Serve People and Society, Williams Tells Members

by Jeff Lyons

The law is not about billable hours and arguments won, but about serving people and society to create a better democracy, National Public Radio correspondent Juan Williams told the Association at its June 24 Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon. Williams delivered the 6th Annual Judge A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. Memorial Public Interest Lecture at the event at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue before a crowd of more than 400 people. The audience included new members of the Association’s 50- and 65-Year Clubs as well as the winner of the Association’s Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg “Pursuit of Justice” Legal Writing Competition. The winner of the Association’s Higginbotham Fellowship was also announced at continued on page 3.

Litigation Section Gets Board Approval

by Jeff Lyons

The Board of Governors unanimously approved the creation of a new State Civil Litigation Section at its June 24 meeting. The State Civil, Compulsory Arbitration and Medical-Legal committees will no longer be standing committees of the Association, but rather committees of the new section. The members of those three committees will receive automatic membership into the new section.

Richard S. Seidel, chair of the task force that helped form the new section, said the idea of a section for civil litigators has been bounced around for about 20 years. "The section gives litigators the right to govern themselves. They’ll be able to select their own chairs," he explained.

The creation of a State Civil Litigation Section was one of Chancellor Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua’s goals for 2004. In

Atlantic City will welcome Philadelphia lawyers and judges once again when the Philadelphia Bar Association convenes its 40th Bench-Bar Conference at the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa on Nov. 5 and 6. Plans are being finalized for a conference that will mix substantive law seminars and social events in a relaxed environment. Attenders can earn up to 5 CLE credits during the two days. Borgata hotel reservations are now open and should be made separately at 666-MYBORGATA (666-692-6742). Mention "Philadelphia Bench-Bar 2004" to take advantage of the special rate of $210 per night plus taxes. You also can register online at www.borgata.com. Reservations must be made by Friday, Oct. 1. Hotel parking is $5 per car, per in-and-out. Please note that you must also complete the official Conference registration form that can be found on Page 12 of this newspaper.

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Association Keeping Eye on Legislation

by Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua

Edmund Burke said it: “Laws, like houses, lean on one another.” The political philosopher reminds us of the interdependence of laws as part of the vast system that we know as the law. Add a new law or alter another and you will likely affect nearly all the other laws. For this and many other reasons, your Philadelphia Bar Association plays a close attention to the legislative process in Philadelphia, Harrisburg and even in Washington. We are actively lobbying and advocating in your interest and, we hope, in the public interest.

The local bar association has been involved in drafting bills in the legislature this year. There has been an attempt to craft compromise legislation that would still honor the intent of our Association’s resolution on the subject and ultimately resolve the issue.

The Board has unanimously approved a resolution that will pay Maskar $190,000 to construct a new section. This is supported by President Bush, Berkman said the extension on the ban was also unanimously approved. The board was also informed about amendments to the Association’s bylaws. Section 903 would be changed to allow Sections to conduct business with governmental agencies.

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property title: We’ve successfully worked with the prime sponsor of leg- islation amending Pennsylvania’s Planned Communities Act, the Uniform Condominium Act and the Uniform Cooperative Act (House Bills 1329, 1330, 13511 to make the legislation friendly to all interests in real property transac- tions. We were able to delay Senate consideration of the bills until our sug- gestions could be incorporated. The Senate was expected to consider the bills prior to the summer recess.

Business law code changes: The Association, through the Business Law Section, has recently advised the State Senate of its support for Senate Bill 270, legislation that contains sev- eral amendments to Title 15 including some that affect limited liability part- nerships. The Bar Association has also advised the Senate of its opposition to any amendments requiring the publi- cation of newspaper advertisements when a limited liability partnership or limited liability company is organized under Pennsylvania law.

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Hundreds Attend Federal Bench–Bar Conference

U.S. District Court Chief Judge James T. Giles (center) is joined by Federal Courts Committee Chair Rudolph Garcia and Vice Chair Abbe F. Fletman at the June 11 Federal Bench Bar Conference at Ashbourne Country Club in Cheltenham, Pa.

Attorney Thomas R. Kline was part of the panel “Is Technology All It’s Cracked Up to Be.”


Business Law Section Chair Mitchell L. Bach addresses the Conference. More than 200 people attended the annual event.

U.S. District Court Chief Magistrate Judge James R. Melinson announced he will be leaving the court for a job in the private sector as panelist Charisse R. Lillie looks on.

U.S. District Court Judges Lowell A. Reed Jr. and Anita B. Brody (in blonde wig) perform a public service announcement on the benefits of electronic case filing.

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Chief Clerk Kunz Honored at Federal Bench-Bar

by Jeff Lyons

Michael E. Kunz, chief clerk of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, was honored by the Federal Courts Committee at its June 11 Federal Bench-Bar Conference for his 25 years as chief clerk.

“Ideally, when the courthouse was conceived, erected and corrected,” joked U.S. District Court Chief Judge James T. Giles.

Federal Courts Committee Chair Rudolph Garcia said Kunz’s term is the second-longest continuous term of service by any clerk of court. “And he’s not going to stop until he breaks the record,” Garcia said.

“We didn’t want that milestone to pass without some recognition. We wanted to give you a token of our appreciation for all your years of service and the great job you’ve done,” Garcia told Kunz in front of more than 200 people gathered for the conference at Ashbourne Country Club in Cheltenham.

“It’s been a great privilege to serve the federal judiciary. Let’s hope that longevity allows me to continue to contribute to the efficient administration of justice in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the federal court system,” Kunz said.

“It has been truly a great privilege and there is still much to be done. There are still many more chapters to write. When the book is closed, let’s hope I was able, in some small way, to enhance the administration of justice and to make the judges who serve on the court do their jobs with less difficulty. Believe me, they do have a tremendous task and with an austere budget it’s going to be continually difficult,” he said.

“Serving the Bar has been a great opportunity. I enjoy working with the lawyers very much,” he said.

Kunz joked that the 25 years in his current job are “probably a greater tribute to my wife, Marlene, and my able cardiologist.”

