Women in the Profession Summit

U.S. District Court Judge Petrese B. Tucker (from left) discusses communication across the gender gap as U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Dolores K. Sloviter and Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson look on at the First Women in the Profession Summit on June 18. The opening panel also included U.S. District Court Senior Judge Norma L. Shapiro, Judge Diane M. Welsh, Court of Common Pleas Judge Marlene F. Lachman and moderator Lynn A. Marks. The program included keynote remarks by Comcast’s Charisse Lillie. For more coverage, see Page 8.

Volunteers Work to Fight Foreclosures

By Jeff Lyons

Philadelphia’s program to help low-income homeowners facing mortgage foreclosures has received national attention.

"I was at a big seminar in Dallas about the subprime mortgage crisis and one of the panelists held up a copy of The Wall Street Journal that had an article talking about our efforts here in Philadelphia," Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas President Judge C. Darnell Jones II recalled.

"They wanted me to talk about it. I told them the pro bono community was the backbone in the effort. And they were in awe. They couldn’t believe it would happen."

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Get Practice Help With LPM Referral

By Jeff Lyons

One of the most valuable benefits of Bar Association membership is the Law Practice Management Division.

"Every member of the Bar is a member of the Division automatically; it’s part of your benefits of being a member of the Association," explained Division Co-Chair Daniel J. Siegel. "TheSolo and Small Firm Committee, the Mid-Sized Firm Committee as well as Technology, Financial Management, Business Management and Marketing are all committees that fall under the umbrella of the Law Practice Management Division," Siegel said.

"The Division offers you what is essentially the lawyer referral service for law practice management," Siegel explained. "If you have an issue that comes up and you need to find out how to draft an agreement or where to go for a technology issue or any of those types of things, you contact the Bar Association and they will put you in touch with a consultant. You’ll be entitled to a free one-hour consultation with an individual who has expertise in that area. If you choose to work with him or her, you have that ability."

Sieg said there is a wide range of

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“Know what you don’t know.”
Working Together to Improve Philadelphia

By Asima Panigrahi

Philadelphia’s lawyers need to show “how important the city is to us and how important we are to the city,” Chancellor A. Michael Pratt told attendees of a June 10 Chancellor’s Forum.

The theme of the event was “working together to improve our city.” The forum’s panel consisted of Philadelphia City Councilman James Kenney; Eric Mayberry, president and publisher of Metro Philadelphia; Ahmeenah Young, executive vice president of the Pennsylvania Convention Center; and Paul Levy, president and CEO of the Center City District. The panel was moderated by Carl E. Singley.

Levy discussed the marked economic and political changes that have taken place in Philadelphia from World War II to the present, including the development of highways, the rail system, the tourism industry and the growth of the city’s ethnic demography. He noted that during the Rendell administration, Philadelphia was “clinically depressed as a city” and there were few efforts made towards “reinventing and realigning government.” He then discussed the “climate of change” that came with the Nutter administration and noted that there currently is a “strong momentum for reform and change.”

Councilman Kenney then discussed working with numerous mayors over his 17 years as councilman and compared and contrasted the various leadership styles. He stated that the difference between the Nutter and the Street administrations is that the current administration has “transparency, conversation and mutual respect.” He also noted that two initiatives that were not getting attention with the Street administration, CityStat and 311 – a non-emergency call system, are now both well underway. He also discussed city council’s previous efforts to remove the one-year residency rule for city employees. Council passed the initia-continued on page 21

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Ensuring that your interests are championed to our elected representatives is one of the central missions of the Philadelphia Bar Association. Through a comprehensive legislative program, we work on a variety of levels to make sure the Association's positions are heard, while lobbying for effective change that benefits our members, our community and our profession.

These efforts often may not make front-page news. But a significant number of the positive changes we see that benefit our lawyers, our clients and our community happen because the Philadelphia Bar Association had a seat at the table.

Recently, we argued that Pennsylvania's proposed lobbying disclosure regulations went well beyond the words of the statute, would severely hamper the practice of law and would impose unfair and unnecessary compliance burdens on attorneys and their clients.

Past Association Chancellor Lawrence J. Beaser, chair of the Association’s Task Force on Pennsylvania’s Lobbying Disclosure Act and a partner at Blank Rome LLP, and Anthony J. Crisci, the Association’s lobbyist, testified on behalf of the Association before the Lobbyist Disclosure Regulations Committee at public hearings in Harrisburg last year and in March of this year.

They expressed orally at the hearing, and in our 18 pages of written comments, our very serious concerns with the proposed regulations. Beaser appeared before the committee at public meetings in Harrisburg on two additional occasions and the Association’s task force submitted additional suggestions and comments to revised draft language from the regulations committee.

In our testimony and written comments, we raised a number of important substantive and technical concerns. For example, the proposed regulations would have expanded the definition of lobbying to include merely monitoring legislative action or administrative action, without any requirement that there be some effort to influence that legislative action or administrative action.

Thus, a banking lawyer who merely follows proposed changes in Banking Department regulations on behalf of a client would have needed to register as a lobbyist. In addition, the lawyer’s client would have been required to register as a ‘principal,’ and would have been required to report amounts paid to the lawyer to monitor the regulation changes.

We also argued that the draft regulations would have put a strain on public interest groups and other nonprofits that monitor legislation to help the people they represent. Each affected nonprofit would have needed to take significant amounts of money away from its mission in order to comply with the regulations.

Following the detailed and compelling testimony of Beaser, Crisci and others, a draft proposal was publicly circulated by the Pennsylvania Lobbyist Disclosure Regulations Committee changing the proposed regulations and indicating that monitoring legislation will no longer be considered lobbying. The committee made other, significant improvements in the proposed regulations in response to our suggestions, as well.

After a very open and collaborative process, the regulations committee has issued much improved revised draft regulations. The current draft is being reviewed by our task force and, if necessary, additional comments will be submitted to the regulations committee and the Independent Regulatory Review Committee.

The work of the Association’s lobbying act task force, led by Beaser and Crisci, is illustrative of the efforts the Bar Association consistently undertakes to protect its members from the overreach of government.

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More than 150 Attend Federal Bench-Bar

Philadelphia City Solicitor Shelley R. Smith (left) is joined by Board of Governors Chair Stephanie Resnick at the Federal Bench-Bar Conference. Smith was the keynote speaker.

U.S. Bankruptcy Court Chief Judge Stephen Raslavić offered state of the court remarks with U.S. District Court Chief Judge Harvey Bartle III and Clerk of Court Michael Kunz.

University of Pennsylvania Law School Professor Catherine T. Struve made a presentation on proposed revisions to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

M. Kelly Tillery, along with Chief Judge Bartle and Craig D. Mills, were panelists for “Proving Willfulness in Trademark and Trade Secret Claims.”

Maureen Barden provided an update on the federal prisoner re-entry program.

U.S. District Court Judges Thomas L. Vanaskie and Legrome D. Davis presented “Juror Questions: Procedures, Profits and Pitfalls.”

