Much Expected of Lawyers, Ifill Says

By Molly Peckman

Journalism and law are two professions with a great deal in common. When done well, both are uplifting professions that change lives but they are professions from which the public expects much, according to Gwen Ifill, who delivered the annual Judge A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. Memorial Public Interest Lecture at the Association’s June 7 Quarterly Meeting.

Ifill, moderator and managing editor of PBS’ “Washington Week,” and senior correspondent for “The News Hour with Jim Lehrer” described her Philadelphia roots including her father’s ministry in North Philadelphia. Ifill said her father knew Judge Higginbotham and hoped his children would grow...continued on page 19

Chancellor Jane Dalton honors 70-Year Club member Murray H. Shusterman before the June 7 Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon. Keynote speaker Gwen Ifill (below) meets with Chancellor-Elect A. Michael Pratt before the event.

Wachovia Fidelity Award Deadline Oct. 12

Nominations are now being accepted for the Philadelphia Bar Association’s 2007 Wachovia Fidelity Award, presented annually to a member of the Association, who through volunteer activities, rendered over a considerable period of time, has made significant improvements to the administration of justice.

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**Grow Personally, Professionally: Help Others with Pro Bono Work**

By Jane Dalton

When I graduated from law school, I understood that it was a privilege to practice law and that in return for that privilege, lawyers had the obligation to give back to those in their community. Shortly after I began to practice at Duane Morris LLP, I volunteered to take cases for the Support Center for Child Advocates. I continued to take Support Center cases for several years. My first son was born in the summer of my second year of law school and my daughter was born when I was a second-year associate. I was honored by the opportunity to give back to children who were economically disadvantaged and who lacked the love and support available to my children.

The Center’s cases also provided me with the opportunity to handle matters on my own, including direct and cross-examination of expert medical witnesses. Handling those matters was rewarding for me, personally and professionally.

Since that time, pro bono cases have continued to play an important role in my career. Over the years, I have taken cases from the plaintiff’s employment panel in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. I have supervised many associates in various pro bono assignments. It has been a pleasure to encourage them to use their legal talents on matters that are as important to their pro bono clients as any matter is to a client of the firm.

Last year, I assisted a mother who had custody of her son, who was then entering his senior year of high school. His father had filed a petition for custody because he wanted his son to play varsity football with his stepbrother, a sophomore who was enrolled at another school. I worked with the mother to assemble the resources needed to fight the petition, including several documents from the school where her son had a lot of support and encouragement. Ultimately, the father did not pursue the custody issue but moved so the boy’s stepbrother could play in the same school. The mother was most relieved and grateful that her son would not be uprooted in his last year of high school.

I am working on a name change application for a Hispanic mother whose son’s last name includes her father’s name and her name. The father has not participated in the raising or support of his son and cannot be located. The son is teased at school because of his double name and wants to have only the mother’s name. Spanish-speaking support staff from Duane Morris are assisting with translation issues. The mother has been thrilled to have the assistance in the process that otherwise would prove to be very daunting.

Why am I sharing these personal pro bono stories? Many of us have answered the call to provide pro bono assistance in addition to our daily work. Some matters are more time intensive and time consuming than others. But it is people and cases like these that reaffirm the vitality of pro bono work to our community.

Our Board of Governors adopted a bylaw in 2002 requiring each Board member not already in public service to accept one new pro bono case per year. As leaders it is our obligation to do our part. There remains an urgent need for legal services for the economically and socially disadvantaged. Imagine what a difference it would make if every lawyer reading this article volunteered for one new pro bono legal matter.

There are a vast number of organizations that need your help, including Homeless Advocacy Project, Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program and the Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project (profiled by Bar Foundation President Elaine Rinaldi on Page 6). Countless others rely on the generosity of lawyers who are willing and able to give their time to those who normally would go unrepresented.

By embracing pro bono work as an opportunity rather than a requirement, we as attorneys are able to develop skills that will serve us well long into our legal careers, all while serving others. We all have busy schedules, but performing pro bono work helps us grow into better lawyers and better people.

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Questions Raised Over Guantanamo Detainees

By Michael J. Carroll

Remember the Guantanamo picture that had us wondering what we stood for, and where we were going during the panic following the 9/11 attack? It showed men in orange jump suits, shackled, hooded, and kneeling, with uniformed Americans standing over them. We were told that the men were evil and dangerous, but even fear could not completely suppress questions: What was happening to justice in the United States? What were we willing to do in the name of security?

At the June 14 meeting of the Civil Rights Committee, Christopher J. Huber and Assistant Federal Defender Mark Wilson raised those questions in a legal context and inevitably, in a moral context as well. These Philadelphia lawyers have taken on unpopular clients - accused terrorists - and by doing so have taken up the fight to preserve the rule of law. They are doing what federal officials swear to do: protect and defend the Constitution.

Huber and Wilson advocate changing the combat status review tribunals. These proceedings allow for no defense witnesses and prohibit Guantanamo detainees from seeing evidence against them. Defendants are not permitted to have lawyers; instead an enlisted person represents the accused in front of a panel of three superior officers. There is no advance notice. Should the accused be found not to be an unlawful enemy combatant, he may still be held indefinitely.

Senior camp commanders admit that most held at Guantanamo do not belong there. About 8 percent were fighters; 5 percent were captured on the battlefield; 86 percent were sold to the U.S. for bounty. The number released to other countries equals the number still held. The government has engaged in tactics that would be labeled dirty tricks by the kindest judgment. Interrogators have falsely identified themselves to prisoners as defense lawyers. Guards have also told prisoners that the visiting lawyers were gay Jewish atheists who made blasphemous jokes about Islam, Allah, and the prophet.

Huber, Wilson, and a small number of dedicated lawyers have fought many obstacles, legal and logistical, and have won ground in a system weighted against their clients. Their wins do not always stay won because the administration tries to plug every perceived hole that would open a legal right. The administration considers due process and judicial review obstacles, and has worked through executive and judicial means to plug every perceived hole that would open a legal right.

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Legendary Jurist
Touched Many Lives

■ By Heather J. Holloway

Is your greatest accomplishment an objectively measurable academic or professional achievement? Or, is it measured subjectively, by the impact you have had on another person’s life? Few excel in both areas. The Hon. Clifford Scott Green, affectionately known to many as “The Judge,” however, was a master at both and his legacy, both professional and personal, will long outlive him through those that he sought to inspire.

On May 31, The Judge died after living a life filled with significant academic and professional achievements, too numerous to list here. When speaking during the funeral services, Peter Liacouras, Chancellor of Temple University, confirmed that The Judge received the highest score on the Pennsylvania bar examination in 1951. Achievements such as this were undoubtedly difficult, as The Judge was educated during a time when the racial divide was clearly apparent. Liacouras recalled that The Judge and his caucasian moot-court team members were denied accommodations when traveling to a New York City competition because The Judge was African-American. Nonetheless, he excelled, becoming a founding member of the preeminent law firm, Norris, Schmidt, Green, Harris & Higginbotham, an African-American firm whose members strived to be the best attorneys, not the best African-American attorneys, according to former firm member, Attorney William H. Brown. The Judge was later confirmed to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, where, according to his former law clerk, attorney Stephanie Franklin Suber, he chose to remain, despite efforts to recruit him to the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

The Judge’s impact on the community was not limited to academic or professional achievements. He reached out and uplifted countless individuals. When I was young, I used to visit his courtroom and watch the proceedings. During one of those fieldtrips, I told The Judge, affectionately known to me as “Uncle Cliff,” that I wanted to become an attorney and he began to guide my footsteps in that direction, despite the fact that I was only a child. I assumed that he was acting under a sense of obligation as my uncle; however, I quickly learned that he made the exact same effort with numerous other individuals, regardless of relation, age, gender or race.