“Mike truly loves this court and he respects this court,” Judge Giles said. “Mike has unparalleled knowledge of the history of our court. He’s a reservoir of recollections about historical connections that are very useful in educating those who come on as chief judges who may not be familiar with that history.”

Judge Giles said Kunz is responsible for space, facilities, clerks, personnel and implementation of innovative procedures envisioned by the U.S. Judicial Conference in Washington.

Judge Giles has worked with Kunz for 25 years, the last six as chief judge.
LET’S SIP, NOT GUZZLE. Let’s leave the off-road vehicles off road. Let’s stop pretending we live in the jungle. Let’s stop intimidating each other. Let’s not use the size of our vehicle to compensate for other shortcomings. Let’s reclaim our garage space. Let’s be nimble. Let’s be quick. Let’s be honest. LET’S MOTOR.
Judge Carolyn Engel Temin is changing the color of her robes. She’s trading in her black robe from the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas for the burgundy robe of the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Sarajevo, where she’ll be the first woman judge to hear cases involving organized crime and public corruption.

Judge Temin, who is also president of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ), said the Bosnians approached the NAWJ and asked if there were any judges from the organization with five years experience on the bench as well as experience in complex criminal matters.

"Their qualifications were like a description of my CV," she recalled. Her term will begin in September and will last a year.

Judge Temin, 69, would have retired or reached senior status as of Dec. 31. To take the position in Sarajevo, she’ll be retiring as of Aug. 31.

Temin will serve with another American, Judge Robert Ulrich from the Missouri Court of Appeals. She said she has been in contact with a pair of judges from Minnesota now on the bench in Sarajevo to get their impressions about the country and the job.

Philadelphia Common Pleas Court President Judge Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson is thrilled for the opportunity awaiting for her friend.

"Judge Temin and I were endorsed by the Democratic Party in 1981. We were the only two women running and we both lost. Back then, the ward on the street was that no women should be on the bench," recalled Judge Massiah-Jackson.

"But we said we weren’t going to quit and in 1983 we were nominated and endorsed again and we won," she said.

"Her career has been in the trial division. She loves criminal law. She’s written the criminal law bench book that all judges across the state use. All this is keeping with her professional goals and her career. It’s going to be a real broadening experience. It’s also a terrific opportunity."

"I can’t wait for her to come home and she hasn’t even left yet," Judge Massiah-Jackson said.

Judge Temin will receive a housing allowance as well as a salary. She’ll also have a translator working with her, joining her on the bench. "We’ll have law clerks and secretaries who are Bosnians and speak English. There are two international judges and one Bosnian judge on each panel," she explained, adding the translator is needed so all three judges can confer.

Judge Temin will serve on three different judicial levels – preliminary, trial and appellate. She’ll sit alone at preliminary hearings and will be part of a panel of three at the trial level. She’ll also be part of a panel at the appellate level. There are no jury trials in Bosnia, she said.

"For me, it’s a dream come true. I always wanted to sit on an internal tribunal, but wasn’t sure how I could do it. But this came just at the right time for me. One of my great hobbies is skiing and the mountain is right there," she said, referring to the site of the downhill skiing at the 1984 Winter Olympics.

Judge Temin said she never had the opportunity to travel as a young adult.

"I graduated college in 1955 and Europe was still recovering from World War II and travel was limited. It’s amazing at this age that I’ll finally get the opportunity. I’ve also never lived anywhere else but Philadelphia," she said.

"I'll miss lots of things, like my morning and afternoon drive into the city and back to East Falls. I'll miss my friends, some of whom go all the way back to my childhood," she said.

"But I'll be getting an apartment big enough so I can have lots of company," she said.

"My husband thinks it's a great opportunity. He'll miss me, but he'll come over to visit me often. Since my family isn’t here in Philadelphia, I see them in intervals. They'll come visit. My grandchildren are old enough (two 9-year-olds and a 13-year-old) to travel internationally and see me."

"I will miss my court very much. I'm sure I'll make new friends in Sarajevo, but there is a certain special feeling for people you’ve worked with for a long time," she said.
The Association’s Legislative Liaison Committee received on June 10 an update on legislation that would adopt a certification procedure and standardize the appointment of interpreters for litigants with limited English proficiency, or who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Ron Jumper, who serves as Democratic counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee as well as counsel to state Sen. Jay Costa Jr. (D-Allegheny), told committee members Senate Bill 669, which Sen. Costa introduced, had moved from the Judiciary Committee to the Appropriations Committee while House Bill 2301 remains in the Judiciary Committee. The wording of the bills is particularly important because Article V, Section 10 of the Pennsylvania Constitution gives the state Supreme Court general authority over the administration of courts.

At the meeting, Jumper said that the Legislature’s current focus on the budget likely would preclude passage before the end of the year, and be recommended concerned parties to contact the House Judiciary Committee members to communicate their support for the bill.

The interpreters’ legislation is a response to the report of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s Committee on Racial and Gender Bias that Pennsylvania’s ad hoc system for assigning interpreters (and the lack of any system for certifying interpreters) undermines the ability of courts to determine facts accurately and to dispense justice. In February, the Supreme Court requested certification procedure and standardize the interpretation and appointment process.

On May 12, the Senate Judiciary Committee conducted a public hearing on SB 669. At the hearing, it was recommended that Pennsylvania join the majority of states (and the federal courts) by adopting a standardized certification and appointment process.
How do we do it? As I am sitting here at home writing this article at 9 p.m., I’m wondering how young lawyers can successfully balance their careers, family and activities. Many attorneys I know are over-achievers and seem to have too much on their plate at any one time. But these attorneys have learned a way to balance their careers and personal lives. Without that balance, they would have left the profession long ago.

For the past six months, I’ve been telling you to get connected to the Bar Association and the community, but I haven’t offered any suggestions of how you can get connected without sacrificing your already-valuable time. Most of us have busy careers with long hours and barely have enough time for exercise or spending time with family and friends. If we don’t take the time to separate ourselves from our work, however, we’ll be miserable in our jobs and not have fulfilling lives.