U.S. District Court Chief Judge Harvey Bartle III (from left) meets with Federal Courts Committee Chair Charles S. Marion and Vice Chair Craig D. Mills before the June 6 Federal Bench-Bar Conference at the Downtown Marriott. More than 150 people attended.
Justice McCaffery Lauds Legal Staffs

By Jeff Lyons

The most important part of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court are the lawyers employed on the justices’ staffs, Justice Seamus P. McCaffery told members of the State Civil Litigation Section at the Section’s June 11 Quarterly Meeting. “Each and every one of us has teams of attorneys who work for us that don’t get there on political patronage. They get there on merit. They get there because they are extremely talented people,” Justice McCaffery said. “It’s important to surround yourself with the best and the brightest – first-round draft choices.”

The vast majority of the work product is a collaborative effort of the chambers themselves, the justice said. “I have a minimum of five or six attorneys that look at an opinion that I’m responsible for. My chief has 30 years as an appellate lawyer. My deputy has close to 25 years as an appellate lawyer. These are appellate professionals. They are the consummate legal public servants. Could they leave and make a lot of money somewhere else? You’d darn right they could. You can’t believe the income a lot of these attorneys give up to come and work with us. I like to bring in the best and the brightest because it assures the legal community that our work product is going to be the best,” he said.

“We’re not an error-correcting court. That’s the Superior Court’s role. Our role is to look at the big picture and to ensure that the rule of law is followed. And the role of law, and how it’s applied across the board. No justice and no justice’s staff is going to sit down and try to figure out why to not do the right thing. We can’t afford to get it wrong. And we try our best not to get it wrong,” Justice McCaffery said.

In addition to his involvement as the mental health liaison, Justice McCaffery said he is looking into creating a statewide veterans court, following the lead of the New York courts. “Post-traumatic stress disorder is a very, very important issue for a lot of veterans. We have young men and woman coming back from Afghani- stan and Iraq and they are pretty stressed out. A lot of them try to self medicate, either through alcohol or through drugs, and they find themselves locked up.”

Justice McCaffery said there’s a strong belief that about one-third of the people incarcerated statewide are there because of health issues. “I’m hell-bent on making sure we can create a first-rate program statewide that’s going to address mental health issues and veterans issues. These are things that I think that we as a society need. There’s an awful lot of people and you can’t warehouse them. We need to get them treated and get them back into society. The days of just throwing people in jail are long gone,” he said.

“I take great pride in being a public servant and I take great pleasure in working for the people because I’m elected by the people. We on the court need to understand that we work for you and with you. You don’t work for us. It’s real important that we understand your needs so we can do everything and anything we can to make your life a little easier,” Justice McCaffery said.

Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Seamus P. McCaffery is the first retired Philadelphia Police officer elected to the bench.

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To purchase tickets for Bar Association Night at the Phillies on Aug. 5, visit phillies.com/philar.
Panelists: Image Isn’t Everything, But it Helps

By Brian K. Sims

The keys to a long and successful career in the legal community are as varied as the types of careers themselves. Generally, most attorneys agree that a commitment to fairness, a keen intellect, and a strong work ethic are among the essentials. Then why the seemingly endless focus on tailored suits, open-toed heels, and monogrammed cufflinks?

Well, as famous Philadelphia Benjamin Franklin reminded us, “Eat to please thyself, but dress to please others.” On June 3, the Young Lawyers Division looked to answer these questions with a program “Crafting and Marketing Your Image: What Every Young Lawyer Needs to Know.”

The program, moderated by past YLD Chair Natalie Klyashtrony, included discussions with local marketing, human resources and style gurus and offered guidance for taking control of your own public image and avoiding those faux pas and foibles guaranteed to make you the topic of discussion at the water cooler, company picnic or even the judge’s chambers.

Brian Lipstein, an image consultant with Henry A. Davidsen Master Tailors in Center City, said “how you put yourself together says a lot about how you’re going to care for your work. It adds credibility to who you are, to what you’re doing, to the job you’re trying to get or the client you’re trying to please.”

Gina Furia Rubel, president and CEO of Furia Rubel Communications Inc., agrees. “As an employer, one of the first things I do is look to see how someone presents themselves,” says the attorney-turned-communications expert.

“In public relations, we like to use the word ‘public’ as opposed to audiences and you’re always in front of a ‘public,’” according to Rubel. “If you’re at home with your significant other, if you’re out at a young lawyers event, if you’re in your

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JPT Program Changes Issued

A new order on qualifications and compensation for judges pro tempore in the Court of Common Pleas Commerce Program has been issued with changes taking effect on July 1, said Judge D. Webster Keogh, administrative judge of the trial division.

Judges pro tempore will now be required to have at least 15 years of litigation experience. They also will be required to take part in at least 10 hours of alternative dispute resolution training and have taken part in at least three ADR proceedings. JPTs currently involved in the program will have one year to update their credentials.

Judge Keogh said the changes have been in the works for nearly a year. The changes came as a result of conversations with current and former Commerce Program judges as well as the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Business Litigation Committee.

“We wanted to make the qualifications transparent,” Judge Keogh said. “We’re putting the information out there to show who is qualified and what individuals need to do to become qualified as JPTs. It also recognizes the complexities that these Commerce Program cases are fraught with.”

In May, the Board of Governors approved a resolution in support of amending administrative procedures with the Commerce Program. Judges pro tem will be able to receive a fee of $300 per hour after three hours of pro bono work on a case, provided the litigants agree to pay the JPTs beyond the three-hour period.

Spring Receptions

Chancellor A. Michael Pratt (from left) joins In-House Counsel Committee Co-Chairs Marilyn Heffey and Douglas Gaston and James McDonald at the Committee’s May 20 reception at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue. More than 50 people attended the reception, which was sponsored by Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP.

Family Law Section Chair Patricia Dubin greets Court of Common Pleas Judge Daniel J. Anders at a reception for Family Court judges on June 10 at the Trump Tower showroom at One Liberty Place.

Business Litigation Committee Chair Marc Zucker (from left) is joined by Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Albert W. Sheppard Jr., Darryl J. May and Judge Mark I. Bernstein at a reception following a training seminar for judges pro tempore at The CLE Conference Center on June 17.

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Lillie: Mentors Key to Retaining Women

By Kathryn C. Harr

“The creation of a stable relationship between a mentor and a new lawyer can make all the difference between retaining and losing” female attorneys, Charisse Lillie noted in her keynote address at the First Women in the Profession Summit held on June 19.

“In most of our organizations,” Lillie explained, “we have much less of an issue with recruiting women lawyers than we do retaining women lawyers.” Lillie emphasized strong mentors as an invaluable resource in her professional development and urged firms to create mentorship relationships. “In a good mentoring relationship, the mentor is going to learn sometimes more than the mentee learns.”

Lillie is vice president, human resources, Comcast Corporation and senior vice president, human resources, Comcast Cable Corporation.

Although describing her view of women in the profession as “optimistic,” Lillie cited sobering recent statistics. White men comprised 86 percent of law firm partnership positions and 96 percent of all CEO positions; the American Bar Association reported that 81 percent of minority female associates have left their law firms within five years of being hired. The report spanned small and large firms, as well as governmental agencies.

“Retention of women, retention of diverse employees is something that has to be ingrained in the organization,” Lillie said. Using her company, Comcast, as an example, Lillie cited successful practices in encouraging the retention of women, including employing a director of diversity who focuses solely on diversity efforts and a cross-functional team of leaders that concentrate on diversity. When female employees or employees of color leave, Lillie advocated creating an assessment tool to understand the barriers to retention of that talent. Ultimately, leadership has to “walk the walk and talk the talk.”

