky, general counsel at the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and Jon Leibowitz, chair of the Federal Trade Commission.

Judge Rizzo discussed the components of the Philadelphia program and noted that preliminary data has shown a high percentage of homeowners participating in the program have been able to stay in their homes and that Philadelphia VIP has trained more than 450 pro bono attorneys who have participated in the program, providing more than $1.5 million in pro bono services.

At this event, HUD also announced the release of a joint report with the DOJ Access to Justice Initiative, Emerging Strategies for Effective Foreclosure Mediation Programs, which describes several features of the Philadelphia program and other programs that may assist jurisdictions planning to design and implement mediation programs. The report is now available at www.justice.gov.

Another initiative highlighted at this event was the launching of a new website developed by the Department of Labor and the Legal Services Corporation, www.StatesideLegal.org, that provides information about legal services providers and common legal problems, forms and other resources for military members, veterans and their families.

The event also featured the initiative developed by the Department of Labor and the American Bar Association to help workers resolve complaints received by DOL’s Wage and Hour Division through the operation a newly created system where they are connected through a toll-free number to an ABA-approved attorney referral provider.

The Philadelphia Bar Association’s Lawyer Referral and Information Service, which was also recognized at the event, played a key role in the development of this program and is now participating as an approved referral provider.
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VIP Honors Kevin Gilboy

February 1, 2011

Panel on Legal Industry Trends, Future Feb. 1

Linda MySLSty conLin, president of The World Trade Center of Greater Philadelphia, and her staff met recently with John P. Donohue, a partner at Thorp Reed and Armstrong, LLP; and International Business Initiative Committee Chair J. Michael Considine Jr., in an effort to determine how attorneys can help companies increase international business in the region.

From their experience working with many companies, the WTC determined there are six areas in which help is needed from legal counsel and asked the Initiative to prepare, or recruit qualified counsel to prepare, recorded legal modules, 20 to 25 minutes long, at an intermedi-

ate level, in the follow areas: intellectual property rights (including what to register and in which countries); the new INCO terms; The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act; export controls (dual use – International Traffic in Arms Regulations) of the Bureau of Industry Security; the impact of culture on business transactions; and agent-distributor contracts (from inception to pursuing legal action in alternative court systems and/or arbitration). If you or your firm would like to help with the modules, which may be made available to those using any of the World Trade Centers around the world, please contact J. Michael Considine Jr. at (610) 431-3288 or via e-mail at adventure7@juno.com.

WTC Seeks Attorney Input

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I want to introduce myself. My name is Wendy Beetlestone, and I am the new president of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation. Although I’ve lived on three continents (Africa, Europe and, now, North America), my family has been anchored in Philadelphia for generations. That has given me a strong sense of the importance of history in the life of the city. Having spent five years as a trustee of the Bar Foundation, I have come to understand that the history of the Foundation is marked by leaders who while busy lawyers, have focused huge amounts of their time, energy and social capital to help our legal service organizations. It is thus with a deep sense of gratitude to those leaders that I take up the helm.

In this context it is appropriate that I memorialize one of the Bar Foundation’s past presidents, Marvin Comisky of Blank Rome LLP, who passed away on Nov. 12. After his term as Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association in 1965, during which he initiated a program to provide legal services to the poor, Mr. Comisky continued his commitment to the disadvantaged by serving as Bar Foundation president in 1967 and again in 1984. We at the Bar Foundation honor him for his far-reaching vision and his substantial accomplishments.

I am taking the wheel from Amy Ginensky, who after a stellar two-year term, is stepping down from the Bar Foundation presidency. During that time she has guided the Foundation through some of the most trying economic times our country has ever seen. Her unwavering commitment has always been to ensure that we give our grantees the most we possibly can. In 2009, under her leadership and in keeping with her hard work, encouragement and personal dedication, the Bar Foundation gave out grants totaling $563,000 to 33 public interest legal services organizations. It was the most grant money ever given by the Bar Foundation. And in 2010 she and the Foundation’s trustees have redoubled efforts to do everything we can against significant odds to meet that number.

So, as you see, I have big shoes to fill and big challenges ahead. The economic difficulties of the last few years are not going away. Quite frankly, the future may be as difficult or maybe even more difficult for our grantees than the past. Governments are in financial trouble, and unfortunately, that impacts the funds available for social services, under which rubric civil legal services falls. Other funding sources – foundations, IOLTA, etc. – are all projecting that they will have to cut back.