All of us are in a constant struggle to attain a healthy quality of life. But you can begin to be mindful of creating balance in your life on a daily basis. Identify your goals and prioritize them at the beginning of each day. As you accomplish each goal, you feel less overwhelmed and the remaining goals appear to be more attainable. If you are in the middle of a project, for example, don’t let e-mails and phone calls interrupt you. Instead, set aside a time in the day where you can take a break and respond to e-mails and messages.

Keeping organized and successfully completing daily goals gives you more time to spend on things that matter most. Prioritize your workload according to due date or maintain your case files in a way that enables you to easily find documents and/or cases when you need them later. Complete several small tasks each morning to get you through the longer, more intensive projects in the afternoon. Once you prioritize your daily goals, you can then achieve an overall balanced life. Organization will also help you deal with those emergencies that disrupt you during the day. When you’re organized, you can handle the emergency and then get right back into your daily routine despite the disruption.

Combining goals also can be a good organizational tool. I’ve seen members of the YLD Executive Committee successfully balance their career, personal life, YLD commitment and other activities. For example, one member who chose to spend more time with her family left a large firm to take a position with a nonprofit agency that enabled her to have more flexibility in her schedule. She participates in many YLD meetings via telephone so she is able to work from home at least one day a week and still fulfill her YLD obligations.

Another member uses his time serving on the YLD Executive Committee and participating in various Bar Association programs for client and career development. His work has portrayed him as successful among his peers and has led to referrals. No matter how you prioritize your goals or organize your daily activities, you will feel that you are better prepared for those emergency situations and will have more time to spend on personal goals. Then, when I ask you to volunteer to speak to law students through the YLD’s Law School Outreach program or attend the YLD and Workers’ Compensation Section Casino Night, you’ll no longer have the excuse that you’re too busy and, in fact, will find the time to attend.

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Special Committee to Coordinate the Bar’s Response to the Supreme Court’s Race and Gender Bias Report, in part-
nership with public interest groups worked with the Senate to further legislation that would provide for court inter-
preters. We testified along with other panelists in support of Senate Bill 609. The bill was recently reported out of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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ices
Through the Civil Rights
Committee we’ve participated with a coalition of long-term care providers and public interest lawyers in advancing
legislation SB 2150 to clearly define
constitutional issues with the Pennsyl-
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instance I have acted in response to a resolution studied and recommended by one of our sections or committees and then approved by the Board of
Governors. Sometimes, due to time
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sense of what is in the best interest of
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Clay said the survey also asked
firms about their bonus structures and
that 93 percent of large law firms give
bonuses, although this number is sig-
nificantly less in smaller firms. The
number one criterion in the allotment of bonuses is billable hours, Clay said.
Large firms also currently employ the
use of signing bonuses to attract top
students to their firms, just as a profes-
sional sports team would do for a top
athlete, he told the column.
The overwhelming message that
the survey shows is that associates must
put in a great deal of hours and bring
in new business in order to make it in
a large firm. These parallel goals are the
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Special Committee to Coordinate the Bar’s Response to the Supreme Court’s Race and Gender Bias Report, in partnership with public interest groups worked with the Senate to further legislation that would provide for court interpreters. We testified along with other panelists in support of Senate Bill 609. The bill was recently reported out of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Older adult protective services
Through the Civil Rights Committee we’ve participated with a coalition of long-term care providers and public interest lawyers in advancing legislation SB 2150 to clearly define constitutional issues with the Pennsylvania Older Adult Protective Services Act. The House version of the legislation was approved this spring and the coalition continues to work on am-
endments that would provide for due process for all persons given lifetime bans from employment in long term care facilities.

Legal services taxation
We have continued our opposition to the taxation of legal services. The Comm-
ownwealth Caucus of the House has proposed legislation to impose a 4 percent sales tax on legal services. We’ve sub-
mitted written testimony to the House Majority Policy Committee opposing this move.

Keystone Opportunity Improvement Zone programs
The Association recently submitted a letter to the Pennsylvania Senate Finance Committee opposing legislation that would prevent law firms and other partnerships from qualifying for net profit tax exemptions under the KOIZ program. We don’t think lawyers and law firms should be singled out in this way.

Medical malpractice caps
We opposed legislation that would place a cap on non-economic damages in Pennsylvania. As part of our opposition to Senate Bill 9, we communicated with all 50 senators. Although the legis-
lation was ultimately approved by the Senate, the Association continues to oppose the caps and recently wrote to those members opposing the discharge resolution.

Commerce Court for the First Judicial District
The Association has proposed creating a com-
merce court division in the First Jud-
icial District. The legislation would cod-
ify the existing commerce court case management program operating within the Common Pleas Court of
Philadelphia. The legislation has been held pending other changes.

Landlord/tenant
Through our Public Interest Section, we’ve worked with public interest groups in delaying legislation providing for accelerated evictions in Pennsylvania. The Association has also worked with the
Governor’s Office on a possible veto of any legislation containing accelerated evictions.

Loan forgiveness
The Association, through the Criminal Justice Section, has formally requested U.S. Sens. Arlen Specter and Rick Santorum to co-sponsor S. 1091, the Federal Prosec-
eutors and Defenders Incentive Act, which would provide funding for stu-
dent loan payments for public attor-
neys. This program would help reduce a high turnover rate among prosecu-
tors, defenders and civil legal services attorneys at various agencies. Typically, these attorneys face high law school debt and relatively low salaries, often forcing them to leave their positions.

This brief rundown gives you an overview of the issues and actions that have comprised a good deal of our leg-
islative agenda this year On your behalf, I have personally testified on numerous occasions in Philadelphia and Harrisburg. In nearly every instance I have acted in response to a resolution studied and recommended by one of our sections or committees and then approved by the Board of Governors. Sometimes, due to time constraints and other factors, I have had to act more spontaneously. Always, I am guided by previous positions taken by the Association, the views of other Association leaders and my own sense of what is in the best interest of the Association and the profession.

