Meet the New Chief Judge

Judge J. Curtis Joyner, the new chief judge for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, meets with Federal Courts Committee Chair Elizabeth A. Malloy (top left) and Vice Chair Ellen Meriwether prior to the Federal Bench-Bar Conference on June 10 at the Rittenhouse Hotel. Chief Judge Joyner delivered remarks on the state of the court. Former Pennsylvania Gov. Edward G. Rendell (right) was the keynote speaker. More than 130 people attended the program. See Pages 4 and 5 for more coverage.

Prof. Ogletree to Moderate Opening Bench-Bar Session

Professor Charles J. Ogletree, the Jesse Climenko Professor of Law and director of the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice at Harvard University, will be the moderator of the opening session of the 2011 Bench-Bar & Annual Conference at Harrah’s Atlantic City on Oct. 15 – 16.

Ogletree will be the moderator of the opening plenary “I’m Not Saying That to Any Judge! The Lasting Implications of Luzerne County.” Panelists for that program, which will explore the implications for the bench and bar of the Luzerne County “kids for cash” scandal, will be announced at a later date.

Ogletree, a graduate of Stanford University and Harvard Law School, is the author of several books, including “Lynch Mobs to the Killing State: Race and the Death Penalty in America,” “All Deliberate Speed: Reflections on the First Half-Century of Brown v. Board of Education” and “Beyond
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Herron to Receive Brennan Award

Judge John W. Herron, considered to be an architect of the First Judicial District’s Commerce Case Management Program, has been selected as the recipient of the Association’s 2011 Justice William J. Brennan Jr. Distinguished Jurist Award.

Judge Herron will be presented with the award, which recognizes a jurist who adheres to the highest ideals of judicial service, at an upcoming quarterly meeting.

“I am truly delighted that Judge Herron is being recognized for his exemplary service to our Philadelphia courts over many years, and for his extraordinarily accomplishments and devotion to our justice system,” said Brennan Award Committee Chair Maria A. Feeley.

“The Justice Brennan Award is a terrific honor and I feel quite shocked and surprised to be this year’s recipient,” said Judge Herron. “It has been a wonderful privilege creating the Commerce Court
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Bar Hosting National Diversity Symposium

Experts in the field of diversity from across the nation will assemble for the Philadelphia Bar Association’s National Symposium on Diversity in the Legal Profession on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at The Union League of Philadelphia.

“This symposium will be another significant milestone on our road to diversity and inclusion,” said Chancellor Rudolph Garcia. “The Philadelphia Bar Association is committed to improving diversity in our profession and these national leaders will help show us the way forward. We know there is much work to be done, and we stand ready to meet the challenge.”

The half-day symposium will begin with a luncheon featuring keynote speaker Robert J. Grey Jr., executive director of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity. Grey is a past president of the American Bar Association.

Three concurrent breakout sessions may focus on topics such as the role(s) white men can play to advance diversity and inclusion in corporate legal departments and law firms; generational diversity and its impact in the workplace; successful pipeline initiatives and mentoring programs; and an employment law update.

The symposium runs from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. and a VIP networking reception begins at 5:30 p.m. The VIP networking reception will provide a forum for discussion with remarks from a prominent speaker.

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Feldman Shepherd is proud to announce that personal injury attorney and firm partner Roberta “Bobbie” Pichini has been elected President of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers (IATL).

Bobbie is the first woman to serve as President of the IATL and was the first woman in Pennsylvania to be invited to join this elite organization, which limits U.S. membership to 500 actively practicing attorneys. As President, Bobbie will lead the Academy and its members in furthering the organization’s mission of cultivating the science of jurisprudence, promoting legal reform and elevating the standards of integrity, honor and professionalism in the legal profession.
Making Progress on Diversity, Bar to Host Nov. Symposium

By Rudolph Garcia

This has been a great year already for advancement of diversity in our profession, but there is still more to come.