We know how badly this will affect our legal services organizations. It will mean fewer staff attorneys to meet the overwhelming waves of people who need legal services but cannot afford them. So, the homeless veteran who is eligible for benefits but doesn’t know it will stay homeless and sick on the streets. The family trying to untangle the title of their family home after the death of the matriarch might lose that home because there weren’t lawyers available to help them stave off foreclosure. A senior citizen suffering abuse at the hands of a neighbor might not be protected because there is not a lawyer to argue for a protection from abuse order. Or, in the bigger picture, it might mean that the next miscarriage of justice like we saw in Luzerne County goes undetected because no public interest legal organization has the financial resources to take on such a case.

We as a legal community must do everything we can to help our legal services community keep providing legal services to people who need them when no one else will. For our part we at the Bar Foundation are committed to exploring new sources of funding in 2011. We’ll do that through continuing to decrease the costs and increase the profit margins of our events (the 23rd Annual Golf Classic coming up on June 28 and the 33rd Annual Andrew Hamilton Benefit in November) while still making sure they’re fun, through clever awards and through ratcheting up our individual giving campaign. Of course, we expect that as they have always done, our area’s law firms will continue in the generous tradition of giving through sponsorship and through the Raising the Bar program.

But I’ve also been developing a strategy to affect a paradigm shift to improve the infrastructure of the Bar Foundation, its donors and its grantees work together. We are concentrating on how we can make the Foundation more relevant to our donors; how we can, in a cost-neutral manner (so as not to impact the amount of money they receive at year’s end), better support and enhance the work of our grantees; and how we can do more to leverage resources and information to improve the services to our grantees’ clients.

I see my job as president of the Bar Foundation as helping our grantee organizations do what they do best. If, at the end of my two-year term, I can say the Foundation, its donors and its grantees have found better ways to work together to make that happen, I plan to thank you and say, “Not such a bad job!”

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Memorial Gifts Recognized

From time to time, the Philadelphia Bar Foundation receives contributions or a fund in memory of someone who has died or, on a happier note, to mark a special occasion or honor an achievement. Philadelphia lawyers are a special breed. We honor them when we make a gift to the Bar Foundation that is then used to assist Philadelphia’s public interest lawyers and the clients to whom they provide legal services.

In Memory
• Amy B. Ginensky and Andrew J. Rogoff made a contribution in memory of Marvin Comisky, past president of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, past Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association and chairman emeritus of Blank Rome LLP. An icon of the Philadelphia legal community for more than 60 years, Marvin Comisky will be remembered for his commitment to fairness and justice, his visionary leadership and his legal acumen.
• Given by Ruth Katz and by David and Paulette Kessler in memory of R. Nicholas Gimbel, a partner at McCarter & English, a Philadelphia litigator and a man of varied talents, interests and friends. We thank all who have made donations to the Bar Foundation’s R. Nicholas Gimbel Fund for Legal Excellence in his memory.
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In Tribute
• Members of the Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation made contributions to the Bar Foundation’s grants program in honor of retiring board president Amy B. Ginensky.
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• Rhoda Fryman gave a contribution to celebrate Keri Rohn and Nick Nykocruz on the occasion of their marriage.
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The interview series conducted by PNC Wealth Management director, Jackie Byrne Lessman, CFP®, explores distinct topics and issues relevant to the legal community ranging from investment management, wealth planning, trust, estate services and other PNC areas of expertise.

As a PNC liaison to the legal community, Lessman specializes in working with law firms and attorneys regarding their banking needs, as well as class action plaintiff firms and claims administrators. Lessman is committed to leveraging PNC’s in-depth resources to cultivate relationships with regional law firms and attorneys by offering support and solutions.

In an interview with E. William Stone, CFA®, CMT, senior vice president and chief investment strategist for PNC Wealth Management and Institutional Investments, we discussed PNC’s economic forecast for 2011 and the many factors that influence the direction of the financial markets.

**Jackie Lessman:** When we spoke in September we discussed the concerns about the sustainability of the current economic recovery. With the fears of an economic double-dip diminishing, what lays ahead for 2011?