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Panelists, Judge Offer Suggestions on Ethics

by Marc W. Reuben

Maintaining decorum during Family Court proceedings is essential to setting the appropriate tone at the hearing, Domestic Relations Division Supervising Judge Idee C. Fox told practitioners at a June 9 brown-bag session on ethics hosted by the Family Law Section.

“There’s a tendency to be informal in Family Court and that causes people not to respect judges or the court,” Judge Fox said. “It’s to the benefit of the judge to be more formal.”

Other panelists included family law practitioners David I. Grunfeld and Herbert R. Weiman as well as Paul J. Kazanas, the Association’s assistant executive director.

Judge Fox spoke on aspects of courtroom performance, stressing professionalism. She said mistakes by unknown-attorneys and incomplete preparation by any advocate has wide-ranging ethical implications and practical consequences that long outlast courtroom appearances. She said not raising proper objections even when opposing counsel is pro se can fatally compromise the representation of a client.

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The committee also is continuing to work on issues related to open access to the court. Access to the courthouse is currently limited to litigants, witnesses with subpoenas, domestic violence advocates and observers. Efforts already undertaken to increase access include development of an easy and readily accessible process that unrepresented parties can utilize to bring their witnesses to court. Through the creation of what has been informally dubbed the “Friendly Blue Subpoena,” lay people can now follow a streamlined process for getting their witnesses to court. These subpoenas are available at the Clerk of Court’s Office of Family Court at 1135 Chestnut St. and in many sites inside the courthouse at 34 S. 11th St.

With the full support of Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas President Judge Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson, Family Court Administrative Judge Myrna Field and active participation from Judge Fox, the committee is optimistic that the collaboration will continue to develop resources and services beneficial to pro se litigants and others at the courthouse.

Justinians Honor St. Joseph’s Martelli

St. Joseph’s University men’s basketball coach Phil Martelli (left) meets with Chancellor Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua and Denise C. Gentile, chancellor of The Justinian Society, prior to the group’s annual scholarship and awards luncheon on June 17 at the Union League.

Bar, Court Join Forces to Aid Pro Se Litigants

by Patricia A. Dubin, Lise A. Fisher and Terry L. Fromson

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# State Civil Committee

## Judge Proud of Work of City Commerce Court

by Gregg W. Mackuse, Robert T. Szostak and Kathleen D. Wilkinson

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Oh, and by the way, the event also included a Save the Date card for the Andrew Hamilton Ball, which is scheduled for Nov. 13, 2004. It’s a Saturday night event at The Westin Philadelphia, and the Save the Date card is available for printing.
Greatest honor that any lawyer could aspire to in American life,” he said. “Today as we gather to celebrate 50 years after Brown and the careers of people in this room, I hope that each and every one of you will have a sense of Thurgood Marshall’s heart beating within your bread. You have the opportunity to put your hands in the muck and mire of American life at this juncture here at the start of a new century and begin to shape what is to come,” Williams said.

Also at the luncheon, Regina Cocco, who will enter her third year at Temple University Beasley School of Law, was introduced as the winner of the Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg “Pursuit of Justice” Legal Writing Competition. Two other Temple law students, Joseph Andreoli and Leslie Anne Richman, were also recognized for finishing in second and third place, respectively.

Quo Judkins, a second-year law student at Penn State’s Dickinson School of Law, received the Public Interest Section’s First Higginbotham Fellowship. She is spending her summer working at the Center for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights. She received a $4,000 fellowship. Speaking on behalf of the newest members of the Association’s 50-Year Club, Richard A. Sprague talked of changes in America over the past 100 years as he held a copy of the 1954 Legal Directory in his palm. The 2004 Legal Directory is the size of a phone book, with more than 1,000 pages. “Living and feeling young is a state of mind,” Sprague said. “Do not resist growing old, for many are denied the privilege. The law is full of uncertainties, and that’s what makes the law great. And it’s the uncertainties in the law that make for great lawyers,” he said.


The Higginbotham lecture was inaugurated by the Public Interest Section to honor the memory of the late Third Circuit Court of Appeals Chief Judge A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. Previous Higginbotham lecturers are Marian Wright Edelman, Professor Charles J. Ogletree, Congressman Chaka Fattah, ABA President Dennis W. Archer and Dr. Cornel W. West.
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Summer No Time to Rest for Bar Foundation

by Edward F. Chacker

There’s an old song that starts out, “Summer time, and the living is easy.”

Even with our state and federal courts providing us case management systems and judges working to resolve clients’ disputes as efficiently as possible, life sure seems busy sometimes. In fact, hardly any of us really gets to ease into summer mode anymore. The same fact, hardly any of us really gets to ease clients’ disputes as efficiently as possible. Systems and judges working to resolve courts providing us case management systems. Even with our state and federal money came from residual funds from class-action lawsuits. Recently, 100 Philadelphians, all in their 70s and 80s, received notice that they were being terminated from their adult day care services. These people they were being terminated from their adult day care services. These people

Philadelphia Bar Foundation in this column every month. I also look forward to telling you how. In the past month, we have held numerous fund-raising events. For the second year in a row, we held our Philadelphia Bar Foundation Golf Classic at the Philadelphia Cricket Club, playing both courses. I spared the Kerr and Alex Giacobetti and Terri Bellevue. Co-chairs Alec and Marne 13 at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue. Co-chairs Alec and Marne

More than 32 firms offered “Access to Justice Liaisons,” who led recruiting efforts internally. You’ll see their names listed above. Your next opportunity to contribute is the Andrew Hamilton Ball on Nov. 15 at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue. Co-chairs Alex and Marine-Kerr and Alex Giarobetti and Terri Italiano are hard at work. They promise a very special evening, one not to be missed. I look forward to seeing you at the Ball, when we pre-

Presented to Bar Foundation

Deborah Gross of the Law Office of Bernard Gross presents Philadelphia Bar Foundation President Edward F. Chacker with a check for more than $61,000. The money came from residual funds from class-action lawsuits.
Afghani Delights at Old City's Kabul, Ariana

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Ariana
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by Skinny D. Bokkel

Land-locked Afghanistan is surrounded by Pakistan, Iran, Turkmenistan and Tajikistan. The country has emerged from rubble into unending wars and fundamentalist forlorn blight. The nation’s new president, Hamid Karzai, frequently spoke to a joint session of Congress where he was honored. He’ll be celebrating the Fourth of July on Philadelphia’s Highland Park.