In January, we converted our Diversity in the Profession Committee (DIPC) into a forum for collaboration with and among Philadelphia’s separate minority bar associations, the heads of which serve as ex-officio members of the committee. This brings them together to share ideas, work on common goals and joint programming, and develop best practices, with the full support of our bar.

This initiative has been well received and enthusiastically embraced by everyone involved. It has also helped minorities feel welcome in our association. The DIPC is busy planning programs, including one with the Business Law Section called “Advancing Diversity and Inclusion in the Legal Profession: The Business Case or Moral Imperative?” and one for the Bench-Bar Conference called “Survey Says: An Empirical Look at Diversity in the Legal Profession.”

In March, more than 900 people attended our Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon to honor U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor for her unwavering commitment to diversity and inclusion. We presented Justice Sotomayor with our Chancellor’s Diversity Award and renamed it in her honor. She then engaged in an open and candid discussion with our audience. The positive feedback from that event was overwhelming (i.e., “terrific and moving,” “one of the most thrilling days of my life,” “will be remembered for all time,” “AMAZING!!!!!!!!”)!

More importantly, by lending her name to the award and accepting it herself, Justice Sotomayor has added immeasurably to its prestige and the incentive it will provide to make real progress throughout our legal community.

This was a proud moment for our association, but we aren’t finished yet.

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, we will present a National Symposium on Diversity in the Legal Profession, at The Union League in Philadelphia. It will bring together chief legal officers of major companies, law firm managing partners and diversity thought-leaders from across the nation, to discuss best practices for the recruitment, retention and advancement of women and diverse attorneys; benchmarks to measure success; the roles white men can play to advance diversity and inclusion; generational diversity and its impact in the workplace; and successful pipeline initiatives and mentoring programs.

The symposium’s speakers and advisory board members hail from Washington D.C., Chicago, New York, Atlanta, Miami, Richmond, Charlotte and Houston. Among the participating organizations are Cox Communications, Inc.; Halliburton; Comcast Cable; Armstrong World Industries, Inc.; H.J. Russell & Company; Concessions International, LLC;

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Court Doing Well, New Chief Judge Says

By Jeff Lyons

Despite fiscal uncertainties, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania is doing well, new Chief Judge J. Curtis Joyner told the Federal Bench-Bar Conference in his first "state of the court" remarks on June 10.

"As new chief judge of the Eastern District, I have held this position with integrity and high honor and have administered justice for a total of three-and-a-half days," Chief Judge Joyner joked. "I can say without any hesitation or reservation that the court is doing well."

"Since our last Bench-Bar Conference, our court has lost Judge Tom Golden, who passed away in July 2010, after serving only four years. Recently Judge John Fullam and Judge Lowell Reed retired, after serving on the bench for a combined total of 68 years. Their outstanding contributions in the administration of justice will be deeply missed. Judge Anita Brody and Judge Barclay Surrick have recently assumed senior status. We are fortunate they continue to serve on the bench and look forward to their future contributions," Joyner said. "I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our senior judges for their hard work and dedicated service. Not because they have to, but because they want to continue to serve the court and the administration of justice. They are truly remarkable public servants."

"In the Eastern District of Pennsylvania we have three vacancies and we have three judges eligible for senior status," said Clerk of Court Michael Kunz. "And next year we'll have three more judges available for senior status. That's a personal decision that judges make and certainly we have no predictions. But I think it's a fair statement that we're going to have additional vacancies in the future."

"In April of this year, our court faced a possible shutdown due to the failure of Congress to pass the budget. Eventually the shutdown was avoided," Chief Judge Joyner said. "Fortunately, no employees were furloughed but a hiring freeze was imposed. With the 2012 budget not far around the corner, the discussion of significant cuts in the budget may present some serious issues for us in 2012."

"We're embarking on a slippery deep slope which will require us to use resources from technology and other funds to keep employees on board," said Kunz. "And unfortunately, the judiciary is a bystander in these battles. When they

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Rendell’s Candid Remarks Wide-Ranging

By Christine Soares

Former Pennsylvania Gov. Edward G. Rendell discussed everything from the NFL lockout to the upcoming presidential race during his keynote remarks at the June 10 Federal Bench-Bar Conference at the Rittenhouse Hotel.