**Bill Stone:** We believe the theme of transition from rebound to expansion is appropriate for the 2011 outlook since we expect a transition year for both the economy and the financial markets. Both the financial markets and the economy have now rebounded off 2009’s brutal lows. PNC projects that the U.S. economy as measured by real (inflation-adjusted) GDP will eclipse the previous peak set in 2007 by the end of the first quarter of 2011. Our expectation is that we are likely to see that transition to self-sustaining economic growth completed sometime in 2011 as conditions continue to improve and the economy officially moves into expansion.

**PNC’s framework to judge the sustainability of the economic recovery seems to have been very effective so far.**

**What will PNC continue to monitor during the economy’s expected transition into expansion?**

There are three main sustainability indicators – housing, consumer spending and employment.

CFA® indicates that housing sector as bouncing along the bottom, but it seems to have stabilized which is imperative to calm the financials sector. Consumer spending is another indicator – housing sector for both the economy and the financial outlook since we expect a transition year from rebound to expansion?

There are three main sustainability indicators – housing, consumer spending and employment.

Currently, we would describe the housing sector as bouncing along the bottom, but it seems to have stabilized which is imperative to calm the financials sector and support consumer net worth and confidence. Sales and house construction began to improve this fall after becoming extremely weak over the summer as a result of the now expired homebuyer tax credit. Continuing to support housing are low mortgage rates and very encouraging housing affordability statistics. On the other hand, foreclosure issues will perhaps stretch out or delay the housing recovery to some extent, but we don’t expect them to derail the bottoming process.

Consumer spending is another important piece of the sustainability puzzle. Consumer spending has been keeping pace with the half-speed recovery. To balance out the upside, significant headwinds remain in place including high unemployment, weak house prices, ongoing deleveraging, and an increase in the personal savings rate. Consumer spending will not be able to grow significantly faster than overall GDP for a sustained period continued on page 18

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The innovators behind one of the first prisoner reentry court initiatives in the federal system, the Supervision to Aid Re-Entry (STAR) Program, were honored with the Association’s 2010 Justice William J. Brennan Jr. Distinguished Jurist Award at its Annual Meeting Luncheon on Dec. 7.

U.S. Magistrate Judges L. Felipe Restrepo and Timothy R. Rice accepted the award from Michael Barrett, chair of the Brennan Award Committee. The award recognizes a jurist or jurists who adhere(s) to the highest ideals of judicial service.

“The STAR Program is truly revolutionary and would not exist without the leadership of our award recipients,” Barrett said. “They have shepherded it from inception and ensured through their leadership and guidance that the program and its participants are successful.”

Initiated in 2007, the STAR Program serves Philadelphia residents returning home from federal prison who are under the supervision of the U.S. Probation Office and are deemed to be at mid-to-high level risk of re-offending. Judges Restrepo and Rice met biweekly with participants and talked with each about the progress of their re-entry with the goal of assisting them in re-establishing themselves as productive members of their families and communities. After 52 successful weeks in the program, participants graduated and were able to have their supervision term reduced by as much as one year.

“Of the program’s 45 graduates, only five (11 percent), have had their probation supervision revoked based on new criminal conduct,” Barrett said. “That contrasts sharply with the 47 percent re-vocation rate for similar individuals who have not participated in the program.”

“It is such a great honor to be recognized by your peers in the bar and especially by the preeminent bar association in the country – the Philadelphia Bar Association,” Judge Rice said.

He recounted one particular experience with a STAR Program participant. “In November, we met with many of the graduates and talked with them about how we could make the program better,” Judge Rice said. “One of the participants said all was fine and that the important thing is that the prisoners know when they come out of prison, there’s people who care about them and want to help.”

Both Judges Restrepo and Rice wished to especially thank the judges in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; the U.S. Attorney’s Office; the Federal Defender Office; the U.S. Probation Office; the Philadelphia Bar Association, particularly the Delivery of Legal Services Committee, Philadelphia VIP; the law enforcement community; religious communities; and law school communities for their help in making the STAR program a success.

Previous winners are Justice Brennan, Judge Annette M. Rizzo, Judge Albert W. Sheppard Jr., Judge Sandra Mazer Moss, Judge Louis Presenza, Judge Edmund V. Ludwig, Judge James R. Melinson, Judge Louis Pollak, Justice Russell M. Nigro, Judge James T. Giles, Judge Louis C. Bechtle, Judge Edward R. Becker, Judge Phyllis W. Beck and Judge Alex Bortnavitacola.