President Karzai would delight in the “home-cooking” delicacies at both Kabul and Ariana.

Kabul is celebrating its 14th birthday this summer Ariana (the ancient name for the kingdom) opened in November 2000 when Kabul’s partners split.

Both restaurants are inelegant, with minor variations in décor. Kabul is decked out, candle-lit by red glass-domed lamps, Ariana is cheery, brightened by less recessed lighting and lime-green walls. Each restaurant has Afghan pocketbooks, hats, dresses, tunics, blouses and a picture or two hanging from side walls. Kabul is wide with a mural of camels at its far end. Ariana is narrow with a dining nest in its front bay window for patrons who like to eat on a platform with their legs crossed underneath them. Brass ornaments, oriental rugs and pillows are omnipresent at both eateries.

I’ve never met anyone who prefers the cooking at either place over the other and can explain why coherently. The appetizers, side dishes, main dishes, drinks and desserts are virtually identical. Service at both is courteous, dependability obviously bring patrons (potato and onion turnover) can be ordered for the table, most economically.

Finalize with firnee ($2.50), a snow white vanilla pudding, firm, chilled to turgidity, and spiked with pistachios and cardamom.

Mixed pickles called turshie ($2.75). Mixed drinks and colliding with coinciding cuisine special restaurants have to stop watch each other, emulating each other, concoctions. There must be more than “kababs,” saffron infused rice, toppings of crushed almonds, pistachios, carrot strips and candied orange zest soaked in rosewater, tomatoes, lentils, garlic and vegetables redolent of Afghan spices. Nothing is heathenly propert or chilli-hot.

I succumb to the lamb-cutlets entrees whose meat is rendered delicate by immersed marination. Covered lamb, at the bottom of rice moistness, $12.25, or accompanied by green beans (facilliya $10.75), the morsels all fours. Both restaurants often offer the same style “20 percent off coupon” on respective Web sites. Both are BYOB. Both are inexorbitantly but comfortably well.

Each might and should try to make a more singular mark upon your inquisitive palate: Consistency and dependability obviously bring patrons with clearly defined expectations. The best is that you’ll never be culinarily disappointed at either; the worst is that you won’t be soundly, serendipitously seduced to return to either. Frankly, sometimes you’ll walk into one thinking you’re in the other. Ergo, the need for coupons.

You’re not working too hard if you see “palaw” on the menu. It has nothing to do with jurisdiction or choice of laws. Palaw advises that your platter shall be loaded with brown-colored usually with cumin and cinnamon white rice. Chalaw, on the other hand, contains the arsenal of bountiful ad dente basmati rice, perfectly panpered.

Never miss “buranee” ($2.75) eggplant (badenjan) or pumpkin (badam). The vegetables are sautéed to an opaque cake, just about caramelized, and topped with ground meat sauce and mouth-puckering yogurt. The “pumpkin” (in the summer) is actually butternut squash, but the herbs have deepened its look and feel to mirmity. The eggplant is almost roseate, genteel numinous on the tongue.

Always order aashik ($2.95) for steamed scallop-engorged dumplings proudly wearing meat sauce, yogurt and sprinkles of mint. The slippery skins heatedly skip in a split second across your mouth as if the scallops were late for court. “Combinations” of these appetizers, including “sambosa” (chick peas and potato), or “bulaane” (potato and onion turnovers) can be ordered for the table, most economically.

Don’t forget the hot and sour aehar pickles called turshie ($2.75). Mixed bits of carrots, cabbage, cauliflower and pickles cause your salivary glands to silently scream. Please never forget the old Afghan adage: “Never let anyone but your spouse bite your turshie.”

Main dishes revolve around “kababs,” saffron infused rice, toppings of crushed almonds, pistachios, carrot strips and candied orange zest soaked in rosewater, tomatoes, lentils, garlic and vegetables redolent of Afghan spices. Nothing is heathenly propert or chilli-hot.

Wipe the plate-clean with golden slices of promises-prepared Afghan bread.

Finalize with firnee ($2.50), a snow white vanilla pudding, firm, chilled to turgidity, and spiked with pistachios and almonds. It’s a most happy ending with Afghan green tea laced with lime and cardamom.

These two authentically oriented special restaurants have to stop watching each other, emulating each other and colliding with coinciding cuisine concoctions. There must be more than one way to knit an Afghan meal.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FORMED


The committee has scheduled its meetings for Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 12 p.m.; Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 4 p.m. and Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 4 p.m. Offices for which candidates are being solicited are vice chancellor, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer, and five seats on the Board of Governors, three of which are to be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Each Board seat carries a three-year term.

Materials should be submitted to the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Audrey C. Talley, c/o Susan Schrein, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., 11th Floor, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107-2911, no later than 5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 7.

More than 250 Association members, their families and friends turned out for Bar Association Night at the Phillies at Citizens Bank Park on June 30. Among the attendees were (from left) Joseph A. Prin Jr., Lisa L. Getson, Board of Governors Chair Ronald A. Kivler, Jeffrey M. Lindy and Chancellor-Elect Andrew A. Chirls.
Panel Debates Media Coverage of Feminism

by Jeff Lyons

The basic issues of gender discrimination have not always been taken seriously in the media, according to panelists at the Bar-News Media Committee’s May 26 seminar on Gender Journalism™ and the media’s coverage of the women’s movement.