Recognizing that efforts to retain women lawyers benefit the retention of all lawyers, Lillie also observed the impact of the entry of “Generation Y” into the workforce. The generation’s demand for demand for flexibility and collaboration will have a positive impact on the efforts to recruit and retain women including in the legal profession.

“When corporations and law firms are inclusive, there are intended business and economic successes that result as a result of that diversity and inclusion,” Lillie noted, observing that diversity serves an organization’s economic self-interest, too.

Lillie recounted her childhood in attending a legally segregated elementary school in Houston and later as being part of the first wave of African American students to integrate the Catholic schools in Houston.

“I’ve learned to be very grateful for those scars, those little nicks of day-to-day life, because it’s through those lessons in life that I’ve really developed a passion for diversity and inclusion and the joy of making a difference in the various organizations in which I’ve been affiliated,” Lillie said. She learned from her parents, both teachers, the value of being a role model and mentor.

“I don’t think that success in the game of hiring and retaining women is rocket science. A lot of the retention game is going to be fueled by good old-fashioned humanity in dealing with your women lawyers,” Lillie noted.

Kathryn C. Harr, an associate with Trujillo Rodrigues & Richards, LLC., is an associate editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.

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Sandra Day O’Connor Award Nominees Sought

The Women in the Profession Committee is seeking nominations for the 2008 Sandra Day O’Connor Award. Deadline for nominations is Thursday, 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 October Quarterly Meeting.

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; U.S. 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. Roomborg 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. Talbey; U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Marjorie O. Rendell; Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge Phyllis W. Beck; Roberta D. Pichini and Lynn A. Marks.
Network with a Purpose, Lawyers Advised

By Raymond M. Williams

Productivity expert Neen James acknowledged that networking is key to business development for solo and small firm attorneys, but encouraged attorneys to engage in what she refers to as “pro-networking.”

Pro-networking is networking with a purpose. James said at the May 28 joint meeting of the Solo and Small Firm Committee and the Marketing Committee of the Law Practice Management Division. “It is proactive, productive and, most importantly, profitable.”

James pointed out that all too often, the focus of networking is on the event, conjuring images of endless handshaking and forced interaction with strangers, which leaves many attorneys with feelings of anxiety and negativity at the mention of the word. For attorneys who wish to successfully make the transition from “traditional” networking to pro-networking, James provided the following tips:

• Be strategic. Think strategically and do your research before accepting an invitation to an event. Take time to determine whether members of your target audience will be in attendance. Also, evaluate the potential for building strategic alliances. Finally, consider your “return on networking.” Think of the time you will spend at the event, preparation time prior to the event, and follow-up time subsequent to the event in the context of your hourly rate (i.e., time spent not practicing law).

• Change the focus and methods of networking. Instead of approaching networking with a “what’s in it for me” attitude, start thinking about what it is you can do to help the person with whom you are speaking. It is also important to “get beyond the nametag.” Help others to get beyond your nametag by explaining to them what it is you actually do. Be more than just “an attorney at ABC firm.” By the same token, don’t assume that a person cannot help you simply because of the title on his or her nametag. If that person cannot give you business, he or she may know someone who can. In addition, realize that other attorneys are not necessarily your competition. Explore opportunities for referrals and other strategic alliances. Finally, your business card is your shop front. Make sure it properly represents your business. Give it with importance and receive others’ cards in a way that conveys their importance to you.

• Broaden your view of what networking is. Networking is marketing. As such, it need not always involve a group or cost money. Networking can be as simple as a phone call, e-mail, sending someone a newspaper clipping or handwritten note, publishing an article, or serving on the board of a professional or community organization.

• Devote time to networking. Networking should be a daily activity. After attending a planned networking event, devote at least 15 minutes a day to follow-up during the week after the event. At all times, have a list of five target people, firms or companies. Most importantly, leverage your current network. Cultivate the contacts you already have.

Neen James encourages attorneys to be proactive when it comes to networking.

Neen James offered tips to make networking proactive, productive and profitable.

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Smith: Law Department Work Unique, Fulfilling

By Jeff Lyons

The City Solicitor’s office is a place where you can do good legal work as a lawyer and really try to positively affect change for issues and people that you really care a lot about, the city’s top lawyer told members of the City Policy Committee on June 19.

Shelley R. Smith spent 13 years in the law department before moving to private practice. She was appointed by Mayor Nutter as city solicitor early this year.

“It’s a unique place to work as a lawyer,” Smith said. “As somebody said when I first started in the law department, it’s the one place where as a lawyer where you can simply practice law. And that’s absolutely true. It’s a place where lawyers have the opportunity to focus almost entirely on legal work.”

Smith said her office is responsible for making all legal decisions for all city departments, and that includes the mayor and city council. “Aside from the conflicts that are inherent in representing both the executive branch and the legislative branch, we have, a lot of times, almost final authority to direct what’s going on with particular projects,” she said.

“It’s a unique opportunity to be very involved both as lawyers and on the policy side. You don’t have billable hours and some of the other things people find frustrating with private practice,” Smith said.

“The other very valuable thing about the experience of working in our office is that 99 times out of 100 you get to try to do the right thing, to get the right result, for the right reason. You get to factor in all the consequences of a particular decision,” she said.

“We represent city agencies and departments and legislators but ultimately, we really represent the citizens of Philadelphia. We take that responsibility very seriously. I have not ever worked with a lawyer in our department in all the time I’ve been connected with it who was not trying to figure out what the right solution was, factoring in all of the issues and considerations and really trying to try to come to the right conclusion that would best serve the citizens,” she said.

Smith said people often ask how lawyers and the Bar Association can be helpful. The first way that members of the bar can do to be helpful is to recognize “for us, it’s not just about law firms wanting to get business from the city. Nothing frustrates me more than lawyers reading about a case, seeing we’ve had a negative result and, wanting to helpful, calling us up and saying, ‘hey, we can do it better.’”

Smith said she understands that lawyers like to do business with the city. “The cases are interesting and they’re often front-page news. Some of the hottest legal issues in the city are happening in our office. I recognize that. There are other ways lawyers can be helpful to the city besides soliciting us for business.”

“There are so many issues that important to the future of the city, like labor negotiations and education issues. It’s important that the people involved in

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City Solicitor Shelley R. Smith meets with the City Policy Committee, where she talked about ways the city and the Bar Association can work together.

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13 Credits, 24 Courses Available at Bally’s

By Jeff Lyons

A multimedia conversation about diversity and two plenary sessions straight from today’s headlines will highlight the Association’s 2008 Bench-Bar and Annual Conference on Sept. 19 through 21 at Bally’s Atlantic City.

There are 24 different CLE sessions planned for the conference by members of the Association’s sections and committees, with something for someone in every practice area. A total of 13 CLE credits are available.

The Conference kicks off on Friday, Sept. 19 with the lunchtime CLE “Race & the Law: Conversation About Diversity” with guest speaker Verna Myers. This session will be a multimedia and interactive discussion on diversity in the legal field. First-person examples from a variety of different perspectives will be shared to illustrate key points, in addition to a panel discussion with diverse participants. The session is designed to generate discussions regarding the variety of diversity issues in the workplace.

The Saturday, Sept. 20 Plenary Lunch, “2008 Presidential Election, Politics and the Law,” will feature political experts, observers and journalists from news outlets who are covering the presidential race. The panel will include pollster Terry Madonna; Montgomery County Democratic Party Chairman Marcel Groen; Larry Eichel, senior writer for The Philadelphia Inquirer; and Philadelphia Daily News opinion columnist Elmer Smith.