Five attorneys who were instrumental in the formation of the Court of Common Pleas Commerce Program received the Wells Fargo Fidelity Award at the Dec. 7 Annual Meeting Luncheon.

The recipients were Mitchell L. Bach, a member of Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC; Edward G. Biester III, a partner with Duane Morris LLP; Gregory H. Mathews of Effective Dispute Resolution Services, LLC; Darryl J. May; a partner with Ballard Spahr LLP; and Marc J. Sonnenfeld, a partner with Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP.

“They all worked together for a number of years to get Commerce Court started,” said Wells Fargo Fidelity Award Committee Chair and past Chancellor Jane Leslie Dalton. “Commerce Court has become not just prominent here but nationally famous. Businesses don’t mind going there because they know they are going to get judges who are used to dealing with business problems.”

Bach spoke on behalf of his fellow honorees. “No one deserves more credit for the creation of the Commerce Program than Judge John Herron. And right by his side was Judge Albert Sheppard who still presides as one of the Commerce Judges and is universally acclaimed for his indispensable role in the success and popularity of the Program.”

“The formation of the program was an effective collaborative effort between the judiciary and the bar. The leaders of the Philadelphia Bar Association played a vital role in this process. Cliff Haines who served as Chancellor in 1997, was a pioneer who initially led the effort to create a statewide business court, similar to Delaware’s Chancery Court. When that legislative effort failed in Harrisburg, Cliff worked with us to create the Program in Philadelphia alone. Mark Aronchick, our Chancellor in 1998, was also part of this effort, and created the Philadelphia Bar’s Business Litigation Committee at

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own bar building, whether we should commit to host national and international conferences in future years, and anything else that wouldn’t fit within a one-year agenda. The Council will include both current leaders and highly regarded former leaders of our bar, such as former Chancellors and Chairs of the Board. Its role will be advisory only, but it will ensure that our long-term objectives are considered as we press forward with our shorter-term goals,” he said. Francis P. Devine III, who served as Chancellor in 1996, will chair the Long-Range Advisory Council. Bar associations throughout this country are losing members in this challenging economy, Garcia said. “We are retaining a much higher percentage than the ABA and most other bars, but we can’t take our members for granted. We need to earn their loyalty, and attract new members, by enhancing the value of membership in our association. Accordingly, I have formed a Membership Task Force that is already working on ways to save our members more than they spend in dues. We have two such projects scheduled for the first quarter of next year.”

One of those projects is a new section of the Association’s website where members will be able to post notices for jobs, office space and the like at a fraction of the cost currently paid for classified ads in leading publications and online services.

“This is the least we can do for all the lawyers who are struggling to find work in this extraordinarily difficult job market. And it will also help firms by reducing their spending on ads,” Garcia said.

More importantly, Garcia said the Bar Association is going to provide free access to an innovative legal research service called Fastcase. “The only catch is that this will only be available to firms who enroll all of their Philadelphia lawyers in our bar. Many firms already do, so their access will be automatic. Those that don’t will need to sign up the rest of their lawyers. That increase in membership will help us pay for this new service.”

Garcia said the Association also will continue its efforts to become more inclusive and welcoming to all segments of our profession. “We are going to convert our Minorities in the Profession Committee to a forum for collaboration with and among the various minority bars. It will be a place where they can work together on common goals, share ideas and develop best practices, with the full support of our bar.” The committee will be chaired by Scott Reid, who will continue serving as Cabinet-level Diversity Chair. The heads of the various minority bar associations will be invited to serve as ex-officio members. Naomi McLaurin, the Association’s director of diversity, will also provide guidance and support.

“At our first quarterly meeting, we will present our Chancellor’s Diversity Award to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. Throughout her entire career, Justice Sotomayor has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to diversity and equal justice for all Americans. As the first Hispanic-American Justice, nominated by the first African-American President, she embodies the ideals of diversity and shines like a beacon of hope for others in our profession. So we will also rename the award in her honor as the Justice Sonia Sotomayor Diversity Award. That will add immeasurably to the prestige of the award and the incentive it will provide to make real progress throughout our legal community,” Garcia announced.

“Among other things, I’d like to do more to spread the word about all the good work that our volunteers and public interest organizations do for Philadelphia’s most disadvantaged and vulnerable citizens. That will help us attract more lawyers to public service and will also improve the public’s perception of lawyers,” he said.