Panelists for the program “Unreliable Sources? Gender Journalism™ — From Betty Friedan to Martha Stewart” included Patricia Bradley, Ph.D., chair, Department of Journalism, Public Relations and Advertising at Temple University’s School of Communications and Theater; Bobbi Booker, lifestyle reporter for The Philadelphia Tribune; Jill Porter, columnist for The Philadelphia Inquirer; and attorney Arline Jolles Lotman, chair of the Bar-News Media Committee. The panel was moderated by Wally Kennedy, host of 6ABC’s “Sunday Live” and “Inside Story.”

Wally Kennedy, who moderated the discussion, and Prof. Patricia Bradley as well as (top row, from left) Monica Yant Kinney, Jill Porter, Bobbi Booker, Committee Chair Arline Jolles Lotman and Emilie Lounsberry.

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“Any woman in this room probably owes her job to the second wave of feminism in the 1970s. In the mass media, feminists are viewed as wild-eyed radicals and man haters. Even the most modest reforms are viewed as very leftist,” Bradley told the capacity crowd.

Lounsberry said the media has improved its coverage of women’s issues. “As more and more women have entered journalism, we’ve made great advances in the coverage of women.”

Lounsberry and Kinney said they were both bothered by the way the media portrayed Martha Stewart during her trial.

“I found it offensive that she was referred to as a ‘domestic diva,’ ” said Lounsberry. “The media wouldn’t have treated a man the same way they treated Martha Stewart. Men are threatened by her business acumen and women get aggravated by her activities. Who has the time to do what she does and raise a family and work?” asked Kinney.

Another media victim, according to Booker, is Janet Jackson. “Janet Jackson has been shunned as a result of the Super Bowl incident,” she said, referring to the halftime performance. “The part of the entertainer’s costume came off, revealing her breast. ‘It’s been an all-out effort to destroy the character of a person who’s been in the music industry for 50 years,’ ” she said.

Booker said black women don’t embrace feminism for a variety of reasons but added that they are feminist by nature.

Lotman charged that the media has never viewed the women’s movement as a civil rights issue.

Kinney added that although the top two editors at her paper are women, she doesn’t think it makes her work any easier. “The path to greatness in journalism is pretty masculine. You have to have covered politics or gone overseas to cover a war. There are still very traditional aspects of the profession you need checkmarks by in order to advance,” she said.

Porter, the first woman columnist at the Daily News, said she was beneficiary of feminism. “There was a contest among the female staffers to see who got that first column. After I got it, they put me in an office with five male columnists and I got the treatment. It was a lot of sexist comments and that kind of thing,” she said. But she has persevered, writing her column since the 1970s.

Porter said with the declining news staffs and smaller news holes, it’s almost a luxury to write about women’s issues.
Career Corner

Strong Job Market Looking Even Stronger

by James LaRosa and Gary Mintz

Question: What is the job market like in Philadelphia? What practice areas are hiring? What's hot and what's not?

Answer: The legal job market in Philadelphia is on solid ground. From recent trends it appears to be strong and getting stronger. Even during the recession, areas like litigation and bankruptcy were quite elastic and remained strong, with bankruptcy being a particularly strong area.

Practically every firm in the city that had a bankruptcy practice was looking to hire bankruptcy attorneys. Although the demand for bankruptcy attorneys is not as high as it was a couple of years ago, it is still in demand.

Litigation is still a strong area. One area in litigation that is particularly hot is securities litigation, both on the plaintiff and defense side. With Enron, Global Crossing and the numerous other securities scandals, firms are beefing up their securities litigation groups to defend and sue these companies. Of particular need for these groups to defend and sue these companies is securities litigation, both on the plaintiff and defense side. With Enron, Global Crossing and the numerous other securities scandals, firms are beefing up their securities litigation groups to defend and sue these companies. Of particular need for these groups is securities litigation, both on the plaintiff and defense side.

General commercial litigation, insurance coverage, insurance defense and white-collar crime/white-collar crime/white-collar crime/white-collar fraud are strong and getting stronger. Labor and employment, including EEOC, which had been hot for some time, has become even more active in the past few months.

Litigation-related practice areas are not the only hot areas in Philadelphia. We are finally beginning to see an increase in areas that had been almost non-existent in recent years. It was not too long ago when some Philadelphia firms laid off transactional attorneys, often in the merger and acquisition area. These layoffs were not unique to Philadelphia as firms in Boston, New York and much of the West Coast were also experiencing a significant slowdown in the deals coming through their offices. Since the beginning of the year, however, we have heard from clients and candidates that corporate work has been increasing. The increased workflow has been steady enough to cause several Philadelphia firms to actively look for and hire corporate and securities transactional attorneys.

Question: What is the proper etiquette for a lunch interview? Should I ever offer to pay for the lunch?

Answer: Lunch interviews are common among large firms and are becoming popular among mid-size and even small firms. Lunch interviews are an excellent way for firms to see how a candidate interacts in a social setting. Many times these interviews also will include associates from the group with whom you are interviewing.

A candidate is not expected to offer to pay for lunch. Simply express your gratitude and let your hosts know that you enjoyed the meal.

As far as proper etiquette, it’s mostly common sense. Good table manners and polite conversation are essential. But there are some gray areas. One common area of confusion is whether to order an alcoholic beverage, particularly if the partner with whom you are interviewing has ordered a drink. During a lunch interview you should abstain from drinking alcohol, even if the partner is drinking. If, however, the interview is at dinner, then it is acceptable to order an alcoholic beverage.

Another tricky area is the menu. Obviously you want to order something that won’t create a mess, so you may want to avoid ribs or lobster. As far as price, try to order somewhere in the middle of the road. Don’t order the most expensive item on the menu. As far as appetizers are concerned, follow the lead of the others at your table. If everyone else is getting appetizers, feel free to order one. Otherwise just enjoy the meal, use basic common sense and you’ll be fine.

Career Questions?