The Sunday, Sept. 21 Plenary Breakfast, “Caught in the Public View: Representing High-Profile Clients,” will feature national and Philadelphia-area trailblazing criminal defense attorneys and corporate litigators who will discuss the challenges and implications of representing celebrity clients, television in the courtroom and the influences of new media. The panel will include attorneys Theodore V. Wells Jr. (representing former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer); Theodore Simon, who has represented Ira Einhorn; and Neal R. Sonnett, who has represented Gen. Manuel Noriega.

Friday’s programs include a session with noted trial attorney Thomas R. Kline, sponsored by the State Civil Litigation Section, “Closing Arguments - Telling the Story: A Review of Techniques and Strategies.”

The Criminal Justice Section will present “Ring Around the Collar: Handling White Collar Corporate Defense From Investigation to Conclusion.” Panels include Thomas M. Gallagher and Burton A. Rose.


The Securities Regulation Committee will present a program on the subprime management crisis with panelists Anthony Cramer sponsored by Navigant Consulting. Saturday morning’s programming kicks off with the Criminal Justice Section program “Views from the Bench: What Judges Look for in Criminal Court Cases – Dos and Don’ts” with Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas President Judge C. Darnell Jones II and Common Pleas Court Judges Harold M. Kane and Sheila Woods-Skipper and moderator George H. Newman.

The Family Law Section’s “Petitions for Special Relief in Divorce Actions” will offer a discussion on inter partes distribution, anti-dissipation issues, exclusive possession and judicially forced home sales with panelists Mark Alleva, David J. Steerman, Judge Nina Wright Padilla and moderator Megan E. Watson.

The Professional Guidance Committee program “Controlling Your Sleigh” is sponsored by StuMar Investigations with panelists Hope Comisky, Stuart Drobny, Chancellor-Elect Sayde J. Ladov and Association Assistant Executive Director Paul Kazaras.

“How Your Competitors and Clients are Utilizing Contract Attorneys and Why” is presented by the Law

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Practice Management Division with panelists James LaRosa, Benjamin R. Barnett and Stephanie Blair.

Wanda Flowers and Carol Monaghan are among the panelists for the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee program “Developing a Successful In-House Counsel ADR Program.”

The State Civil Litigation Section and the Young Lawyers Division will present “My First Philadelphia Common Pleas Trial,” designed to provide lawyers of all ages with a brief outline of the trial process in the Court of Common Pleas, including judicial insights, local peculiarities, practice tips and a top-10 list of the dos and don’ts. Panelists include Court of Common Pleas Judges Daniel J. Anderson, Patricia A. McNerney and Jacqueline Allen along with Scott Reid, Carolyn M. Chopko and moderator Heather Herrington.

U.S. District Court Judge Petrese B. Tucker, Federal Courts Committee Chair Charles Marion and Jeffrey M. Linsky are panelists for the Federal Courts Committee program “So Similar and Yet So Different – Perspectives on the Similarities Between Practicing in State and Federal Court.”

The Real Property Section program “Addressing Environmental Issues Arising in Real Estate Transactions and Development” will discuss the identification of common environmental problems associated with real property with Christine Paul and Paul Schmidt.

“Have the Courts Really Become More Business Friendly?” will address some of the key developments in antitrust litigation and counseling. The program is presented by the Antitrust Committee of the Business Law Section and will include Roberta D. Liebenberg as a panelist.

Joseph A. Prim Jr., Gina Furia-Rubel, Daniel J. Siegel and Min S. Suh are the panelists for the Law Practice Management Division program “Ethics in Marketing and the Internet.”

Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Mark I. Bernstein and Larry Bendesky are the panelists for “The Greatest Cross Examination Ever!”

Sunday’s sessions begin with the Criminal Justice Section program “On-line Technology: How to Get It and How to Get In It – Retrieval and Admissibility of Digital Data in the Courtroom” with panelists Thomas P. Laino, Jules Epstein and Troy Wilson.

“Money, Money, Money – Insights into Key Software License Agreement Issues” includes panelists Michael D. Ecker, Stephen M. Foxman and President Judge C. Darnell Jones II, presented by the Business Law Section.

The Business Litigation Committee will present “The Commerce Court’s Abramson Protocols” with Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judges Howard Abramson and Mark I. Bernstein.

“Verdict and Settlement Trends in Common Pleas Court” will examine whether verdicts in Philadelphia County are increasing or decreasing in value by type of case. This State Civil Litigation Section program will include Court of Common Pleas Judge Sandra Mazer Moss, Matthew A. Casey, Peter J. Hoffman, Mark W. Tanner and moderator Kathleen D. Wilkinson.


Please note that all programs are subject to change.

Conference attendees will also enjoy the Friday Night Grand Reception featuring the live music of Big City and Saturday Night’s Tastes and Sounds of Philadelphia Dinner Reception & Concert.

Attorneys and judges can register for the conference by using the registration form in this edition of the Bar Reporter or by visiting philadelphia.bar.org. Registration for the full three days of the conference is $549 for those members who register by Aug. 15. That rate includes all meals and CLE. For those who register after Aug. 15, the registration fee is $629.

For public interest attorneys, government attorneys and members of the Young Lawyers Division, the full conference registration fee is $479. The rate is $399 for those attorneys registering by Aug. 15. Other packages are available.

Bally’s is now accepting hotel reservations for attendees. Book early for the best rates: rooms on Thursday, Sept. 18 are $99; rooms Friday, Sept. 19 are $144, and Saturday, Sept. 20 rooms range from $189 to $209. A limited number of rooms are available for the $189 rate on Saturday night. Call (800) 345-7253 for reservations and mention you are attending the Bench-Bar and Annual Conference to get these special room rates.

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Foreclosures

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pen in their jurisdictions and I couldn’t have been prouder,” said Judge Jones, the business court representative for the ABA. News reports have also appeared in The Philadelphia Inquirer and Philadelphia Daily News.

The fight against the foreclosure began in city council in the spring with a resolution calling for a moratorium on foreclosures in Philadelphia.

“I didn’t believe it was either wise or legal to have a moratorium on all foreclosures sales. What we came up with was the diversion program where we would target owner-occupied residences. If those houses were up for foreclosure, we would annex it to the case management program and we would have a listing to give those homeowners a chance to have conciliation conferences with lenders to try and get these people to stay in their homes,” Judge Jones explained.

“We got a lot of people in the system to work toward this goal. We’re really on the road to doing something that’s awfully good for the residents and city of Philadelphia. One bad block can spread like a cancer,” he said.

Philadelphia VIP held a training program on June 3 where more than 100 attorneys learned how to help the homeowners in need. The response was so overwhelming that another training program has been scheduled for July 14.

The foreclosures diversion program was instituted by Judge Jones and Judge Annette M. Rizzo in April.

Pro bono attorneys are needed to help clients work out an affordable loan modification or payment arrangement. Volunteer attorneys should expect to spend one morning or afternoon per month to attend conciliation conferences for several clients in one day. (After the first several months, the court’s backlog from the postponed April and May sheriff sales will be reduced and should ease the time commitment.) This volunteer work requires only attending the conciliation conference and making some pre-conference calls to client and opposing counsel. Training will make volunteers aware of

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SECTION

Technology Reduces Court Costs, Judge Says

By Regina Parker

Attorneys need to embrace technology because online programs and electronic filing are the future of the court system, Judge Pamela Pryor Dembe, supervising judge for the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, told members of the Criminal Justice Section meeting.