Uncle Cliff’s positive impact did not stop with those for whom he cared, but rather reached those with whom he did not even share a common agenda. Long before increased security measures were enacted after Sept. 11, Uncle Cliff told me that he had once returned to his chambers to find a criminal defendant that he had recently sentenced waiting for him. Despite his apprehension, it was important that he not call security but rather sit with the individual and speak with him about his concerns, which he did and which undoubtedly resulted in his earning the “respect and admiration” of that defendant. Several years ago, I spoke with an attorney who was denied an employment opportunity as a law clerk with The Judge because of his desire to hire a minority law student. Despite being denied the opportunity, that candidate, nonetheless, spoke of The Judge with “respect and admiration.” Just weeks before Uncle Cliff’s passing, I had the opportunity to meet him and found him to be kind, thoughtful and filled with wisdom. He was truly a man of integrity and compassion.

U.S. District Court Judge Clifford Scott Green congratulates his great niece, Heather J. Holloway, after her law school graduation.

Legendary Jurist
Touched Many Lives

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The Philadelphia Bar Foundation proudly supports the Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project as one of its long time grantees. With only four full-time employees, CBAP provides free legal representation and advice to individuals who are seeking relief from consumer debts.

Established in 1992, CBAP was formed by a group of consumers, bankruptcy lawyers and Eastern District bankruptcy judges to service the legal needs of Philadelphia’s poor. As the only nonprofit agency in Philadelphia that deals solely with Chapter 7 bankruptcy filings, the demands of CBAP’s clients seeking debt relief continue to increase.

Not a week goes by without a report about increased bankruptcy filings and increased dependence on credit. It’s no surprise that CBAP handles 750 informational telephone inquiries and approximately 250 cases annually. CBAP offers extensive educational outreach seminars to legal and social service agencies throughout Philadelphia. “These agencies are aware of our mission and refer us their clients experiencing a heavy debt load,” says Mary Anne Lucey, Project Director of CBAP. Community Legal Services and Philadelphia Legal Services refer the largest number of clients to CBAP.

With two attorneys (one part-time) and two paralegals, CBAP relies on volunteer law students, lawyers and paralegals from the private sector to help assess the validity of cases for bankruptcy filing. As the bankruptcy code has become more complex as a result of the 2005 amendments, the staffing and budget needs of CBAP have become more challenging. The agency relies on strong support from the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, IOLTA (Interest On Lawyers Trust Accounts) grants and the bankruptcy bar to fund their general operating expenses.

As the bankruptcy filing process has become increasingly burdensome for both attorneys and clients requiring intricate new filing processes along with numerous supporting documentation, the Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project has launched programs to train new staff and volunteer attorneys in the changes to the bankruptcy law. Once a client has been interviewed and a determination made to file a case, volunteers are trained in how to compose bankruptcy forms through CBAP’s “Fresh Start Clinic.”

CBAP recently experienced a case that was quite compelling. Supervising attorney Siana Newman worked with an 84-year-old woman who was living on a fixed income. Not only did Newman represent the woman in a Chapter 7 bankruptcy resulting in a favorable outcome, but she also obtained $1,400 for the client that was inappropriately set-off against her bank account by a lender. Since the client was living so close to the edge financially, losing $1,400 was an enormous strain on her. Through dogged persistence, Newman successfully convinced the lender to return the funds to her client.

When clients do not meet the financial test for pro bono representation, CBAP refers clients to the low fee panel of the Philadelphia Bar Association or a Chapter 7 bankruptcy practitioner in the Philadelphia Bar Foundation’s page.
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Groups Look to Build Next Great City Here

By Jeff Lyons

Some of the people who are helping move Philadelphia into the 21st century gathered June 13 to talk about what it will take to turn Philadelphia into the next great city.

The Young Lawyers Division “2020” discussion was moderated by Mark Schweitzer, president of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce. Panelists included Brett Mandel of Philadelphia Forward; Jon Hermann of Campus Philly; Bill Johnson of the Police Advisory Commission; Greg Goldman of Wireless Philadelphia; Peggy Amsterdam of the Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance; and Gerald Furgione of PhillyCarShare.

“We fail in the effort to become a greater city because we’ve made bad choices,” said Mandel. “What’s standing in the way? Folks who have been a part of this inappropriate cluster of relationships in Philadelphia where it’s ‘I’ll scratch your back if you scratch mine.’ Nobody wants to buck the system because everyone is so interrelated. It’s very exciting to see new people getting involved. It’s exciting to see people say ‘I’m going to do something because it makes sense,’ We should do things because they make sense, not because it’s the way we’ve always done things,” said Mandel.

Furgione pointed to an environmental awareness that can only help the city in the future. “There is more of an awareness of the environmental effects of automobile usage, thanks to the price of gasoline and the congestion problems and the road problems. People want to make changes and they see PhillyCarShare as one of the things that can help the city government. The city government has been using PhillyCarShare for the past three years and they have reduced their municipal fleet by more than 400 cars. We have saved them more than $5 million.”

Action News’ Han Urges Cooperation with Media

By Brian K. Sims

To most Philadelphians, Nydia Han is the voice of the aggrieved consumer. As the consumer investigative reporter for 6ABC Action News, Han spends her days, and many nights, scouring the city for stories of injustice and impropriety, doing so with her trademark charm and tenacity.

On May 30, Han brought both to a meeting of the Association’s Bar-News Media Committee, co-sponsored by the State Civil Litigation Section. Committee Chair Saul Segan interviewed Han and guided the discussion through her background, her current position with Channel 6, and a few pointers for dealing with the media.

A Southern California native and a graduate of the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University, Han offered the audience a look at the path that led her to Philadelphia in 2002.

Beginning her career as a general assignment reporter in Pocatello, Idaho, she faced an unusual problem. “At 21 years old, I felt like I was being exiled to Siberia,” Han said of Pocatello.

“The problem that I had,” she said, “was that I was the first Asian-American reporter ever to be in that market.” The area grew on her quickly, but she was soon on the road to Oklahoma.

First becoming an investigative reporter in Oklahoma City, Han reported on a wide range of criminal cases, environmental issues and local political concerns for the next two years.

“My job was to go to the police station every morning and go through the police reports from the night and day before.” From these reports, she worked with her crew and producers to develop stories on which she reported throughout the day and evening.

After Oklahoma City, Han moved to Houston, where she took her first job as a consumer reporter for the next three years before moving to Philadelphia.

Han says that her toughest and most challenging stories to cover come in three categories. “The emotional one is significant. On an emotional level, the best example I can give is when we went to Hurricane Katrina. It was life changing.”

“The logistical challenges exist too,” said Han, referring again to Hurricane Katrina and the difficulties encountered in just getting to and from the devastation each day.

“Then there are legal issues, of course, that we face. I may want to say ‘This is a scam’ but I can’t of course. Or I may know something that our attorneys believe is irrelevant to our story so I can’t talk about it.”

Moving on to how the media interacts with attorneys, Han said it depends on the attorney and it depends on the story. “The consumers’ attorneys are generally very receptive. They will make the consumer available to us.”

“On the other side, if it’s whom we’re looking to expose it can be very different,” Attorneys and companies can do their best to avoid her and her story.

Han told attendees that many times, no response is the worst response to a media inquiry:

“We’re going to do the story anyway, so it is really in your best interests to give me some sort of response. I also suggest that it’s better for someone to go on camera.”

“The harder you try to not give me a response, the harder I’m going to try and get one,” says Han. “It’s sort of human nature then that we think you have something to hide.”

With regard to comments during litigation, Han says it’s best to offer some kind of a response, even if an attorney cannot comment because of pending litigation. She suggests talking about how a situation is generally handled or what procedures are in place to deal with similar issues.

Ultimately, if possible Han says a statement should not come from an attorney. “It’s more meaningful to our viewers for the response to come from the consumer or from the company. Whatever that response may be.”

Brian K. Sims is an associate editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.
WOMEN IN THE PROFESSION COMMITTEE

Nominees Sought for 2007 O’Connor Award

The Women in the Profession Committee is seeking nominations for the 2007 Sandra Day O’Connor Award. Deadline for nominations is Tuesday, July 31.

The award is conferred annually on a woman attorney who has demonstrated superior legal talent, achieved significant legal accomplishments and has furthered the advancement of women in both the profession and the community. The award presentation will be made during the Association’s Quarterly Meeting in October.