Gov. Rendell spoke candidly about whom he would nominate to run for president in the upcoming election if he were running the Republican Party – the safe ticket. Although he acknowledged President Obama has done well considering the problems he inherited, Gov. Rendell believes a race between President Obama and Mitt Romney or Tim Pawlenty would be tough. Such an election, Gov. Rendell opined, would be a referendum on President Obama’s time in office, which may prove difficult when unemployment is at 9 percent and the economy continues to struggle. Gov. Rendell suggested that President Obama might prevail in an election against Sarah Palin or Michele Bachman.

Gov. Rendell also spoke regarding the problems with the confirmation of U.S. Supreme Court justices. When asked how he would end the problems surrounding the confirmation hearings, Gov. Rendell stated he would place a time limit on the hearings and give the Senate 90 days to vote; otherwise, the nominee would be deemed confirmed.

With respect to more local matters, Gov. Rendell fielded questions from attendees about the Philadelphia school district’s budget crisis and Philadelphia’s controversial pension program known as DROP. He said that the quality of the infrastructure and courtroom technology continues to be a priority for the district court. “We now have 15 of our 30 large courtrooms equipped with technology in Philadelphia. We also have a courtroom in Allentown that’s equipped with technology,” Kunz said.

“IT’s quite a challenge to deal with the infrastructure and courtroom technology. The budget process is as follows – Congress readily appropriates money for new courtroom construction and they provide substantial sums of money – 100 percent – for new courthouse construction. But if you’re in a vintage 1975 courthouse like we are at 601 Market, the dollars are tough to obtain. We’ve done fairly well; it's a competitive process. But this fiscal year was reduced by 25 percent and I think in the future that may well continue.”

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had the summit back in the good old Graham-Rudman-Hollings days, the judiciary wasn’t invited. We’re looking at 10 to 15 percent budget reductions next year, and that’s going to be quite difficult,” he said.

Eastern District of Pennsylvania Chief Bankruptcy Judge Stephen Raslavich said the bankruptcy courts face leaner times with fewer employees, smaller budgets and a change in leadership at the national level. “Should further reduction in our resources be deemed necessary, we hope to engage the bar in identifying spending priorities and avoid any significant disruption in service to the public,” he said.

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July 27 Basics of ADA
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July 14 The Law of Arrest, Search and Seizure in Pennsylvania
July 19 Advanced Issues in Social Security Disability
July 22 Immigration Law for the General Practitioner
July 26 Fair Credit Reporting Act
July 27 Fundamentals of Civil Practice
July 28 Due Diligence in Business Transactions

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**Firms Can Share Energy Savings with Clients**

**By Edward P. Kelly**

Law firms that save money by spending less on energy will be more successful in retaining clients by passing the savings on to them, an environmental consultant told members of the Green Ribbon Committee on June 2.

Henry Balkow, vice president at Goldman Environmental Consultants, recommended that firms “measure so you can manage” energy consumption and stressed that collaboration and guidance are two keys to success in this area. Balkow was joined on the panel by Al Ryan, assistant general counsel at Exelon Business Services Company; Judy Stouffer, law firm administrator/senior paralegal at Berner, Klaw & Watson; Jenimae Almquist, an associate senior paralegal at Berner, Klaw & Watson; and Tricia Sadd, a partner at Astor, Weiss, Kaplan & Mandel, LLP.

Ryan explained how Exelon’s legal department formed a “green team” that embarked on a yearlong “hearts and minds” campaign. The single most important thing that the team did was to prepare a plan, and Ryan stressed that this should be done as soon as possible. A key component of that plan is communication about what needs to be done and what results have been achieved. This will in turn lead to a higher participation rate. Initially, the team needed to get buy-in and support from senior management, they had to set goals and metrics, and they had to determine what green efforts were currently being undertaken by the department. Ryan found that senior management support was critical to the success of the program, and it was very helpful to have that support communicated to the rest of the department. In order to maintain senior management’s confidence, the team had to make an economic argument and show the benefits of the program in terms of lower costs and increased profits. One such cost-saving policy was paper management: the department instituted double-sided printing, eliminated banner sheets and increased the post-recycled content of their paper.