With the appointment of the new police commissioner, the selection of the new mayor’s office and the new management personnel within the court system, we can expect to see changes within the criminal division, including the implementation of online discovery tools and other programs, Judge Dembe said at the May meeting. She explained that the application of a computerized system will be cost efficient. With budget cuts on the rise, “it’s just too expensive to keep doing everything by phone and by paper,” she said. One step toward being cost efficient is that transcripts will be sent out via email as attachments or on CD, the judge said.

The adoption of a computerized system will also be beneficial to attorneys and their clients, Judge Dembe explained. “As you know, when you’re out in the counties, you get enough information at the warrant stage to have some idea of what it is your client did so that you could intelligently discuss a plea and not even bother with a preliminary hearing,” she said. Judge Dembe pointed out that “the DA’s office is taking a position that the case rule says that they don’t have to do discovery until 30 days after arraignment.” In terms of practicing in the criminal division of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, a computerized discovery system will make the preliminary hearing a thing of the past, she said.

Another benefit of a computerized system is that it could also do away with witness intimidation, Judge Dembe said. She pointed out that there has been an increase in the number of witness intimidation cases. With the use of a computer, counsel and the courts should be able to print documents that exclude the witness contact information.

Computerized monitoring also will be beneficial to the general public. She explained that electronic monitoring will be utilized in certain cases to push programs such as work release and drug rehabilitation. Judge Dembe also discussed the “Fugitive Safe Surrender Project” which will take place this September. This project will invite people with bench warrants to surrender at a church at 16th and Mifflin streets. Probation officers and judges will be available on site to dispose of cases on the spot. This project is aimed at lower-level cases such as summary and traffic offenses. Judge Dembe said that following the project, there will be a sweep by the warrant unit for those who did not turn themselves in. She acknowledged that this will cause an increase in the number of arrests and persons in jail and stated that there will be online programs to deal with prison crowding.

Given the number of benefits of computer technology, the bottom line is that attorneys need to go online and utilize the technology that will be implemented within the court system. “There are no decisions that I will make that are going to take into account the fact that some of you are still computer illiterate,” she said.

Regina Parker, an associate with Matzioni, Ltd., is an associate editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.
In Their Own Words

Striking the Balance as Corporate Counsel

I recently happened upon the following mission statement posted on a law firm Web site: “We are professional. We put the interests of our clients and our profession ahead of our own. We try to lead exemplary lives. We know that if we do all these things we will be successful, happy and fulfilled.”

During this time of year when the annual lists of highest-grossing and most profitable law firms are released and the legal press is full of articles touting law firm revenue growth, profit growth, RPL, PPP and the business (i.e., money-making) abilities of various lawyers and law firms, I was happy to be reminded that some lawyers still think that they are part of a profession with a purpose and values that extend beyond the objective of figuring out how to bill their clients for the maximum possible hours at the maximum possible hourly rates.

This inspired me in turn to pull out my copy of the Pennsylvania Rules of Professional Conduct. I was pleased to see that I had recalled correctly that the Rules of Professional Conduct make clear that lawyers have obligations beyond themselves and beyond just money. Consider this sampling from the preamble to the Rules of Professional Conduct:

• A lawyer, as a member of the legal profession, is an officer of the legal system and a public citizen having a special responsibility for the quality of justice.
• As a public citizen, a lawyer should seek improvement of the law, access to the legal system, the administration of justice and the quality of service rendered by the legal profession.
• Lawyers play a vital role in the preservation of society.

Here, there is mention of RPL, PPP or law firm profitability indices.

In the in-house world, lawyers are acutely aware of our professional obligations and our obligations to safeguard corporate integrity. For every corporate scandal that has occurred in recent years, there has been an in-house lawyer who potentially could have prevented the scandal from occurring had he or she exercised his or her professional obligations as a lawyer.

Within my legal department, for example, we always stress the need to strike the right balance between helping our clients get their business done and ensuring that we exercise our professional responsibilities to protect our ultimate clients—not our business colleagues, but our company and its stockholders. It is not always easy to strike the balance. On the one hand, we need to develop creative and innovative solutions to problems that otherwise would prevent business from getting done and in doing so we often must commit to paths that sometimes require us to travel through legal gray zones. On the other hand, we need to be the conscience and the ethical and legal compass for our clients. When should we say no? When are we being overly conservative obstructions to getting business done and when are we doing what is necessary to keep our company from stepping into trouble?

Fortunately, within my company, there are the issues that our directors and executives want the lawyers to think about and worry about. They expect us to come forward and make unpopular calls when we have to. They expect that of us because we are lawyers and being a lawyer is about being professional. In the words of the law firm mission statement that I quoted at the outset, we are expected to put the interests of our clients and profession above our own. Those are good words for all lawyers to remember and to live by.

John Chou is senior vice president, general counsel and secretary of American Express Corporation. He also is a member of the Board of Directors of the Delaware Valley Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel America.

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consultants who are part of that program. “There’s a lot of information about the program on the Bar’s Web site. But the Law Practice Management Division is designed to help lawyers learn to practice law better. The best way we can do that is to encourage everyone to come to our meetings to participate, whether you’d like to speak, write or attend, and to use the services.”

“I encourage members to take advantage of the service. The consultant referral service alone could be worth more than your membership in the Association if you can get a consultant who can really help you,” Siegel said.

The Division has developed a close relationship with the Philadelphia Chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators. The Associates Training Program was formed as a result of this. This 10-part program meets the first Tuesday of the month from 8 to 9:30 a.m. The programs are targeted at associates, with such varied subjects as: Business Development; Effective Networking Strategies; Building and Motivating Teams; The Bottom Line on Law Firm Accounting; and Leadership, Creating a Culture of Success. Some of these programs are approved for CLE credit.

Getting a referral takes just three steps. First, members should call the LPM hotline at 215-238-6314. Members can then discuss with a Program Counselor the type of assistance that is needed. Members then receive a referral. A referral through this program entitles Bar members to a free, one-hour consultation with the selected vendor/consultant. Subsequent services may be negotiated between the member and vendor/consultant directly.

Marketing Advice

Lawyers coach Phyllis Sisenwine meets with members of the Solo and Small Firm Committee on June 17 to discuss marketing strategies. Sisenwine distributed free copies of her book of marketing ideas and took questions from members of the audience. Sisenwine is a master certified coach. A podcast from this program is available at philadelphiabar.org.

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the decision making understand that there are people across various economic and social groups who are paying attention to what’s going on and who care about the city and what happens to it.” Smith said.

“It’s important that members of the bar understand these issues and speak publicly in support of efforts the city is making trying to move some of these issues beyond the histrionic arguments at one extreme or the other. That’s a really important way that the Bar Association can be helpful,” she said.