Send your career questions to James LaRosa at JuriStaff, Inc., at (215) 751-9100. You can also send your questions to reporter@philabar.org and Gary Mintz at gmintz@juristaff.com. You can also send your questions to reporter@philabar.org and Mintz can be reached at (215) 751-9100, extension 302 or via e-mail at gmintz@juristaff.com. Mintz can be reached at (215) 751-9100, extension 302 or via e-mail at gmintz@juristaff.com.
Filmmaker Piles On Pounds for Documentary

by Marc W. Reuben

"Super Size Me" is a mirthful documentary from Morgan Spurlock who is not only the subject of the film, but a person who placed himself on a strict diet of McDonald’s food for 30 days. While the object of the film was to show the dangers of fast food and how the nation has addicted itself to the stuff, the manner in which this young filmmaker provided material for the audience was refreshing.

Spurlock is a young man who appears not to be an attorney. He wanted to show how a constant diet of fast food can ruin a human body. He noted the lawsuits already pending against fast food chains, although he limited himself to eating from only one of them. He consulted heart doctors, internists and hematologists, as well as nutritionists and exercise specialists. He was in good shape prior to the film, with very little body fat and good muscle tone. For this film he followed the regimen of the average American. He gained 35 pounds in one month.

As I watched this film unfold, I was struck by the fact that lawyers were interviewed on the subject of fast food addiction and the lawsuits pending at the time: So far as I know, these lawsuits have since been dismissed and our Congress, ever protective of the public, has banned such suits in the future. I was not as impressed by what the lawyers had to say as I was by how Spurlock documented the infiltration of junk food into schools and how the industry pitches garbage to children. It may be constitutionally permissible to pitch junk food to kids. It’s been done for generations on radio and television. But the negotiation of exclusive contracts between money-starved school systems and junk food conglomerates has resulted in the subject of children to excessively unhealthy diets at cafeterias and vending areas throughout the nation. Spurlock notes that the school for problem children that did not join the junk food distribution. Healthy diets were provided and the children’s behavior turned more quiet and studious as their diet was altered. Moreover, there is the experience of the juvenile court judge from Ohio who, some years ago, began sentencing juvenile offenders to time without supervision more than they need a lawyer.

The effect of marketing good, affordable food to the public has not yet been felt. Lawsuits against burger chains will not end the obese epidemic because the reasons for increasingly obese kids are varied. There is ample evidence (witness this fine young film-maker’s efforts) that people should be allowed to eat whatever food they can afford to put into their stomachs stapled on camera as a wake-up call regarding their health.

Pennsylvania Bar Association Pro Bono Coordinator David Keller Trevaskis (center) presents Philadelphia Bar Association Delivery of Legal Services Committee co-chairs Joseph A. Sullivan and Catherine C. Carr the Pennsylvania Bar’s 2004 Pro Bono Award honoring the DLSC. The award, announced at the PBA Annual Meeting in Hershey on May 13, was formally presented to the DLSC at its June 2 meeting.
Editor’s Note: Sam Dash, former chief counsel for the Senate Watergate Committee whose probe led to the resignation of President Richard M. Nixon, died May 29. He was 79.

A native of Camden, N.J., Dash was an Air Force officer in World War II, and was a graduate of Harvard Law School. At 30, Dash became a district attorney in Philadelphia, but later turned to private law practice. In the 1970s, he helped Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger in devising the American Bar Association’s ethical standards for prosecutors and criminal defense lawyers.

by Jerome E. Bogutz

There was a time, many years ago, when the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania felt that the practice of law required more than a willingness to study law. Sponsorship by a practicing Pennsylvania attorney to study law followed by an internship after sitting for the bar exam were prerequisites to being admitted to practice. That person became your preceptor in the process called a preceptorship.

Through a very extraordinary set of circumstances I was fortunate – no lucky – to meet and have Sam Dash agree to act as my preceptor. After completing my clerkship in his office, I continued to work in his law firm, Dash and Levy.

Two similar, but very different, men, Sam Dash and Abraham J. (Brem) Levy, practiced criminal law with dedication, intensity and thoroughness that I quickly learned was well beyond the norm. While so engaged there was never a hint that any professional or ethical principals could ever be compromised, including accepting unpopular clients at the expense of compromising future ambitions. Although there were numerous matters that had lasting effects on my approach to the practice of law and life during the time I spent at Dash and Levy, one case stands out. Almost immediately after I graduated from law school, Dash and Levy accepted representation of one of Philadelphia’s longest and highest profile cases, commonly referred to as, “The Teamster 107 Case.” As the young associate in their firm I played a minor role in that case and was able to observe and learn.

Conflict issues were promptly dealt with and a significant part of the Philadelphia criminal bar became part of the defense panel representing defendants in that casualty case. The thoroughness with which Sam and Brem approached the representation was easily contrasted with other and more customary criminal representation. Brem meticulously maintained and referenced a personal criminal case library effortlessly. The much younger Sam reached beyond case law to legislative history and intent in preparation for representation. Their balanced approach addressed all aspects of the case. Daily notes of testimony were annotated

A Life of Giving Back to the Justice System

Sam Dash (1925-2004)

Note: While the following listings have been verified prior to press time, any scheduled event may be subject to change by the committee or section chairs.

Thursday, July 1
Environmental Law Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.
Civil Rights Committee – meeting, 12:15 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.
Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee – meeting, 12:15 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.
Philadelphia Bar Reporter Editorial Board – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Cabinet Room.

Monday, July 5
Independence Day celebrated – Bar Association offices closed.

Tuesday, July 6
Philadelphia Bar Foundation Board of Trustees – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.
Elder Law Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Committee Room South.

Wednesday, July 7
Delivery of Legal Services Committee – meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Thursday, July 8
Legislative Liaison Committee – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Committee on the Legal Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room.

Friday, July 9
Law School Outreach – noon, 11th floor Committee Room South. Women’s Rights Committee – meeting, 12:15 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Sunday, July 11
American Cancer Society Bike-a-Thon – 6:30 a.m., and 6th and Race streets. Information: www.acsbike.org

Monday, July 12
Family Law Section – meeting, 4 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Tuesday, July 13
Criminal Justice Section Executive Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

Wednesday, July 14
State Civil Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Thursday, July 15
Women in the Profession Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

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shouldn’t show that fast food is a major cause of deteriorating health among Americans. But there are also environmental factors, not to mention genetics, that add to the weight problem in the Great Democracy.