The committee established the award in 1993 to recognize the important contributions that women attorneys in Philadelphia have made to the legal profession.

That year, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor presented the first award to U.S. District Court Senior Judge Norma L. Shapiro. The award has since been presented to the late Juanita Kidd Stout, former justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court; Deborah R. Willig, first woman Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association; Professor Marina Angel, of the Temple University Beasley School of Law faculty; Third Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Dolores K. Sloviter (former Chief Judge); U.S. District Court Judge Anita B. Brody; Leslie Anne Miller, first woman president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association; Lila G. Roomberg of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP; the late Judge Judith J. Jamison; Ellen T. Greenlee, chief defender of the Defender Association of Philadelphia; former Chancellor Audrey C. Talley; U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Marjorie O. Rendell; Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge Phyllis W. Beck; and Roberta D. Pichini.

To nominate someone for the 2007 Sandra Day O’Connor Award, use the nomination form on this page.

2007 SANDRA DAY O’CONNOR AWARD NOMINATION FORM

The Sandra Day O’Connor Award was named in honor of the first woman Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court and is given annually to an outstanding woman attorney in the Philadelphia area. The recipient is expected to exemplify the qualities that Justice O’Connor has demonstrated in her life and work. Therefore, the Award Committee gives preference to those nominees who have achieved prominence and the highest degree of professional excellence in their field over a sustained period and who have openly and visibly used their position and stature in the community to mentor, promote and advance other women lawyers. Specific criteria follow:

Award Criteria

• Female attorney with law practice or other professional activities in Philadelphia.
• A career path that demonstrates superior legal talent and ability characterized by unique contributions to and significant achievements within the legal community.
• Advocacy for the advancement and equal treatment of women in the profession, as well as the community.
• A reputation for mentoring other women in the profession.

Return the completed form with all additional materials by Tuesday, July 31, 2007 to: O’Connor Award, Women in the Profession Committee, c/o Dawn Burger, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., 11th fl., Philadelphia, Pa. 19107-2911.

Nominee’s Name: ______________________________________ Title: __________________________

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Nominator’s Name: __________________________________________ Title: __________________________

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Please use 8 1/2 x 11” sheets to answer the following questions.

1. How long have you known the nominee?
2. What has been your association with the nominee?
3. Describe the nominee’s professional accomplishments.
4. What is the nominee’s most significant accomplishment?
5. Describe how the nominee has been an advocate and used her position and stature in the community to advance, and provide career opportunities for, women lawyers generally.
6. Describe what the nominee has done to mentor, promote and advance other women lawyers.
7. Describe other activities in which the nominee has engaged that have advanced women inside and outside the legal community.

Nominees must provide answers to questions 1-7. Nominators are encouraged to include additional material on the nominee, such as curriculum vitae, press clippings, résumé; however, no more than three letters in support of the nominee will be accepted. Nomination forms may refer to and incorporate information submitted within the past three years for the nominee. The nominator is also responsible for ensuring submission of current information for the nominee as well.

Bar Team Seeks Riders for ACS Bike-a-Thon July 15

The Philadelphia Bar Association American Cancer Society Bike-a-Thon team is back again and stronger than ever. For the fourth straight year, members of the Association, their families and friends will be getting on their bicycles and riding across the Benjamin Franklin Bridge all the way to Atlantic County, N.J. as part of the American Cancer Society Bike-a-Thon.

The July 15 event will celebrate its 35th year this year and will raise money in the fight against cancer. The American Cancer Society Bike-a-Thon raised more than $1.7 million last year and had more than 4,500 riders participating. Last year the Philadelphia Bar team donated more than $93,000 and had more than 150 riders.

The Bar Association team will honor its former co-chair, the late Stephen Saltz, by having his name prominently displayed on newly designed jerseys. To make a donation or become a volunteer, visit acsbike.org.
FEDERAL BENCH-BAR CONFERENCE

‘Doing People’s Work’ Drives Inquirer’s Chief

By Ria C. Momblanco

“Doing the people’s work,” is what Brian P. Tierney described at the high-
light of his time as CEO of Philadelphia Media Holdings, L.L.C., and publisher

Tierney, the keynote speaker at the closing luncheon of the Federal Courts
Committee’s Annual Federal Bench-Bar Conference on June 8, began his address
by expressing how honored he was to be asked to speak at the conference. “The
federal courts, in particular, play such an important role in protecting what it is my
journalists do everyday,” said Tierney. “It’s at the core of democracy, as we all know.”

In his address, Tierney outlined the progress and the goals of what has come
to be known as “The Philadelphia Experiment.” The experiment began a year ago
when Tierney and a group of prominent Philadelphia-area businessmen success-
fully bid on The Inquirer, the Daily News, and philly.com, all of which had once
been owned by national media company Knight-Ridder.

The arrangement among the Philadelphia Media Holdings investors created a
unique local-ownership situation where the investors have promised not to sell
their shares for five years. After five years, any investor wishing to sell will have to
give the holdings company the first right of refusal. If the company does not wish
to purchase the shares, those shares are offered to fellow investors, and if no one in
the investment group wishes to purchase the shares, the shares are offered only to
persons who are approved by the group.

Tierney reported that the local ownership of the two major Philadelphia-area
newspapers has, so far, resulted in various improvements in the way the papers
now do business. For example, due to successful negotiations with Teamsters
who delivered The Inquirer and the Daily News, the two newspapers are no longer
delivered by separate trucks. This reduces inefficiencies that once existed when two
trucks, one carrying The Inquirer and the other carrying the Daily News, had to
go to the same location. The Teamsters’ assistance in streamlining the delivery
process resulted in the ability to increase home deliveries. Home delivery of the
Daily News has reached its highest point in six years.

Such business restructuring efforts have resulted in Philadelphia Media Holdings
being able to invest up to $22 million back into its newspaper and Internet
publications, where $4 million has already gone into upgrading the technol-
ogy of the printing presses and $4 million is planned for improving philly.com.

Tierney remarked that had the papers belonged to a publicly traded entity, invest-
ing $22 million toward the improvement of the papers would have been unlikely.

Tierney said that the highlight of his involvement with Philadelphia’s papers came when two Inquirer journalists wrote
an expose on Philadelphia’s Department of Human Services. Within a week of
publication, Tierney noted that Mayor John F. Street began making efforts to
change the system. As Tierney visited the two journalists to congratulate them
on the success of their story, he had the opportunity to meet with a grandmother
who, after having read the story, believed

that the journalists would be able to tell
her story and help her grandchild who
was in the care of the Department of Hu-
man Services. At that moment, Tierney
realized that he was among those who
were “doing the people’s work.” Likening
it to what federal judges must experience
in their line of work, he expressed that
though his job may not be financially lu-
crative, he feels fortunate and inspired to
know that he is “doing the people’s work”
and helping the community.

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Kaplan and Black, R.P.C.

Family Law Reception

Judge Nicholas Cipriani is joined by Julia Swain (left) and Karen Zeitz
at the Family Law Section’s reception on June 20 in the 57th floor
penthouse at the Residences at Two Liberty Place. The Family Law Sec-
tion named its inn of court in Judge Cipriani’s honor at the event.

MINORITIES IN THE PROFESSION COMMITTEE

Pa. Lags in Protection of Rights of Gays, Commissioners Say

By Kathryn C. Harr

Pennsylvania is behind the times
when it comes to protecting the rights
of its lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender
residents, the chair of the Pennsylvania
Human Relations Commission told mem-
bers of the Minorities in the Profession
Committee.

While 486 of the Fortune 500 com-
panies have LGBT non-discrimination
protections in place, only 30 percent of
Pennsylvania’s LGBT population is pro-
tected under similar laws. “We have clearly
lost a number of people in the academic
arena, in the high tech sector, in corporate
America where these policies either have
not been in place or are in conflict with
the state policies that do exist,” said Steven
Glassman, chair of the Pennsylvania Hu-
man Relations Commission. Glassman
was joined at the May 31 meeting by Charles
Nyer of the Philadelphia Human Relations
Commission.