Garcia also pledged continued support of the judiciary. “We must continue to defend our judiciary against attacks by those who don’t seem to understand the fundamental difference between applying the law and advancing a political agenda. At the same time, we will continue to support efforts to improve our judicial selection process. Not surprisingly, clients can get quite concerned when they learn that an opposing lawyer contributed a substantial amount to the judge’s election campaign. They may also have false expectations when their own lawyer made the contribution. Now, let me be clear. I’m not suggesting that such contributions actually influence the results. But they do undermine public confidence in our judicial system. For that reason alone, we need to continue working toward a better process for selecting our state court judges,” he said.

“These are just some of the things we will be doing next year. We will chart a path not just for 2011, but for the years to come, and indeed, for the new decade that we are just beginning. I hope you will all join me in working to achieve these goals. If you do, I guarantee that you will be proud to be a Philadelphia lawyer,” said Garcia.

Fidelity

the ideal time. Ed Chacker in 1999 and all of the Chancellors who succeeded him were strongly supportive of the Program during its formative years, and up to the present time,” said Bach.

“The Business Law Section of our Bar Association has always been a champion of our efforts to create a business court and its leaders also have contributed to the success of the program. During the same formative period, Business Law Section Chair Leonard Bernstein and all of his successors have gone to bat for the Program and helped this dream become a reality and a success,” he said.

“What the Fidelity Award is all about is recognition of significant accomplishments in improving the administration of justice,” Bach said. “The Commerce Program clearly has achieved this goal in Philadelphia and elsewhere where it has served as a model for other new business courts. It has revolutionized the commercial litigation practice in Philadelphia. It has made the process more efficient and its results more predictable. It has enabled these great judges to create a body of law which is easily accessible on the court’s website. It has provided for specialized ADR procedures that have facilitated resolution of a large percentage of these cases, mostly because of the volunteer efforts of many of you who serve ably as judges pro tem at the court’s request.”

Bach said the award says more about the success and acceptance of the Commerce Program than anything the five have contributed to the court’s achievements. “We are deeply appreciative of this recognition of our efforts. We want to thank you also for solidifying the long-standing bond of friendship among the five of us, and we are delighted that our names will be permanently forged together as the 2010 recipients of this great award.”
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Stretch Safely When Training for Bar 5K in May

Bar, it’s cold outside! Keep your muscles limber with this stretching tip from Bryan Mahon, co-owner of Philadelphia Runner and a member of the Bar Association’s 5K Run/Walk Committee.

When you glance around before a race, you’ll most likely see participants pulling their heel to their glutus maximus, rounding their backs and aggressively trying to stretch their hamstrings. Although this is what we were taught in grade school physical education classes, safer and more efficient ways to stretch are available today.

So, why shouldn’t you hold a static stretch for 15-30 seconds?

Considerable evidence suggests that holding a stretch temporarily weakens and slows neural drive to your muscles as well as negatively affects balance and reaction and overall movement time. Static stretching also reduces muscular endurance.

A better way to warm up is to include some dynamic or “active” stretching at the beginning of your workout. Dynamic stretching can be defined as, “controlled movement through the active range of motion for each joint.” So instead of reaching/pulling/bending/arching and holding for several seconds, you’ll choose a movement pattern and work it for eight to 10 repetitions, going a little further into a stretch with each increasing repetition. You will literally see your range of motion improve before your eyes!

All proceeds from the Sunday, May 15 5K benefit the Support Center for Child Advocates and newborns like Stephen, who tested positive for cocaine. His drug-addicted mother had abandoned his sister and his father was incarcerated. Stephen was left at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, so Child Advocates stepped in to help.

With the support of Carson Valley Children’s Aid, Child Advocates placed Stephen and his sister Sonja with a cousin. Then, they put a family reunification plan into action.

Their mother successfully completed drug and alcohol rehabilitation and parenting classes. Stephen’s developmental progress was monitored closely and Sonja received counseling. Child Advocates partnered with the Philadelphia Housing Authority to find a safe home for the family.

One year later, Stephen and Sonja moved with their mother to their new home. She is still drug-free and both kids are doing well, their futures bright!


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through 2011, but we believe consumers will still make an important contribution to overall economic growth.