As always, the issue of self control and personal responsibility play a large part in this modern problem. Until parents and adults manage to act responsibly and take charge of themselves and their children and their eating habits, lawyers and filmmakers can only suggest there is a scheme afoot to poison Americans for the sake of increased corporate earnings.

Sparkos’s mirthful documentary was pleasant to watch because it does not treat the dangers caused by corporate greed and deceit in the fast food industry more seriously than does the Congress.

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July 29 Successful and Strategic First and Fourth Amendment
Litigation • The CLE Conference Center

July 28 Commercial Document Series 2004 — Acquisition
Agreements • The CLE Conference Center
Our Faces and Affect — How They Impact Trials,
Agreements

July 27 How to Prepare the Pennsylvania Inheritance Tax Return
The CLE Conference Center
Opennings and The Movies • Philadelphia Bar Association

July 26 HIPAA for Civil Litigators • The CLE Conference Center
The New Overtime Regs — They’re Finally Here! The CLE Conference Center

July 22 Professor Ohlbaum on Trial Evidence in Pennsylvania
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July 21 Commercial Document Series 2004 — Technology
Licensing Agreements • The CLE Conference Center

Advanced Concepts in Construction Delay & Disruption
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July 20 MED MAL Mediation...and Arbitration
The CLE Conference Center

July 15 PA Sales and Use Tax for Business Lawyers
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Agreements • The CLE Conference Center
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July 13 Asset Protection Planning for the Less Wealthy Client
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John W. Caldwell, a partner at Woodcock Washburn LLP, moderated the panel "Legal Issues for Nanotechnology" at the Pennsylvania Nano-technology Conference on May 26. He was also the featured speaker at the Joseph Priestly Society of the Chemical Heritage Foundation symposium on May 15.

Janet S. Kole, a shareholder with Haster/Greenberg PC, has been elected treasurer of Society Hill Synagogue in Philadelphia.

Lynn A. Malinowski, a partner at Woodcock Washburn LLP, has been elected president of the Philadelphia Intellectual Property Law Association for 2004-2005.

Lee W. Doty, a partner with Montgomery, McCraker, Walker & Rhoads LLP, was a panelist at the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce healthcare forum "Can Your Business Compete With Rising Healthcare Costs?" on May 27.

Neil B. Tanner, a senior associate with Pepper Hamilton LLP, was a member of the organizing committee for a recent meeting of the International Association of Young Lawyers held in Philadelphia in May.


Edward T. DeLude of Cohen Seglias Pallas, Greenblatt, Furrman has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the East Falls Business Development Corporation in Philadelphia.

Howard Brod Brownstein, a principal of the firm NachmanHays-Brownstein, Inc, gave a keynote address in Japan on "Corporate Renewal in the U.S.," at the formal meeting of the Japan Chapter of the Turnaround Management Association on April 3.

Jerome J. Shestack, a partner at WolfBlock, received the 2004 Jewish Theological Seminary Judge Simon H. Rifkind Award on June 1. The award is presented in honor of Judge Rifkind's commitment to the letter of the law and distinguished public service.

Gina Rubel, president of Fiusa Rubel Communications, served as the public relations expert at the 2004 Early Stage East Education Conference on building a great business on May 10 in Wilmington, Del.

Christopher C. Fallon Jr, a member of Coven O'Connor, has been elected to the Board of Advisors of the Syracuse University College of Law.

Michael S. Saltzman, a partner with Fineman Krekstein & Harris, PC, recently presented the claims handling update at the 2004 Claims Seminar of the Pennsylvania Association of Mutual Insurance Companies in Grantville, Pa.

David J. Shannon, a senior associate with Leonard, Tillyer & Secella, LLP, has been appointed recording secretary of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Intellectual Property Law Section. He was also recently elected treasurer of the Lower Merion/Naboth Republican Committee.

H. Ronald Klasko, managing partner of Klasko, Rulon, Stock & Seltzer, LLP, recently made presentations on hot topics in immigration law and forthcoming federal backlogs and delays to attorneys attending the Texas Bar Association Conference in Houston.

Denise K. Supplee, a partner at Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, has been elected to the Board of Trustees of Saint Joseph's University.

Peter A. Muchic, a member of Coven O'Connor, recently received the Illinois White Hat Award from the Legal Clinic for the Disabled in honor of his outstanding advocacy on behalf of people with disabilities. The award was given for the first time at the Clinic's annual gala on April 1.

Paula J. Zimmerman, an associate at Klehr, Harrison, Harvey, Branzburg & Ellers LLP, has been elected to the Board of Directors of The Career Workshop, a nonprofit organization that provides professional clothing and workshops to women returning to the workforce.

Howard D. Scher, a shareholder with Buchanan Ingersoll PC, has been elected to a three-year term as director of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Kevin B. Scott and Bradley S. Rosen of Fox Rothschild LLP delivered the presentation "The Effect of Sarbanes-Oxley on Nonprofit Institutions" at The Pennsylvania Association of Bond Lawyers' annual seminar on May 25 in Harrisburg.

Richard R. Block has been appointed to the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Appeals Board. He was approved by the state Senate in April.

Stephen B. Skale, a sole practitioner, was a member of the faculty and co-author of the practitioner manual at the National Business Institute seminar "Handling a Social Security Case in Pennsylvania" on June 7 in Philadelphia.

John A. Greenhall, a senior partner at Cohen, Seglias, Pallas, Greenblatt & Furrman, recently participated as a panel member in the program "Best Practices in Complex Construction Arbitration, a Panel Discussion with Practice Pointers and Drafting Tips." The program was sponsored by the American Arbitration Association.

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"People" highlights news of members' awards, honors or appointments of a civic or community nature. Information may be sent to Jeff Lyman, Managing Editor, Philadelphia Bar Reporter, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., 11th floor, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107-2911. Fax: (215) 238-1267. E-mail: reporter@philabar.org. Photos are also welcome.
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