In response, the PHRC is addressing the
issue on federal, state and local levels. At
the federal level, the Hate Crimes Bill and
the Employment Non-Discrimination Act
have received significant bipartisan sponsor-
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Nearly 300 Attend Federal Bench-Bar Conference

U.S. District Court Judge Mary A. McLaughlin (left) and Prof. Catherine T. Struve discuss the Third Circuit’s model civil jury instructions and their impact on charging conferences. Other panelists for this session included Alice W. Ballard, Scott F. Cooper and Maria L.H. Lewis.

U.S. District Court Judge Berle M. Schiller (right) and Stephen G. Harvey discussed the new e-discovery rules and how they are working in practice at the June 8 Federal Bench-Bar Conference at Loews Philadelphia Hotel. Nearly 300 attorneys and judges attended the program.

U.S. District Court Judge Anita B. Brody (left) and Magistrate Judge L. Felipe Restrepo were joined by former Chancellor David H. Marion and Lawrence Z. Sheikman for tips on dealing with a difficult adversary.

Clerk of Court Michael E. Kunz (from left) U.S. Bankruptcy Court Chief Judge Diane W. Sigmund and U.S. District Court Chief Judge Harvey Bartle III gave reports on the state of the court at the June 8 program.

U.S. Attorney Patrick L. Meehan discusses the problem of witnesses not coming forward for fear of retribution.

Federal Courts Committee Vice Chair Charles S. Marion (left) and Chair Edward G. Biester III greeted attendees. Marion served as course planner for the program.
The scope of issues handled by United States Attorneys’ offices is myriad, ranging from investigation and prosecution, to the appellate process, but we must not forget that non-traditional issues are just as important. There is a non-traditional threat that is increasingly prevalent in our legal system and, in many cases, claiming any chance of justice being realized.

It is whosarat.com - a Web site and legal crisis rolled into one.

Arguably, it is threatening the very credibility of our adversarial system. It is also forcing us to balance the public’s right of access to our court proceedings and filings with the vital need to protect those who cooperate with law enforcement.

Within the past month, “Who’s A Rat” has been the subject of several stories and editorials in both The Philadelphia Inquirer and The New York Times, the latter of which called it, quote, an “unfortunate reality...like bomb-making instructional videos on jihadi sites.”

The “Who’s A Rat” site uses publicly available information, including state and federal court case files, to identify and publicize those suspected of cooperating with law enforcement and undercover law-enforcement agents.

The site boasts that it has identified or “outed” some 400 agents and 4,300 informers across the country, complete with photos and court documents.

The sole purpose of this site is dedicated to identifying and intimidating individuals who cooperate with the government, and putting undercover officers in peril; we should all find it deeply disturbing.

Not only does it pose a physical threat to the cooperator but it is compromising countless prosecutions.

According to a survey conducted by the National Youth Gang Center, 88 percent of prosecutors in urban areas describe witness intimidation as a very serious problem.

This trend results in a very high percentage of cases in our local Common Pleas Court either not making it past a preliminary hearing or to trial, because the victim or witnesses are increasing failing to show up for court.

The term “Code of Silence” tends to trigger images of old-time mobsters swearing a blood oath in the back room of a neighborhood hangout.

I think it would be helpful to purge our minds of these old-fashioned, somewhat cinematic notions, or at least push them to the side, so that we can make room for the new reality.

It’s now a grassroots movement on the streets and on the Internet, an advertising campaign, and a weapon for criminals of all kinds.

It has re-emerged under new names - “Who’s A Rat” and “Stop Snitching” - and it is a threat not just to law enforcement agencies and the legal community as a whole, but to our system of justice.

We must do everything we can to make sure it does not succeed.

One definition of the word “justice” is “the conformity to truth.” But our pursuit of justice is in great peril if those who possess vital information adopt the street mantra, “See no evil, hear no evil, and above all, speak no truth.”

It is clear that we all have a stake in this and we must ask ourselves, “What kind of culture do we want to leave for our children and their children? One that encourages retreat or one that values involvement, honesty, and responsibility?”

I think we all know that there is only one answer.

Patrick L. Meehan is the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
Bally’s Atlantic City is the site for the 2007 Bench-Bar Conference on Sept. 28 and 29. Seven CLE credits are available at the two-day conference.

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# 2007 Bench-Bar Conference Registration Form

September 28-29, 2007 - Bally’s Atlantic City

(Please Note: Judges will receive separate conference materials)

Each attendee must fill out a registration form in its entirety (non-attorney guests may be included on the form). Make checks payable to Philadelphia Bar Association and mail to: 2007 Bench-Bar Conference, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., 11th Fl., Philadelphia, PA 19107, or pay with your credit card below and fax to (215) 238-1159. Online registration is also available at philadelphiabar.org. NOTE: Hotel reservations must be made separately by calling (800) 345-7253. Mention “Philadelphia Bar Association” to take advantage of the special room rate of $99 per night on Thursday, $144 on Friday and $189 on Saturday (plus taxes). Hotel reservations must be made by Thursday, Sept. 6, 2007.

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Register online at philadelphiabar.org
Seven CLE Credits Available at Bench-Bar

By Jeff Lyons

A total of 7 CLE credits and 14 different courses are available at the Association’s 2007 Bench-Conference on Sept. 28 and 29 at Bally’s Atlantic City.

This year’s conference, “Saddle Up to a Bench-Bar Bonanza,” has a Wild West theme and includes a black tie and blue jeans reception on Friday evening, Sept. 28. Sponsors for the 2007 Bench-Bar Conference include USI Collborn Insurance Service, LexisNexis, PNC Wealth Management, JAMS, Veritext and Kroll.

Additionally, Bally’s Atlantic City is now accepting reservations for attendees. Book early for the best rates: rooms Thursday night, Sept. 27 are just $99; rooms Friday night are $144, and Saturday night rooms are $189. Call 1-800-345-7253 for reservations and mention you are attending the Philadelphia Bar Association Bench-Bar Conference to get these special rates.

This year’s conference is expected to bring together hundreds of lawyers and judges for two days of programming that lets practitioners and the judiciary share ideas and best practices.

The opening luncheon “Chow at the Chuckwagon” begins at 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 28. Lunch is followed by a screening of “Soul of Justice: Thelton Henderson’s American Journey.”

Following a short break, four additional CLE programs are available beginning at 3:45 p.m. All of the programs following the opening luncheon and film screening are 1-credit programs.

“The Unforgiven” is a Young Lawyers Division-sponsored program on the Internet and defamation. The course planners are Natalie Klyashtrony and John Papiano. Speakers for this program will be announced at a later time.

Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge Corcarle F. Stevens and Commonwealth Court Judge Robert E. Simpson Jr. are the panelists for “Marshall Dillon,” a program on appellate advocacy.

The Family Law Section will present “Billy the Kid” - Right Down the Middle: Equally Shared Physical-Custody in Philadelphia County. Course planners Mark Momjian and Megan Watson will be joined by panelists Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Holly Ford, custody master Fern Caplan and Julia Swain.

“Gunfight at the OK Corral” is the Business Law Section program on Discerning the Right Resolution Clauses in Agreements: Drafting Tips and Practical Considerations. The faculty for this program include Mitchell Bach, Judge Diane M. Welsh and Paul D. Weiner.

“Calamity Jane and the Dalton Gang” is themed on the black tie blue jeans reception beginning at 6:30 p.m. The four-hour reception includes food, drink and the opportunity to mingle and network with colleagues and members of the judiciary.

Breakfast (Tequila Sunrise) will be available from 8 to 9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning.

Saturday’s programming begins at 8:30 a.m. with the “Young Guns” - Procedures for Motion Practice in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. This YLD-sponsored breakfast program will include discussion of both procedures and arguments related to Discovery Motion Practice and Pretrial Motion Practice. Brian Chacker and May Mon Post are among the panelists. Attendees for this program will be eligible to win a raffle for a free iPod.

Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Supervising Judge William J. Manfredi is a speaker for the 9:45 a.m. program “The Pony Express” - Electronic Filing in Municipal Court and the Court of Common Pleas.