“We’ve had a number of law firms offer pro bono assistance on some of the gun litigation and other projects. I understand everybody’s in business to make money, but there are occasions and issues where it might be appropriate for lawyers to provide us with pro bono assistance on significant issues,” the city solicitor said.
By Sunah Park

Ceremony a Reminder of Judicial Aspirations

In April, I attended one of the most moving ceremonies—the portrait presentation in memory of the U.S. District Court Judge Clifford Scott Green—at the federal courthouse. It was standing-room only. I attended the ceremony with Judge Green’s great-niece, my friend Heather, who is also an attorney. I knew that the ceremony would be emotional for Heather, but I had no idea how much it would affect me. I had had only one case before Judge Green, but he left a lasting impression on me. I found him to be thoughtful, more than fair and quite charming. From the remarks made by the speakers at the ceremony, it was clear that Judge Green was a special individual who touched everyone he met.

I always regretted not having done a judicial clerkship. It always struck me that anyone who had such an experience not only gained invaluable knowledge, but was left with a special relationship with the judge. I know an attorney who moved to New York, but always comes down to Philadelphia for her judge’s annual holiday dinner in December. I don’t know too many attorneys who have dinners with former employers, but judges’ law clerks rarely seem to leave clerkships on a negative note and they seem to have a mentor for life.

The portrait ceremony also reminded me of a vague notion that I had entered once or twice in my career. Considering I had never thought to be a lawyer when I was growing up, I certainly never thought about becoming a judge. But sitting in that ceremonial courtroom, I was awed by the sight of all the judges of the Eastern District in their black robes. For a moment, I wondered how it would feel to be one of them. There is only one Asian American judge in the entire commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Hon. Ida Chen in the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia. The first Asian American judge in Pennsylvania was the Hon. William Marutani who served on the same court in 1975 by appointment and then was elected to serve a full 10-year term in 1977. So, in the history of Pennsylvania, there have only been two Asian American judges. The numbers are not so encouraging.

There are plenty of talented Asian American attorneys in Pennsylvania whom I think would make great judges. But I can’t say I am one of them—at least not now. While the thought of my being a judge at some point is not wholly unimaginable, it is still too far off into the future for me to contemplate right now. Besides, I am too used to attending free holiday dinners, not hosting them.

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

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The proposed lobbying disclosure regulations are just one of many examples of how your Association’s legislative program is making a positive, tangible difference in our members’ practices and benefiting our clients and our community.

Soon, that impact will be greatly expanded to include a new Philadelphia Bar Association city government lobbying program. Our new lobbyists will represent your interests to city government on tax reform and other issues that directly affect your daily practice.

Our members continue to receive regular updates on issues impacting the practice of law in Pennsylvania through our very active Legislative Liaison Committee. For example, at the committee’s June meeting, our legislative counsel updated members on the home stretch for General Assembly passage of the commonwealth budget for the 2008-09 fiscal year.

It also was reported that the Senate and House approved the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 246, the Statewide Smoking Ban. Committee members gained valuable insight on why the report had initially failed in the Senate, and how the minority leader eventually withdrew his opposition.

Additionally, legislative counsel reported on our outreach to key legislative leaders and the entire Philadelphia delegation, supporting the public school funding proposal being advanced by Gov. Rendell. Attendees were briefed on the latest legislative maneuvers regarding public school funding and a variety of other issues. The meetings of the Legislative Liaison Committee are open to Association members.

Of course, our Sections and Committees closely monitor legislative, judicial and government activity, as well as American Bar Association activity, and proposed many resolutions each year that are submitted to our Board of Governors for consideration. If adopted by the Board, such positions become the official policy of the Association. We work hard to advocate for our legislative positions. This includes testimony by Association members before General Assembly committees, and when necessary, meetings with legislators to champion our position.

The Chancellor also raises public visibility of important legal issues by authoring op-ed articles and letters to the editor that appear in newspapers, including The Philadelphia Inquirer and Philadelphia Daily News, as well as publications statewide and in online news sources.

Everyday, and in countless ways, our Association reaches out to the lawmakers who represent your voice in government, and the opinion-makers who report the decisions that impact your practice. We look forward to continuing to expand our legislative program and serve our members’ interests well into the future.

A. Michael Pratt, a partner at Pepper Hamilton LLP, is Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association. His e-mail address is chancellor@philabar.org.

Chancellor Honored

Chancellor A. Michael Pratt is joined by Rosemary Pinto of the Board of Governors, former Temple University women’s basketball coach Dawn Staley and Chancellor-Elect Sayde J. Ladov at the Dawn Staley Foundation Seventh Annual Black Tie and Sneaker Gala on May 22. Pratt and the Bar Association were honored for community contributions.

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office or you’re out networking, wherever you are, there is a ‘public.’”

Maggie Suender, director of associate relations for Pepper Hamilton LLP, reminded attendees to be mindful of their surroundings. “You need to remember that you have internal clients as well as external clients,” said Suender. “You want people focusing on what you’re there to do, and the service that you’re there to provide and your capabilities and your competencies, you don’t want them distracted by what you’re wearing.”

Jennifer Smuts, director of marketing for Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz, LLP, added that it is still important to show one’s own sense of style and be comfortable in one’s own clothes. She also stressed the importance of dressing appropriately and conservatively for photo shoots that can then be used by the firm’s marketing staff for news releases and Web sites, along with articles or presentations.

In the end, both your mother and Ben Franklin may have been right: stand up straight, wear clean underwear, and don’t show too much skin. But the questions of black vs. blue suits, skirts vs. pantsuits, and ties vs. bowties still seem both relevant and relative to the “public” you find yourself in and the message you want to convey, even if it’s just that you have no message to convey at all.

Brian K. Sims, a sole practitioner, is an associate editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.

Mayor Nutter Honored

Jewish Law Day Co-Chairs Adam E. Laver and Harris T. Bock join Mayor Nutter and Rabbi David Guterman, Executive Director of VAAD: Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia on Jewish Law Day on June 4. Mayor Nutter was honored for his dedication and contribution to the principles of law and justice in Philadelphia.

The Justinian Society and Foundation held its Annual Meeting Election and Scholarship Luncheon on June 9 at the Union League. Mayor Michael Nutter was presented with an award for outstanding service. Shown from left are Barbara Capozzi, president, The Justinian Foundation; Justinian Society Chancellor Gina Furia Rubel; Mayor Nutter; past Justinian Chancellor Rudolph Garcia; Gaetan J. Alfano and Gino Benedetti, treasurer, The Justinian Society.

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- Four tickets to a Philadelphia Flyers game courtesy of Cozen O’Connor.
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- Four Flyers Tickets courtesy of Ernst & Young, LLP.
- Four tickets in the Phillips Hall of Fame Suite courtesy of Weinstein Schiefer & Kupersmith, P.C.
- Two tickets to a Philadelphia Wings Game.
- Golf for three with Glenn Blumenthal at White Manor Country Club courtesy of Tactix Real Estate Advisors, LLC.
- Two tickets to a 2008-2009 Philadelphia KixX Game.

What do professional golfer Retief Goosen and Bar Association Vice Chancellor Scott F. Cooper have in common? They have both played The ACE Club, one of our area’s premier golf courses and the location of this year’s 20th Annual Philadelphia Bar Foundation Golf Classic.

The July 15 Golf Classic is one of the Bar Foundation’s two big annual fundraising events. Vice Chancellor Cooper once again will be a member of a foursome fielded by longstanding sponsor Blank Rome LLP and has been a supporter of the Golf Classic, in his own words, “forever. The Golf Classic serves twin purposes – to raise money for the Foundation but also to bring together a broad cross-section of the legal community for a day of networking and sharing our experiences.”