Almquist suggested that audience members arm themselves with knowledge, choose two or three target goals and lead by example. Some of her tips include a recycling bag in the office kitchen and lead by example. Some of her tips include a recycling bag in the office kitchen with a rotation of who brings it home weekly, a “paperless” document management system, a reduction in overnight mail, and carpooling.

Stouffer discussed pre-tax savings plans such as Delaware Valley TransitChek to encourage employees to use mass transit. She also said that companies such as HP will buy back equipment/laptops/computers, and that local charities are also looking for these items. She suggested turning off lights when an office is not in use, turning off the computer monitor when leaving your desk for an extended period and unplugging computers and other equipment at the end of the day.

Sadd also discussed the Green Ribbon Sustainability Pledge (available at philadelphiabar.org) that contains seven different categories and takes a holistic approach to green efforts. She suggested that a company commit to one or two items on the list and proceed from there.

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**VIP Summer Pro Bono Program**

This month Philadelphia VIP recognizes Markita Morris-Louis of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP for her outstanding volunteer assistance to VIP clients.

Morris-Louis has served VIP’s clients both in direct representation and in an advisory capacity, accepting clients with zoning and homeownership issues as well as serving as a trainer and member of VIP’s Board of Directors. Her service to VIP began in 2004 with a probate case in which she helped a client obtain title to her deceased father’s house; her work enabled the client to remain in the home. Currently, she is working with a number of clients who had purchased their homes from a community land trust in Philadelphia that ceased to pay the property taxes on the land on which the homes were located. These clients are seeking to take title to the land so that they can begin paying the property taxes themselves and thus avoid a tax sale.

In addition to her individual casework, Morris-Louis has delivered highly regarded presentations on the legal issues pertaining to business choice of entity. She trained volunteer attorneys participating in a microentrepreneur legal clinic with clients from a small business incubator, the Women’s Business Development Center. She has presented a workshop at the Empowerment Group’s annual Entrepreneurship Week for the past two years.

Her passion for helping her clients succeed, be they microentrepreneurs or homeowners seeking to save their homes, is evident in everything she does. For her commitment and dedication to its clients and to VIP, Philadelphia VIP offers its heartfelt appreciation to Markita Morris-Louis.
Take Advantage of Women’s Initiatives at Firms

By Julia Swain

Leaders of women’s initiatives from local law firms reported on the development and progress of those initiatives at a recent meeting of the Women in the Profession Committee.

The panelists at the May 31 program were Caitlin M. Piccarello, Deena Jo Schneider, Lauren P. McKenna and Barbara Uberti Manerchia.

In 2008, Piccarello started a women’s initiative at Saul Ewing LLP. The group meets monthly and organizes an annual client event, training event and a social networking event for its women attorneys. Piccarello identified one struggle faced by her group as determining the level to which male colleagues can or should be included. This issue compelled Piccarello to reach out to other local women’s initiative leaders to collaborate and share ideas.

McKenna, a partner who has been with Fox Rothschild LLP for nearly 21 years, helped to create Fox’s women’s initiative, which had started several years prior as a women’s marketing group. Recognizing the need to better understand and support the promotion, recruitment and retention of women attorneys, McKenna in 2009 developed a women’s initiative model that was approved by the firm’s executive committee and which is now in the execution stage. She hopes to include leadership training and sponsorship for women lawyers to promote professional growth. In developing a model, McKenna focused on identifying women’s needs, challenges and expectations from such an initiative.

Schneider is a partner with Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP and has been with the firm for more than 30 years. When she joined in 1974, Schneider was one of only 10 women out of 97 lawyers, which was pretty good back then, she remarked. Also recognizing a need for female support as Schneider saw higher proportions of women attorneys leaving practice, Schneider’s women’s initiative started with informal meetings that developed into a more organized effort.