The Family Law Section program “The Proposition” - Get a Job/You’re Fired! Earning Capacity Litigation in Philadelphia County includes Megan Watson, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Elizabeth Jackson, Michael Grasso and Dina Romanay.

“Bad Day at Black Rock” is a program on alternative courts and is presented by the Criminal Justice Section. The course planner is Philadelphia Municipal Court Judge President Judge Louis J. Presenza. “Little House on the Prairie” is the Real Property Section program on stolen houses with course planners Judy Berkman and Michael Balent.

A 30-minute break with refreshments follows, and conference attendees will be able to check out at this time.

At 11:15 a.m., the Business Law Section will present “Treasure of the Sierra Madre” - Practical Insights into Software Licensing Agreements: Drafting Tips and Practical Considerations with panelists Marc Zacker, Michael Ecker and Steve Foxman and Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Howland W. Abramson. “Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid” is a program that will focus on appellate practice and offer practical tips on dealing with the Prothonotary’s Office and facilitating the appellate process. Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge Richard B. Klein, continued on page 16
'Soul of Justice' Screening Opens Bench-Bar

A panel of judges will lead the discussion following a screening of "Soul of Justice: Thelon Henderson's American Journey," the opening program for the 2007 Bench-Bar Conference at Bally's Atlantic City on Friday, Sept. 28.

The opening luncheon program is sponsored by the Public Interest Section, the Asian American Bar Association of the Delaware Valley, the Barristers Association of Philadelphia, the Hispanic Bar Association, the South Asian Bar Association and the National Bar Association Women Lawyers Division.

Panelists for this 3 CLE credit program (1 substantive, 2 ethics) include U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Theodore McKee; Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judges Nitza Quinones I. Alejandro, Frederica Massiah-Jackson and Teresa Sarmina.

"Soul of Justice" presents the life and work of one of the first African-American federal judges in the United States and chronicles the impact of his decisions on the lives of millions. The film follows Judge Henderson from his time in the U.S. Department of Justice during the civil rights movement through his current position on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

Charles Becker, Robert L. Byer and Pennsylvania Superior Court Prothonotary Karen Bramblett are the panelists.

"The Gunslinger" is offered by the State Civil Litigation Section and includes panelist Robert J. Mongeluzzi.

"The Wild Bunch," the Probate and Trust Section’s program on special needs trusts, features panelists Lawrence C. Norford, Roberta D. Pichini and Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Anne E. Lazarus.

The 2007 Bench-Bar Conference wraps up at 12:30 p.m. with the luncheon "High Noonish" that will feature a fashion show with apparel available at Atlantic City shopping destinations. The closing luncheon is sponsored by PNC Wealth Management.
Look Outside Yourself to Offer Someone Hope

By Mon Post

I remember standing in my garden, gazing at the moon. It was a full moon, and there was not a cloud in the sky. I was five years old.

"Do you see the old man and the bunny rabbit?" my grandmother asked, pointing at the bright moon. "Once upon a time, there lived in a forest a rabbit, a monkey, and a fox. The old man of the moon saw them and wanted to reward the kindest one. So he came down to earth and pretended to be a beggar. The rabbit, the monkey, and the fox all felt very sorry for the old man. So, the monkey gave him some fruit. The fox gave him a fish. But the rabbit didn't have anything to give him; so, he made a fire and got ready to jump in there so that the old man could eat him. Then, the old man asked the rabbit to live in the moon with him. And the rabbit said yes, and he was never hungry again because there are lots of mooncakes up there."

"Grandma, I see them! I see the old man and the bunny rabbit. The old man has a hunch back. And the rabbit looks really happy standing next to him," I told her.

"Well, little missy. The bunny rabbit has sent you a mooncake - and I have it right here," my grandmother said. She handed me a mooncake - a type of pastry with rich, dense red bean paste filling and a sort of flaky crust.

It was delicious.

"When you grow up, I want you to be kind to others so you can eat all the mooncakes you want, OK?" she said.

I am grown up now. And I do feel like I am kind to others, but not because I want to eat all the mooncakes. I am kind to them because my grandmother was a kind person and she taught me the importance of looking outside myself once in a while.

I know it sounds corny, but that's one of the reasons I became involved with the YLD. I know I have made someone's day when I provide free legal advice over the phone for LegalLine. I know I am offering hope to someone when I act as a judge in high school mock trial competitions or when I serve as a mentor to a law student. I know I am making a difference - at least in this city - when I participate in People's Law School, a six-week program that offers non-lawyers basic information about the law that affects their daily lives.

As young lawyers, we are fortunate because we have so many opportunities to give our time and talents in ways that enrich the lives of others. We have the ability to leave the world a bit better when we participate in Law Week, People's Law School or legal education and mentoring programs. We have a chance to fight for a cause larger than ourselves when we go to a charity event to benefit the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, which promotes equal access to justice for all the people in the community, particularly those struggling with poverty, abuse and discrimination.

We have the opportunity to light another person's path when we take on a pro bono case.

Once in a while, when the moon is full, I try to picture a rabbit up there with an old man. I can't quite make out the old man, but sometimes I can see the rabbit. And he still looks very happy. It must be the mooncakes!

May Mon Post, an assistant city solicitor in the Philadelphia Law Department, is vice chair of the YLD Executive Committee.

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dered over a considerable period of time or a single outstanding achievement in a particular year. (The fact that this single achievement may have occurred some years ago in not material so long as it has not been recognized);

• The accomplishment must arise from voluntary activities rather than for service rendered as a paid professional; and

• It is preferred that the recipient be a member of the Philadelphia Bar Association not now in public office or directly involved with the court operations or any other public service activity.


Nominations should be made in writing. Please include a detailed statement setting forth information and reasons why you are recommending the nominee. Nominations should be sent to Tracey McCluskey, Philadelphia Bar Association, c/o Fidelity Award Committee, 1101 Market St., 11th Floor, Philadelphia PA 19107. The deadline is Oct. 12, 2007.
Women have made a great deal of progress since U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Dolores K. Sloviter started law school at the University of Pennsylvania in the 1950s, but there is much more work to be done, the judge told the audience at the Association’s June 7 Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon.

Judge Sloviter was speaking on behalf of the new members of the Association’s Year Clubs, comprised of attorneys who have been practicing law for 50, 60, 65 and 70 years. There was a special ceremony before the Quarterly Meeting honoring Murray H. Shusterman, who has been practicing law for 70 years. Shusterman, senior counsel with Fox Rothschild LLP, is a 1936 graduate of Temple University School of Law. The 96-year-old Shusterman still comes to the office daily.

“It is a privilege to represent the 50-Year Club on this occasion,” Judge Sloviter said. “Although the members of this class have more gray hair than most of you, we’ve had in our 50 years as varied an experience as you have had. Upon joining the bar, some joined large law firms. And many stayed there, unlike the jumping around that goes on nowadays.”

“When I was interviewed for admission at Penn Law School, I was told by my interviewer that I would be taking a seat that could be occupied by a man and that I would only get married and have children and make no contribution whatsoever to the legal profession. Can you imagine anyone in any law school in any city saying that to a female applicant today?” she said. Judge Sloviter was one of just nine women in that class at Penn Law School.

“Women are now accepted fully in the profession and at the highest levels. Witness Jane Dalton, our Chancellor, and the women who preceded her – Debbie Willig, Doreen Davis and Audrey Talley, our first black woman Chancellor,” she said. “In the last 50 years, we have not progressed as well on another front. I recently scanned the names and photographs of what the National Law Journal called the 50 most influential women lawyers in America. Two of them are Philadelphia lawyers and members of the Bar Association and one of them, I’m proud to say, is one of my former law clerks,” she said. “But I saw not one black face among the 50 women. When I was at law school, I recall only one black student in the whole law school. And he wasn’t even in my class. In the Philadelphia Bar, at that time, the black lawyers primarily congregated in the famous Norris firm, which had among its founders, Cliff Green and A. Leon Higginbotham, my former colleague, whom we honor by today’s lecture. Bill Coleman, who clerked for Justice Frankfurter after Harvard Law School and became Secretary of Transportation in the Ford Administration, was a partner in the law firm I joined. But he frequently tells how he got that position in the Dilworth firm only after commuting to New York for five years, which was the only place that he as a superb black lawyer could get a job,” the judge said.