For the last 20 years, the Bar Foundation has held the Golf Classic to raise money to support the Foundation. Each December to more than 30 public interest legal organizations. The legal services community in Philadelphia has a national reputation for its collaborative nature and cutting-edge law practices. The Philadelphia Bar Foundation is proud of its support for this unique community and their work to help those less fortunate have equal access to justice.

One of the most recent collaborative efforts has been to move the support, and in the case of some of the organizations, to be active members of the statewide coalition that launched the “Pennsylvania School Funding Campaign,” a drive to increase funding for public schools to a level sufficient to give all children in Pennsylvania a quality education. This effort to “fix the broken school funding system” calls on the Pennsylvania legislature to enact a permanent school funding formula and fully fund it within six years.

The Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia and the Education Law Center have played key roles in the statewide coalition as well as leading the effort in Philadelphia to educate the bar about the need for legislative action. Supported by a delivery of Legal Services subcommittee, they encouraged the appointment of a Task Force on School Funding led by Jim Eisenhower; the holding of a CLE on the issue; and the adoption of a resolution by the Bar Association’s Board of Governors strongly endorsing adequate state funding for children in all districts.

“Bar Foundation support was critical to our ability to devote the person hours necessary to educate the entire community about this critical issue,” said PILCOP attorney Michael Churchill.

This year, in addition to supporting the important work of our grantee organizations, the Golf Classic is partnering with First Tee of Suburban Philadelphia. First Tee is an organization that uses golf to develop life skills and provide character education for children not usually exposed to golf. The Suburban Philadelphia chapter continued on page 22.
CLS Bar Campaign for 2008 Tops $360,000

Community Legal Services is pleased to announce that the 2008 Bar Campaign has raised $363,000 from 72 law firms to date. Two firms have again given the lead gift of $35,000: Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, and Pepper Hamilton LLP. CSL is confident that it will reach its 2008 goal of $400,000. If your firm is not on the list, please contact CSL at 215-981-3760 to make a pledge.

Each year, CSL reaches out to the Philadelphia legal community to share its mission – to provide the highest quality legal assistance to low-income Philadelphians who cannot afford legal counsel when they most need it – and to request the support of individual lawyers and law firms to make the CSL mission a reality. CSL is widely recognized as one of the most sophisticated, respected nonprofit legal services programs in the nation. In the past year alone, CSL has helped more than 18,000 Philadelphians, fighting consumer fraud and predatory lending, preventing homelessness, ensuring fair treatment in the workplace, stabilizing families, and protecting women, children and the elderly. The support of the legal community is more crucial than ever this year as CSL recently lost $1.2 million in Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts funding when the drastic lowering in interest rates earlier this year caused serious cuts in IOLTA funding for all Pennsylvania legal services organizations.

CSL is proud and grateful to have a committed Leadership Council; each member of the Council works assiduously to share information about the mission and accomplishments of CSL and acquire the support of the community. The members of the 2008 Leadership Council are: Joseph A. Tate (co-chair), Gerald A. McHugh Jr. (co-chair), Michael J. Boni, Edward F. Chacker, Andrew A. Chirls, Joseph J. Costello, Alan M. Feldman, Lawrence J. Fox, Nancy J. Gellman, William T. Hangley, Marilyn Heffley, Alexander Kerr, Roberta D. Liebenberg, Leslie Anne Miller, Barbara T. Sicalides, Joseph A. Sullivan, Dennis R. Suple, Christopher Walters and Joanne Zack.

The following law firms are thanked for their early support in the 2008 Bar Campaign:

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CSL also gratefully acknowledges the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association for hosting the Breakfast of Champions for the past 19 years.

The preceding list includes pledges or contributions received by June 12, 2008. If your firm is not on the list, please contact CSL at 215-981-3760 to make a pledge.

* Donated at least $300 per attorney

Gray Gets VIP’s Monthly Honor

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Gray has been an active tax clinic volunteer for the past three years. In that time she has helped dozens of low-income clients, many of them migrant farm workers, to file taxes. In January and April, she dedicated many of her Saturdays to volunteer at the low-income tax clinics that Philadelphia VIP and Philadelphia Legal Assistance sponsor in Kennett Square every year. She reviewed and prepared a significant amount of tax returns, which made it possible for the tax clinic to serve more than 90 low-income persons. It is both the quality and leadership of her work that makes Gray an outstanding volunteer.

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Tuesday, July 1
Committee on the Legal Rights of Persons with Disabilities: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.
Philadelphia Bar Foundation Board of Trustees: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Professional Responsibility Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50

Wednesday, July 2
Delivery of Legal Services Committee: meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Rules and Procedure Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50
Intellectual Property Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50

Thursday, July 3
Health Care Law Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $8.50
Civil Rights Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50
Environmental Law Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.

Friday, July 4
Independence Day: Bar Association offices closed.

Monday, July 7
Family Law Section: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50

Tuesday, July 8
Criminal Justice Section Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Compulsory Arbitration Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50

Thursday, July 10
Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50
Legislative Liaison Committee: meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50

Friday, July 11
Law School Outreach Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center.

Monday, July 14
Business Law Section Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Young Lawyers Division Cabinet: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Cabinet Room.

Tuesday, July 15

Wednesday, July 16
Federal Courts Committee: meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50
Legal Line: 5 p.m., 11th floor LRS offices.

Thursday, July 17
Law Practice Management Division Technology Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50
Family Law Section Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.
City Policy Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50

Friday, July 18
Social Security Disability Benefits Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50

Law School Outreach Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Corporate In-House Counsel Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room. Lunch: $7.50

Philadelphia Lawyer magazine Editorial Board: meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.

Monday, July 21
Public Interest Section Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Tuesday, July 22
Section Chairs: meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Cabinet: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Employee Benefits Committee: meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50
Committee on the Legal Rights of Children: meeting, 3:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.

Wednesday, July 23
Disaster Planning Committee: meeting, 8 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Medical Legal Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50

Register online for most events at philadelphiabar.org. Unless otherwise specified, all checks for luncheons and programs should be made payable to the Philadelphia Bar Association and mailed to Bar Headquarters, 1101 Market St., 11th fl., Philadelphia, Pa. 19107-2955. Send Bar Association-related calendar items 30 days in advance to Managing Editor, Philadelphia Bar Reporter, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19107-2955. Fax: (215) 238-1159. E-mail: reporter@philadelphiabar.org.

Tuesday, July 24
Solo and Small Firm Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50

Friday, July 25
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 Committee Room.

Diversity Committee: meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.

Monday, July 28
Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Tuesday, July 29
Criminal Justice Section: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50

Women in the Profession Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Thursday, July 31
Minorities in the Profession Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.

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.

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of this national program will work with kids from Chester, Coatesville, Oxford and Abington this summer. Golfers and attendees to the cocktail reception, dinner and silent auction are being asked to bring new or "gently used" golf items—a sleeve of balls, a kid’s putter—that will be given to the kids in the First Tee program.

"We are always happy when organizations reach out with donations and volunteer opportunities. Our program would never be able to serve the youth that we do without the support of events like this," said Gregg Russell, executive director of The First Tee of Suburban Philadelphia.

"We want to do as much as we can to help the community," said Red Wittenberg of LexisNexis, Trustee of the Bar Foundation and Chair of the Golf Classic Planning Committee. “This is a fun event, but we also are doing our utmost to raise money to support the legal services needed by the poor, the elderly, the disabled—everyone for whom having or not having access to these services can make a huge difference in the quality of their lives.”