In our view, employment is certainly the most important factor still needed for a sustained economic recovery. Initial jobless claims, which have been one of the timeliest indicators in terms of judging the strength of both the economic downturn and the recovery, are clearly showing a downside breakout. Our view is that the pattern of upside surprises in most recent U.S. economic reports supports both a continued sustainable recovery and an improvement in the job market.

Based on this environment and current valuations, what is the expectation for continued recovery and transition to expansion in 2011 and what are PNC’s current recommendations for investors?

We remain convinced that there will be a transition into a self-sustaining economic expansion in 2011. Our forecast is for a continued “half-speed” recovery and, in fact, we recently reduced our probability estimate for the adverse “double-dip” scenario. Market volatility may remain somewhat elevated for the foreseeable future as the uncertainty around tax policy continues. In addition, concerns regarding the European sovereign debt issues, Chinese policy actions, and Korean geopolitical risks are likely to continue intruding.

PNC has six baseline asset allocation models which are based on an investor’s risk tolerance, needs, goals, and other factors. Our current recommended allocation attempts to balance the relative attractiveness of stocks and other risk assets, given the transition to expansion that we expect in the global economy and the continued downside risks to our forecast.

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As you enter, tufted maroon leather booth-banquettes appear bolted to the wooden walls on your left. Hanging from the upper walls are wine racks jutting out as if aimed artillery. A mundane inap-propriate smallish television is brightly straight ahead, upon whose flat tube silent sports feats seem in play. To your immediate right is the two-lamp-post-laden thick rosewood bar surrounded by a dozen high stools. Flickering red candle-holders abound from every crevice and at every height, making the surroundings devlish and concurrently prayerful.

I’m not a betting man, but if you arrive at about 7 p.m. on a weekday (weekends are different), I’d wager that of the dozen tightly seated patrons at the bar, eight will be men; four will be women. Of the men, five are companions by briefcases or laptop carriers at their feet and two attend to cell phones at their ears. Five resemble Ralph Lauren; three are doubles for Ralph Cramden. Of the women, at least one is a lovely long-haired blonde; at least two shall be wearing suits or dresses richly colored in solid blue or red, and one is accompanied by two of the aforementioned men. Nine of the 12 are sipping martinis; three, scotches on the rocks. Betcha.

There is also a newly renovated bar in the “back room,” which serves the overflow and provides a number of tables for two and one window-relegated table to seat eight. To move toward this posterior protrusion, you take your life in your hands, having to cross through an arm-tailed indented floor-tile moat that can be tricky on the feet. If you can choose: be up front. To complete the picturesque pub ambience, statues and artifacts of roosters are displayed here and there as shrine-like wake-ups to cockiness. This eatery used to be high-falootin’ and expensive for decades, with “Doc” Ulitsky et ux Madeline serving haute seafood lusciously in a dense liquid sauce tinged with red and white crustacean’s meat lusciously a split-top bun, chomping chunks of a lobster roll ($19). Classically prepared on

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international students honored

The International Law Committee presented awards for outstanding achievement in international law or human rights by a graduate law student at a Nov. 30 reception at Pepper Hamilton LLP. Pictured from left are Michael Scullin, honorees Juan Carlos Upegui Mejia (Colombia) and Ghazala Lucie Rahman (France) and Committee Chair Jeremy Heep. The reception was co-sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania Law School and the Temple University Beasley School of Law.

Dalton to receive Replansky Award

The Business Law Section will present its Dennis H. Replansky Memorial Award to past Chancellor Jane Leslie Dalton at the Section’s Annual Reception on Tuesday, Jan. 25.

The Section will present its Chair of the Year Award to Graham R. Laub, chair of both the Mergers & Acquisitions Committee and the Securities Regulation Committee. His commitment, leadership and industry are deeply appreciated by the Section and by those who have directly benefited from the many programs offered by those committees.

The 2010 Committee of the Year is the Antitrust Committee, chaired by Gerard A. Dever. The Committee has put on a series of fascinating and well-attended seminars that are a genuine boon to the antitrust bar.

Replansky, a former Business Law Section chair, passed away in 1994 at the age of 51 and was among the Bar’s most esteemed and beloved members. In 1997, the Section established the Award in recognition of his career as a lawyer and his contributions to legal, civic, religious and other charitable causes. Dalton, through her years of accomplishments and service, continues the line of award recipients who exemplify the abilities and qualities that honor Replansky’s memory, and whose lives are exemplars to other lawyers.