Fifty years ago, the Philadelphia law firms were not open to women and minorities and more than half were not open to Jews, she said. “And if you young lawyers are not aware of that history, you should be. We’ve made some progress in that direction, but hardly enough. In the past 50 years, the Philadelphia Bar Association has done an admirable job toward assistance and representation of the underserved community. That can be seen by review of the committees that are focused on the disabled, gays and lesbians, juveniles, abused women, the indigent and those under death sentence, to name a few. It must continue to lead in those efforts,” she said.

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you a profession that still has work to do.
The Bar Association has taken consistent positions in support of civil rights and civil liberties, especially freedom of speech. We ask you to use your service and the abilities of those members of the 50-Year class who are willing to help you continue in your work for the profession and this wonderful Bar Association. We will be back as members of the 60-year club and we will keep an eye on things and see how well you’ve done,” she said.

The following is a list of new members of the Association’s 50-, 60-, 65- and 70-Year Clubs:

50-Year Club

Albert Bartolomeo; Charles Basch; Edward F. Beatty Jr.; Joseph Boardman; Judge Alex Bonavitacola; Howard Brooks; Robert W. Costgan; Chester T. Cyzio; Jack E. Feinberg; Lawrence Goldberg; Larry J. Goldsborough; Daniel H. Greene; Joseph E. Greene Jr.; David C. Harrison; Martin Heller; William J. Henrich Jr.; John B. Huffaker; Arthur J. Karan; Seymour Kanter; E. Brooks Keffer Jr.; James J. Kildee; Richard H. Knox; Isador Krannest; Peter J. Liacouras; Sidney Margules; Edmund S. Pawelec; Lionel A. Prince; William E. Quinn; Richard M. Rosenblith; Harold Rosenthal; Edward E. Russell; Jeanne Ward Ryan; Carl W. Schneider; Robert L. Seigle; Sheldon Seligsohn; Ronald H. Sherr; Irvin Siegel; Judge Dolores K. Sloviter; Arnold L. Wainstein; Charles E. Wolf; David L. Wolf; Bernard Wyman; Herbert Yaskin; Norman P. Zarwin; and Barbara K. Zimmerman.

60-Year Club

Judge Arlin M. Adams; David N. Rosen; and Martin J. Vigderman

65-Year Club

Herbert Brener; Pershing N. Calabro; Marvin Comisky; John M. Holton Jr.; Albert W. Schiffrin; and I. Sidney Sherwin.

70-Year Club

Murray H. Shusterman

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In her address, Ifill described how Higginbotham changed everything he touched from the classroom to the courtroom. Each June, the Association presents the lecture to honor Judge Higginbotham, a life-long champion of individual rights.

In comparing lawyers to journalists, Ifill said both groups are despised by 95 percent of the population and “we’re defensive about it because we’re convinced we are doing the right thing.” Ifill described how the public’s demands for the two professions have increased in our post-9/11, post-Katrina world and that for journalists, stories of kidnapped and missing young women and what politicians say to each other are just not enough. Ifill explained that she likes politics but said that when she tells people that, she receives the same reaction as when she tells them she likes lawyers.

In ending the lecture, Ifill challenged the Association members, like her fellow journalists, to never forget the special privilege to ask questions and the special responsibility to get the right answers. “When we do our jobs right, we tell stories for and protect the voiceless,” she concluded.

Molly Pockman, special counsel and director of professional development at Pepper Hamilton LLP, is an advisory editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.
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lion to date,” he said.

Philadelphia’s cultural institutions have already made the city a destination, said Amsterdam. “We have an incredible richness of arts and cultural activities for people in the city. The cultural groups need help from the corporations, the government as well as foundations, to survive. What they really need are audi-
ences and people participating as board members. The cultural institutions make Philadelphia a spectacular place,” she said.

For Hermann, the task is simple – keeping college graduates in the city once they’re done with their education. “It’s not city versus suburbs, it’s not a regional thing. It’s Philly against Boston, New York and California. There are more than 360,000 college students in the region and there are about 67,000 degrees conferred annually. We keep about 60 percent of all college graduates who attend school in the region. We keep about 80 percent of the people who grew up here and only about 30 percent of the people who didn’t grow up here,” he said.

“We’ve often heard it said that for Philadelphia to become a world-class city, it also needs to have a world-class police department,” said Johnson. “Part of the job that the commission does is to improve the job between the police department and the community. We act as an active body that oversees the police department. The police department’s job is fighting crime. Our job is studying the police depart-
ment. This becomes important because we know we have a new mayor coming in and advocating a “stop and frisk” policy. Many people are concerned about how this will affect the quality of life in Philadelphia. But when you look at some of the quality of life issues here, like the violence that’s going and the high homici-dle rate, certainly there’s a need to do something different from what we’ve been doing. But it will take effective oversight to make sure there are not violations with this initiative,” Johnson said.

Wireless Philadelphia was created to transform Philadelphia’s neighborhoods by making high-speed Internet access more available and affordable through Digital Inclusion – the initiative that helps people who are not online gain access with hardware, software, tech support/information, and broadband Internet service, so they can begin to use this technology to improve their educational, employment, health, and life opportunities.

“Isn’t it exciting the way the general public and the media have really embraced Wireless Philadelphia. Philadelphia was way out in front of any other major city in terms of embracing WIFI technology,” said Goldman.
Cheap Eats

Great Burgers, Better Fries at Five Guys

By Chip Berger

I get tired of paying $10 for a bowl of lettuce. Now I’m not knocking Marathon Grill, which my friend Manny calls “McDonald’s for Lawyers.” It’s just that I’m cheap and I prefer cheap eats. In fact, I’ve made a hobby out of finding filling lunches that cost in the five-dollar range. There was a time when the only inexpensive lunch option was a hot dog from a corner cart, which is now healthily supplemented with fruit stands with ladies wielding cleavers and shoving fruit into plastic containers.

I wanted to share my finds with you Philly lawyers to give you a change of pace from the salacious recommendations of the Bar Reporter’s real food critic for almost more years than I’ve been alive, Max Bokol. I’m not knocking Max either but let’s face it, sometimes your wallet only allows for something to “shove-in-your-mouth” as you walk through Rittenhouse Square and sometimes you only have enough time for a pitiful grab’n go and bring back to your desk. And who wants to spend $15 for a three-minute chomp?

So, without further ado, let me tell you about my first cheap eats recommendation— one of the hottest lunch spots in town, Five Guys Famous Burgers and Fries at 1527 Chestnut St., a Washington, D.C., based-chain. According to their Web site, there really are five guys and they are brothers. The lunchtime lines look daunting but the wait is not long with almost a dozen people behind the counter assembling the burgers (all toppings are free) and serving up the fries in paper bags. They even have bowls of peanuts to munch on while you wait.

The menu is not extensive and focuses on the burger, the regular of which at $4.29 gets you two patties, while the “little burger” ($2.99) has one. Cheese and bacon cost extra. Not many leave without the fries (a regular order costs $1.99 and the large, with enough calories and carbs for a month, will set you back $3.89). They are boardwalk-style, cooked in peanut oil and come in “Five Guys” or Cajun styles. There are also kosher hot dogs ($2.99); although they can’t really be kosher if cooked on the same grill as cheeseburgers! and grilled cheese and veggie sandwiches ($2.29). Drinks are $1.59 but come with free refills. If you are looking for atmosphere or a gourmet burger, head to Rouge, a few blocks away on Rittenhouse Square, but be sure to hit an ATM first. At Five Guys, the music is loud and there is nothing fancy about this place but if you want a cheap burger and some damn good fries, check them out.

And since I am always looking for more options, I welcome your recommendations. Like me, you too can come up with a pseudonym so nobody finds out what cheapskates we really are.

Tell us your favorite place for cheap eats by e-mailing reporter@philabar.org.