Through the efforts of a talented and active Golf Classic Planning Committee, there are more sponsors of the event this year than ever before. All the golf slots have been filled, but the entire legal community should come to the dinner and silent auction that is held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. after the golfers head back to the clubhouse.

The ACE Club, located off Ridge Pike in Lafayette Hill, is a beautiful spot for cocktails and dinner. You will be able to applaud the winners of the LexisNexis, Kroll, USI/Colburn and Citizens Bank Cops, socialize with your colleagues and friends and bid on silent auction items from area retailers, restaurants, sports teams and businesses. Some of the items for the silent auction are already available for bidding on the Bar Foundation’s Web site at philadelphiabar.org where you can also go to reserve tickets for the dinner and reception.

We hope that you will come out and support the Philadelphia Bar Foundation’s 20th Annual Golf Classic and give our sponsors and auction donors your business. Your support and theirs means that more people in need of legal help will receive it, and the promise of “justice for all” will be one step closer to being fulfilled.

Elaine Rinsaldi, a partner at Cozen O’Connor, is president of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation.
Judge Louis J. Presenza, president judge of Philadelphia Municipal Court, has been elected to the newly created position of emeritus board member of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals at the NADCP’s 14th Annual Conference. He was presented with the newly established Lifetime Achievement Award at the Annual Dinner of the Mayor’s Drug and Alcohol Executive Commission.

Brian S. Chacker, an associate with Gay Chacker & Mittin, P.C., recently served as the keynote speaker at the 2008 Drexl Student Awards Banquet. The awards given recognize and/or reward students who have made significant contributions to student life at Drexel University and the Philadelphia community. He appeared as an expert on Channel 12 WHYY’s “Delaware Tonight,” regarding excessive force cases and police conduct/misconduct in the use of force.

Robert Kugler, a partner with Archer & Greiner, P.C., has been elected president of the Southern New Jersey Chapter of the Risk Management Association, an international trade association for commercial bankers.

Marc S. Rapson and Michael A. Morse, partners with Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Rapson, LLP spoke at the Health Care Compliance Association’s 12th Annual Compliance Institute on April 15 in New Orleans.


Jason Copley, a partner at Cohen Seglias Pallas Greenhall & Furman, P.C., has been elected as secretary of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Construction Financial Managers Association.

Deborah Epstein Henry, founder & president of Flex-Time Lawyers LLC, spoke to the National Association of Women Lawyers on “Comeback Lawyers: The Path for Lawyers to Return to Practice” in Chicago on May 6. She was the keynote speaker for the talk “What Makes a Best Legal Employer for Women?” at the Connecticut Bar Association Symposium on May 15.

William R. Sasso, chairman of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP, has been appointed vice-chair of the Pennsylvania Board of Law Examiners.

John F. Mullen, a member of Cozen O’Connor, recently participated in the program “How Electronic Document Management Has Revolutionized the Construction Industry and How it will Impact the Future” sponsored by the General Building Contractors Association.

Wendy West Feinstein and Roberta Jacobs-Meadway of Eckert Seamans Cherin and Mellott, LLC served as faculty at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s 2nd Annual Intellectual Property Law Institute on April 17 and 18. Timothy P. Ryan served as course planner.

Bernard Max Resnick, principal of Bernard M. Resnick, Esq., P.C., participated in the international music business conference “Les Rencontres québécoises de l’industrie de la musique 2008,” on April 16-17 in Montreal, Canada. He presented “The Record Business is Dead...Long Live the Music Business” as part of the panel discussion “Beyond Recordings: New Visions for Labels.”

James J. Rozuch and William J. Castillo, partners with Caesar, Rivie, Bernstein, Cohen & Pokotilow, recently addressed lawyers from around Pennsylvania on the fundamentals of patent law at the 2nd Annual Intellectual Property Law Institute sponsored by PBI.

David J. Berney of the Law Offices of David J. Berney gave a presentation on special education law to B.U.L.L.D. (Better Understanding Of Individuals With Learning Differences), a support group for parents of children with learning differences.

Denise H. Houghton, a member of Cozen O’Connor, has authored a chapter in the new life sciences text Life Sciences Client Strategies (Inside the Minds), published by AspenTrak, Inc.

Bernard W. Smalley Sr., a shareholder at Anapol, Schwartz, Weiss, Cohan, Feldman and Smalley, P.C., recently received Thurgood Marshall College Fund’s Award of Excellence.

Randall C. Schauer, a partner with Fox Rothschild L.L.P., spoke as a guest lecturer to students enrolled in Wharton Business School’s “The Law at Work: Employment Law for Managers” class on April 16.

Steven K. Migropola of Archer & Greiner, P.C., spoke on estate and trust litigation during the Spring Symposium of the Real Property, Trust & Estate Law Section of the American Bar Association in Washington, D.C. on May 1 and 2. Migropola received the 2008 Founder’s Award from the Estate and Financial Planning Council of Southern New Jersey on June 4.

Richard R. Goldberg and David L. Pollack, partners at Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, were featured speakers at the American Law Institute - American Bar Association’s course “Commercial Real Estate Leases: Selected Issues in Drafting and Negotiating in Current Markets,” on May 29 and 30 in Boston, Mass.

Rhonda Hill Wilson of the Law Offices of Rhonda Hill Wilson, P.C., has been appointed to the advisory board of The Salvation Army of Greater Philadelphia.

Stephen J. Galati, a shareholder of Mat- tioni, Ltd., has been elected to serve as the chairman of the International Refrigerated Transportation Association.

James A. Wells, an associate with Haines & Associates, was recently appointed to serve on the Editorial Board of the ABA Tort, Trial and Insurance Practice Section’s quarterly publication, The Brief.

Charles B. Howland, senior assistant regional counsel in the Mid Atlantic Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, recently spoke on the future of bio fuels at Tulane Law School’s 13th annual Environmental Conference, “Climate Change: In the Community and the Courtroom.”

Michael D. Homans, a shareholder with FlasterGreenberg, spoke on the expanding coverage of New Jersey’s Conscientious Employee Protection Act at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s 14th Annual Employment Law Institute on April 17.

Alexander Bono, a partner with Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, has been appointed by Cardinal Justin Rigali to serve on the Board of Directors for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Margaret A. McCausland of the Law Offices of Margaret A. McCausland LLC, was elected president of the Board of Directors of Robin’s Nest, Inc., a children’s social services agency in Glassboro, N.J.

Megan J. Duryea of Fox Rothschild LLP, was a presenter at the National Business Institute’s “Limited Liability Companies” seminar on May 19 in Allentown, Pa.


Dale G. Larrimore, a partner at Larrimore & Farnish, LLP, served as moderator of a panel discussion on “Proving Causation - Overcoming Juror Bias and Establishing Causation in Connection with Serious Injuries from Motor Vehicle Accidents” as part of the Pennsylvania Association for Justice 26th Annual Automobile Insurance Law Seminar on May 28.

“People” highlights news of members’ awards, honors or appointments of a community or civic nature. Information may be sent to Jeff Upton, Senior Managing Editor, Philadelphia Bar Reporter, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., 11th fl, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107-2955. Fax: (215) 238-1159. E-mail: reporter@philabar.org. Color photos are also welcome.
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