The Business Law Section Annual Reception will be held at the Westin Hotel, 99 S. 17th St., beginning at 5:30 p.m. Visit philadelphiabar.org to purchase tickets.
We have active groups in every conceivable practice area. When you participate, you attend great programs and see what’s developing before it even develops. You also get to know the lawyers and the judges or regulators who handle the same kinds of matters that you do.

Regular networking opportunities with our membership and other professional groups. In addition, the YLD will once again hold the YLD Bootcamp, a seminar consisting of a series of lectures and presentations from practicing attorneys and judges about tactics, tricks and tips for new lawyers and law students.

In light of the success of last year’s Mentoring Program, the YLD will organize another Mentoring Reception in 2011. In addition to pairing law students with practicing attorneys, this year we’ll also invite back mentees and mentors for a reunion.

The YLD will once again be planning People’s Law School in 2011. This year, we also hope to work with other organizations in Philadelphia to plan a People’s Law School series for Spanish-speaking residents.

We will also hold our annual Diversity Scholarship and Awards Ceremony and Reception, the annual fundraiser for the Philadelphia Bar Association.

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. Lunches are $8 for members and $9.50 for nonmembers, unless otherwise indicated.

**Wednesday, Jan. 5**
Delivery of Legal Services Committee: meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.

**Intellectual Property Committee:** meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $8.

Chancellor’s Reception: 5 p.m., Hyatt at The Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets.

**Thursday, Jan. 6**
International Business Initiative Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $8.

**Monday, Jan. 10**
Family Law Section: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.

**Business Law Section Executive Committee:** meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

**Tuesday, Jan. 11**
Civil Gideon Housing Committee: meeting, 9 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Criminal Justice Section Executive Committee: meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

**Thursday, Jan. 13**
Legislative Liaison Committee: meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $8.

**Friday, Jan. 14**
Workers’ Compensation Section Executive Committee: meeting, 10:30 a.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.

Workers’ Compensation Section: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center.

**The Philadelphia Lawyer magazine Editorial Board:** meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

**Monday, Jan. 17**
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Bar Association offices closed.

**Wednesday, Jan. 19**
LegalLine: 5 p.m., 11th floor LRIS offices.

**Thursday, Jan. 20**
Family Law Section Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.

Law Practice Management Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $8.

**Friday, Jan. 21**
Social Security Disability Benefits Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.

**Monday, Jan. 24**
Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Criminal Justice Section: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center.

**Public Interest Section Executive Committee:** meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.

**Tuesday, Jan. 25**
Business Law Section Annual Reception: 5:30 p.m., Westin Philadelphia Hotel, 99 S. 17th St. Tickets: philadelphiabar.org.

Bar Academy at Marian Anderson Residence: 5:30 - 7 p.m., $15 per person. Registration: philadelphiabar.org.

**Wednesday, Jan. 26**
Delivery of Legal Services Committee Management Subcommittee: meeting, 9 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Delivery of Legal Services Committee Civil Gideon Task Force: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

**Thursday, Jan. 27**
Lawyer Referral and Information Service Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.

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

Register online for most events at philadelphiabar.org. Unless otherwise specified, all checks for lunches and programs should be made payable to the Philadelphia Bar Association and mailed to Bar Headquarters, 1101 Market St., 11th fl., Philadelphia, PA 19107-2955. Send registration payments to: Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., Philadelphia, PA 19107-2955. Fax: (215) 238-1159. E-mail: reporter@philabar.org.

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Kathleen D. Wilkinson, a partner with Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP and Vice Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association, has been named a 2010 Distinguished Alumnus by Kearn University in Union, N.J.

Gregory Kleiber, a partner with Fox Rothschild LLP, was recently elected to the board of directors of the Lantern Theater Company and appointed treasurer of the Philadelphia History Museum.

H. Robert Fiebach, a member of Cozen O’Connor, has been appointed to the advisory committee of the American Bar Association’s Standing Committee on Substance Abuse.

Jonathan Kane, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP, was a panelist for “Reaching Agreements on First Contracts,” presented by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and Pennsylvania Bankers Association’s Standing Committee on Banking Sites: A Hotbed of Liability for Employers,” a BNA audioconference, on Sept. 29.