Firms Train City Teens for Careers

The Bridges Program, founded in 1998 and directed by Dechert LLP; conducted its ninth graduation ceremony on June 6 in an event hosted by Duane Morris LLP. Nineteen Philadelphia youth graduated from the 12-month internship and training program dedicated to preparing the city’s high school students for meaningful careers in professional service firms, health care systems, government agencies, businesses, and nonprofit organizations. The 2007 class brings the Bridges alumni total to 154.

Bernhard W. Witter, former executive vice president for operations at Dechert and the founder and current chair of the Bridges program, awarded the certificates and the founder and current chair of the executive director. Michael Nutter, Democratic nominee for mayor of Philadelphia, was the keynote speaker.

Law firms employing the 2007 Bridges class were Dechert LLP; Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP; Reed Smith LLP; Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen LLP; Schaff and Young, PC; Duane Morris LLP; and Greenberg Traurig, LLP.

With its unique combination of classroom instruction, on-the-job training, and life skills development, Bridges enables urban youth to make a successful transition from school to a professional environment. Upon completing high school and the Bridges Program, each graduate begins full-time employment at the organization where he or she was an intern, or at another participating employer.
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less billable hours of the past few months or the daily consumption of all-you-can-
eat buffets on a recent family cruise, but I had to visit the Jefferson Hospital emergency room unexpectedly a couple of weeks ago. Thinking I would just get some miracle medi-
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ing to stay in touch with the office. Moreover, I had an IV stuck in me that made being on my Blackberry a bit awk-
ward (by the way, being on intravenous fluids for three days does not guar-
antee any weight loss).

Of course, I knew I was addicted to my Blackberry even before I landed in the hospital. And being in the hospital is no cure for a Blackberry addiction (as evidenced by my checking on the dockets in a case while my doctor was explaining my test results and by my emailing my office while the nurse attempted to take my blood pressure). But since coming out of the hospital, I learned that I actually suffer from another affliction as well: an addiction to billable hours!

When I was billing those crazy hours in the spring, I could not care less about how many hours I was racking up. All I wanted was a reprieve. Be careful what you wish for. My reprieve came in the form of a hospital stay. But then I realized all those months of billing left me craving more and more billable hours. Since re-
turning to the office, I am still consumed by all-you-can-bill days. I regretted those three days just lying in the hospital, wasting precious billable hours.

Fortunately, an addiction to billable hours is treatable. A healthy dose of eating good meals (preferably cooked by someone else), hanging out with great friends and taking multiple weekend trips will keep my affliction manageable. And if that does not work, summer is a natural cure for anyone afflicted with any ailment. So if you find yourself suffering from a billable-hour addiction, I am no doctor, but I would recommend that you go outside and just breathe.

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

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The Bar Foundation supports the Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project through grants made possible by the Rais-
ings The Bar Campaign, Access To Justice and special events that bring friends and adversaries together for a great cause, while making a difference for organizations so heavily relied upon such as CBAP. We need your financial support in order to continue to support CBAP and all of our other grantees. You can start now by making a contribution to our Access to Justice Campaign that is currently under way. You can see to it that your firm joins the Raising The Bar Campaign. You can join the Andrew Hamilton Circle or Advocates of Justice. You can sponsor and attend our Andrew Hamilton Gala on Nov. 17. Your contributions are vital to the Bar Foundation to ensure that we can make “access to justice” possible for all Philadelphians.

Elaine Rinaldi, a partner at Cozen O’Connor, is president of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation.

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congressional action to eliminate them. It had considerable initial success with the support of congressional majorities, while the country was in the post-9/11 climate of fear. That picture has begun to change as the two other branches of government have increasingly exercised their constitu-
tional roles.

One current and extremely important issue is the right to habeas corpus that was stripped from the Guantanamo inmates by legislation in late 2006. There is pending in Congress legislation introduced by Sen. Patrick Leahy that would restore that right. The Philadelphia Bar Association has consistently, strongly, and recently, supported the right to habeas. Such a restoration would be consistent with the finest traditions of American law and of the Association.

Michael J. Carroll is co-chair of the Civil Rights Committee and an attorney with Com-
munity Legal Services.

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Sunah in the City

Too Many Hours? Step Outside and Breathe

By Sunah Park

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eat buffets on a recent family cruise, but I had to visit the Jefferson Hospital emergency room unexpectedly a couple of weeks ago. Thinking I would just get some miracle medi-
cine and then head into the office for another 12-hour billable day, I did not have anything with me except my purse, Blackberry and cell phone. As it turns out, I ended up being admitted. Now, it was only three days that were made pleasantly bearable by flowers sent by co-workers and visits from friends. It was three days, however, without being able to bill. My Blackberry had spotty reception and it was very frustrating try-
ing to stay in touch with the office. Moreover, I had an IV stuck in me that made being on my Blackberry a bit awk-
ward (by the way, being on intravenous fluids for three days does not guar-
antee any weight loss).

Of course, I knew I was addicted to my Blackberry even before I landed in the hospital. And being in the hospital is no cure for a Blackberry addiction (as evidenced by my checking on the dockets in a case while my doctor was explaining my test results and by my emailing my office while the nurse attempted to take my blood pressure). But since coming out of the hospital, I learned that I actually suffer from another affliction as well: an addiction to billable hours!

When I was billing those crazy hours in the spring, I could not care less about how many hours I was racking up. All I wanted was a reprieve. Be careful what you wish for. My reprieve came in the form of a hospital stay. But then I realized all those months of billing left me craving more and more billable hours. Since re-
turning to the office, I am still consumed by all-you-can-bill days. I regretted those three days just lying in the hospital, wast-
ing precious billable hours.

Fortunately, an addiction to billable hours is treatable. A healthy dose of eating good meals (preferably cooked by someone else), hanging out with great friends and taking multiple weekend trips will keep my affliction manageable. And if that does not work, summer is a natural cure for anyone afflicted with any ailment. So if you find yourself suffering from a billable-hour addiction, I am no doctor, but I would recommend that you go outside and just breathe.

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In-House Counsel Tell What Clients Expect

By Ria C. Momblanco

Good client service is more than just delivering an outstanding work product. According to three in-house attorneys who gave a panel presentation at the May 22 meeting of the Women in the Profession Committee, clients value attorneys who understand the politics of the client’s company, who help ease the various demands on in-house counsel, and who regularly update the client so that there are no surprises.

The panel on “What Clients Want” featured Lorraine Koc, vice president and general counsel for Deb Shops, Inc.; Teresa Ciccotelli, divisional counsel for Saint-Gobain Corporation; and Wanda Flowers, chief counsel of labor, EEO and Employment at Sunoco, Inc.

According to Koc, in-house attorneys often have to contend with a number of substantive legal areas, ranging from labor law issues to intellectual property matters. While an in-house attorney may be well-equipped to handle several of those issues for his or her company, there are instances when it becomes necessary to seek specialized advice from outside counsel. In those instances, in-house attorneys are responsible for making an analysis in determining whom to hire and the amount of the budget that will be spent on getting the needed advice. To assist in-house attorneys in making those decisions, Koc recommends giving in-house counsel an overview of the project that includes an assessment of the legal issues, a timeline of the project, and the estimated costs.

Ciccotelli emphasized that clients like when outside counsel demonstrate that they know about the company’s business and politics and are willing to work within the client’s policies. For example, some companies may want to litigate most matters while others may prefer to settle matters. Some companies may be dealing with plans to create new products, while others may be concerned with focusing their business. Outside counsel that understand a client’s preferred strategy will be able to tailor their advice so that it suits the needs of the client. As another example, some companies, such as her own, have a set of policies that they expect outside counsel to follow. Those policies may include caps on hourly rates or guidelines on the number of attorneys that should be sent to a deposition. It is important for outside attorneys to do their best to comply with those policies and to quickly inform in-house attorneys of any issues that may arise.

Ciccotelli also stressed the need to maintain an open line of communication with the in-house attorney who assigned the matter. Keep in mind that in-house attorneys want to be made to look good in the eyes of the general counsel. Because of this, they want to be aware of all issues concerning the legal matters that they’ve assigned and they do not want any surprises. “If you have a relationship with someone in-house and you’re working on a matter for them,” said Ciccotelli, “it’s imperative that you keep a direct line of communication open to them and make sure they hear things before other people in their organization do.”