Alan S. Kaplinsky, a partner with Ballard Spahr LLP, moderated the CLE program “The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act: Game Changer?” presented by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and Pennsylvania Bankers Association on Nov. 17.

Jeffrey Lutsky, managing partner of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP, has been inducted as a Fellow in the Litigation Counsel of America, an honorary society for trial lawyers.

Evelyn McConathy, a partner with Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP, has been awarded the 2010 American Intellectual Property Law Association Project Award.

Carlton L. Johnson, a partner with Archer & Greiner, PC, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia.

Deborah R. Willig, managing partner of Willig, Williams & Davidson and a past Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association, was recently recognized as a Philadelphia Business Journal 2010 Woman of Distinction.

Lisa R. Jacobs and Barbara T. Sicalides, partners with Pepper Hamilton LLP, have been elected to The American Law Institute, the leading independent organization producing scholarly work to clarify, modernize and improve the law in the United States.

Jerald David August, a partner at Fox Rothschild LLP, served as chair of the Closely Held Businesses program and spoke on the topic of “Federal Income Taxation of Single Member Entities: Tax Nothings” at the 69th Annual NYU Institute on Federal Taxation on Oct. 18-22 in New York City.


Mary J. Mullany, a partner with Ballard Spahr LLP, discussed The Dodd-Frank Act of 2010 at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s 16th Annual Business Lawyers’ Institute on Nov. 18.

Ronald J. Shaffer, a partner with Fox Rothschild LLP, was recently elected chair of the SeniorLAW Center’s Board of Directors.

Joseph W. “Chip” Marshall III, vice chair of Stevens & Lee, PC, and its affiliated investment bank, Griffin Financial Group, has been elected as a fellow into The College of Physicians of Philadelphia.

Carolyn Hochstadter Bicker, of E. Carolyn Hochstadter Dicker, LLC, was recently featured in a video sponsored by the AARP defending homeowners pro bono, as part of the City of Philadelphia’s Foreclosure Mediation Program.

Beverly R. Budin, a partner with Ballard Spahr LLP, will receive the Philadelphia Estate Planning Council’s 2010 Distinguished Estate Planner Award.

Robert I. Friedman, a member of Cozen O’Connor, was recently elected to the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

James J. Ferrelli, a partner with Duane Morris LLP, spoke on New Jersey Chancery practice at the New Jersey State Bar Association Mid-Year Meeting on Nov. 2-7 in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Stella M. Tsai, a partner with Archer & Greiner PC., has been named second vice chair of the Philadelphia Zoning Code Commission and chair of the Commission’s Civic Engagement Committee.

John Mattioni, chair of the board of Mattioni, Ltd., was the principal speaker at a Veterans Day program held at Centennial Mill in Voorhees, N.J. on Nov. 11.

Jeffrey M. Lindy, principal in the Law Offices of Jeffrey M. Lindy, was a faculty instructor in a daylong training seminar sponsored by Philadelphia’s Public Defender Office, and attended by assistant public defenders and attorneys in private practice.


The Temple American Inn of Court kicked off its 30th Anniversary Year celebration on Nov. 10 at the Temple University Beasley School of Law where the chapter was originally founded. David Akridge, executive director of the national office of the American Inns of Court, presented the Temple Inn and one of its 2009-2010 teams with the Platinum Level Achievement of Excellence award.

Deborah Heng, a partner with Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP, was a speaker at the panel discussion “Entering the World’s Hottest Market: Keys to Establishing Enterprise in China,” hosted by Citibank on Nov. 10. She has also received the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association’s “2010 Best Lawyers Under 40” award.

Murray S. Levin, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP, discussed “Reasons for the Growing Popularity of Mediation in the United States” at the Union Internationale des Avocats 54th Congress in Istanbul, Turkey, on Nov. 2.

Nathaniel E.P. Ehrlich, a member of Anapol Schwartz, was a panelist at the 2010 Sports Law Conference and CLE for the program “Negotiating Injuries in the Sports Workplace: Discussion of Workers Compensation, Player Injury Settlements, Related Benefits, Civil Liability, and Other Legal Issues” on Nov. 11 at Temple University.

Kenya Mann Faulkner, a partner with Ballard Spahr LLP, received a 2010 Executive Office for United States Attorneys Director’s Award Dec. 8 for her role in convicting a New Jersey millionaire who routinely traveled to Eastern Europe to sexually abuse young boys.

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