Flowers underscored that more companies, including her own, are implementing diversity initiatives. Such clients will often want to pursue business with women and minority attorneys, and they value firms that give their women and minority associates training opportunities and greater client visibility.

The panelists agreed that attorneys should be proactive in pursuing business with clients. “You shouldn’t be discouraged because you didn’t get that case that you may have brought to the [in-house] attorney’s attention, but you should still try to nurture that relationship,” since that relationship may ultimately lead to an opportunity in the future, Flowers said.

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When asked to frequent a theater showing the latest installment of the "Pirates of the Caribbean" series, I refused. Likening myself to the numerous decent people who reluctantly voted for the sitting president last time around, I found myself pondering the prospect of getting involved with what I knew would be a substandard product based on past performance. The first pirate movie was charming because it was based upon nothing specific and contained performances by a lot of people who could do much better but preferred the easy gratification of mass-market culture.

Of course running the country is something more serious than acting in an action flick, although the amount of fictional nonsense emitted by the government matches the ribald posturing of the pirate films. Masses of grateful Arabs throwing flowers and candy at our troops! Who but an imbecile would have fallen for such nonsense? Unlike action movies, the actors killed in the ridiculous war don't get up after the scene is ended. There will be no happy ending. Those who offer up their lives and futures are not dying to save innocent citizens in harm's way. Every warning against the foolish and ill-managed war was made in public and ignored by the public. The multi-million cost of one pirate movie is matched by the multi-billion contracts for Halliburton and other profiteers who suck the citizenry of tax dollars in the name of patriotism. Just as the pirate movies have gone on too long, the war is going nowhere.

What are citizens to do? One can refuse to see a movie that is essentially useless. But what about a mismanaged war? Lincoln had that problem. But he had the future of the nation at stake. What has this production of war got at stake? Will the entire population of extremist degenerates think less of us if we go? Do we need a return for the billions spent and thousands of lives lost?

What we need is someone to say "no," instead of the hundreds of politicians who are terrified of their shadows (including the last Democrat who ran for president - the reason why many voters reluctantly returned a discredited leader to office). Only Dennis Kucinich was in national government at a time when his "no" was gleefully ignored. The publicus moronicus takes their politics much like they decide what movie to see. If you wave a flag in front of the average voter and call out for Jesus you will find an obedient, uncritical public. Print a picture of Johnny Depp and millions will come to see repetitious junk, no questions asked. What is easier than uncritical culture?

What modern culture has taught us is that Americans do not like to ask questions any more than slave subjects of tyrant regimes. They go to war as uncritically as they go to movies, and accept the same half-witted generalities as justification for both. Not that Americans were
Thursday, July 26
Minorities in the Profession Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.
Lawyer Referral and Information Service Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center.
Elder Law Committee: meeting, 1 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.
Board of Governors: meeting, 4 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Friday, July 27
Women’s Rights Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.
Law School Outreach Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center.

Monday, July 30
Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Tuesday, July 31
Criminal Justice Section: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.
Catherine C. Carr, executive director of Community Legal Services of Philadelphia, was presented with the prestigious Alumni Award of Merit by the University of Pennsylvania Law Alumni Society. The Alumni Award of Merit recognizes those who have made extraordinary contributions to their profession as well as to Penn.

M. Kelly Tillery and Joseph J. Serritella, partners with Pepper Hamilton LLP, spoke at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s Intellectual Property Law Institute on April 17 and 18.

Joseph M. Manko, a founding partner of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP participated in the Pennsylvania Bar Institute panel discussion “Global Warming: Is There a Legal Remedy to Reverse Climate Change?” on May 18. He received the Curtin Winsor Award by the Pennsylvania Environmental Council at its 37th Annual Philadelphia Dinner on June 14.

Justin B. Wineburgh, a member of Cozen O’Connor, recently participated in a panel discussion on the topic of “Real Life: You’re a Lawyer” at Widener University School of Law in Wilmington, Del. Wineburgh discussed his experiences as an entertainment attorney and provided practical advice for future attorneys.

Marc S. Raspani and Michael A. Morse of Miller, Alfano & Raspani spoke at the Health Care Compliance Association’s 11th Annual Compliance Institute on April 24 in Chicago.

Charles W. Craven, a shareholder with Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, has been elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers.

Neal A. Jacobs, managing attorney of The Jacobs Law Group, PC, presented “Using Partnerships and Joint Ventures To Grow and Prosper” on April 19.

Jill Hyman Kaplan and Jonathan H. Spergel, partners with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP addressed attorneys, business owners, lending professionals, project managers, real estate agents and brokers, engineers, developers, and planners on “Real Estate Development From Beginning to End in Pennsylvania” on June 13 at The Macungie Institute, Macungie, Pa.

Patricia M. Hamill, a shareholder with Conrad O’Brien Gellman & Rohn, P.C., has been elected to the board of directors of PathWaysPA, a social services organization serving more than 4,400 women, children and their families in the region.

Stewart M. Weintraub, a partner with Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, has been appointed vice chair of the American Bar Association Section on Taxation’s Committee on State and Local Taxes for the 2007–2008 term.

Deborah J. Zateeney, a partner at Lundy Zateeney Loftus, LLP, was a panelist at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s 5th Annual Nonprofit Institute in Philadelphia on May 15.

Adam C. Bonin, a member of Cozen O’Connor, recently participated on a panel on “Campaign Finance Law, Issue Advocacy and the Supreme Court,” sponsored by the American Constitution Society in Washington, D.C.

William K. Stewart, a partner with Kaplin Stewart Meloff Reiter & Stein, P.C., was recently nominated and approved to be on the Board of Directors of The Pennsylvania Prison Society.

Michael P. Spire of FlasterGreenberg in its Cherry Hill office, recently received the 2007 Graduate Tax Faculty Award from Temple University Beasley School of Law.

Joseph C. Huttemann, a partner with Martin, Banks, Pond, Lehocky & Wilson, recently served as a speaker for the Bucks County Bar Association’s seminar on multimodal freight litigation at the Transportation Lawyers Association Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

Tony Chan, an associate with Dechert LLP, recently received an Outstanding Volunteer Award from Rebuilding Together Philadelphia.

Robert A. Rovner, senior partner with Rovner, Allen, Rovner, Zimmerman & Nash, was honored with the “Spirit of Life” Award at a reception hosted by the City of Hope on June 6.

Douglas R. Widin, of counsel with Reed Smith LLP, recently served as Program Co-Chair for the American Bar Association’s Property Insurance Law Committee Annual Spring CLE Meeting “The Other Side of the Coin – Advanced Topics in Property Insurance Litigation from the Perspective of the Insurers, Insureds and Others” in April in Amelia Island, Fla.

Elena Park, a member of Cozen O’Connor, received the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s 2007 Pro Bono Award for her efforts for pro bono clients, many of whose cases focus on delicate and complex matters of immigration and asylum.

Jonathan H. Newman of Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP has been named chair of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Disciplinary Board.

Christopher J. Perillo, a solo attorney and private neutral, spoke at the American Bar Association’s ADR in Bloom Spring Conference on April 26 in Washington, D.C. He discussed the “HealthCare ADR Tool Kit” for arbitrators and mediators.

Paul D. Keenan, senior partner at Keenan Cohen & Howard P.C., recently participated in the panel discussion on multimodal freight litigation at the Transportation Lawyers Association Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

Paul C. Heintz, a senior partner with Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP, was elected to the Board of Regents of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel at the annual meeting of the College on March 8 in Scottsdale, Ariz.
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To coin a phrase, the newly redesigned BMW 3 Series Convertible, “is the stuff that dreams are made of.” From its sleeker look, to its more powerful and fuel efficient engine, the new 3 Convertible drives like a dream and surrounds you in comfort that is unmistakably BMW. The new BMW 3 Series Convertible is now available at Otto's BMW on route 202 North in West Chester. We invite you to stop in to talk with one of our sales professionals and take a test drive. Because driving is much more fun than dreaming.

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