The group now has annual events including a holiday lunch, a summer event centered around their summer associates and two client events outside of the firm offices. They also have monthly meetings where they host speakers, discuss business development, leadership issues and advancement of women. Schneider stressed the importance of creating a law firm culture where women want to work, which is facilitated by a women’s initiative.

Uberti Manerchia has been practicing since 1978, having started with Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP and currently as counsel for Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP. Upon her firm’s request, she implemented a women’s initiative focusing primarily on business development.

With an ambitious agenda, Potter holds a spring, summer and fall event, which focuses on education, community involvement and team-building skills. Uberti Manerchia suggested hosting events at the firm to showcase the offices. To keep the events interesting, she suggested planning interactive activities, which are a great way to develop relationships. At one of their recent events, antiques were brought in, with attendees guessing the value and prizes awarded to the closest bidders.

Highly organized in her approach, Uberti Manerchia even developed formal recommendations for the role of male attorneys in the women’s initiative which include supporting the initiative, encouraging participation and attending certain portions of some events where men can invite their women clients. Having female exclusivity is important for a women’s initiative, but male attorney support is also important for success.

For any women attorneys interested in starting a women’s initiative in their firm, Piccarello urged sending an email to women colleagues, generating buzz about the initiative, planning simple but interesting meetings, like one they hosted at a woman’s partner’s home, and considering how to secure firm funding.

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Author Examines 20th Century Women Via Popular Culture

By Ria C. Momblando

Catherine Gourley, author of the five-part women’s history series “Images and Issues in the Twentieth Century,” discussed her work with the Women’s Rights Committee at its June 7 meeting.

The “Images and Issues” series was recently featured in “Faces of Feminism,” a documentary film that was aired in conjunction with HBO’s hit-series “Boardwalk Empire.” In addition, the series, which was aimed at young adult readers, won several awards, including Booklist’s Top 10 Nonfiction Series for Youth and the Children’s Book Council award for Notable Social Studies Trade Book for Young People.

“Images and Issues” takes a look at women’s history through the lens of pop culture and media, and it is the result of Gourley’s extensive review of a variety of images ranging from comics, ads and early sitcoms, to news headlines and magazine covers. As a result of her review, Gourley was able to make several observations on how pop culture depicts women throughout the 20th century.

The first observation was that women have power to influence other women. Nowhere was this more evident than in the famous “Rosie the Riveter” image, circa WWII, that was meant to recruit housewives to work in the assembly lines while their husbands were overseas. According to Gourley, “Rosie” was made to be attractive, as if to convince housewives, “We can do it. We can be factory workers and still be feminine.”

Gourley’s second observation was that pop culture was fickle. Something that was controversial at one point, could suddenly become conventional, and then could just as suddenly become controversial again. For example, prior to WWII, women were expected to get married, take care of the house, and have no career. However, in WWII, images such as “Rosie” came about, and it was no longer considered controversial for women to join the work force. “Rosie” made factory labor patriotic, conventional and feminine. After WWII, however, the image of a working woman again became controversial. According to Gourley, a post-WWII Phillips Milk of Magnesia ad spoke volumes of an ideal woman’s status at the time, showing everyone but the mom running out of the house after the mom had presumably been successful in tending to the constipated member of the family.

The third pattern that Gourley found was that throughout the 20th century, pop culture and the media always pushed to define “the three A’s of femininity” — appearance, action and ambition. Gourley noted that while the ideals for these three categories may have changed over time, the media’s role in this regard has not.

Gourley emphasized that despite the fact that pop culture and society have a certain power over defining how women should look, how they should behave, and what they should aspire to, ultimately, the “real power” lies among women who are able to decide whether to accept or rebel against what is thought to be conventional at the time.

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In all criminal matters there exists a delicate balance between protecting the public and ensuring fairness to the individual charged. At the May 31 meeting of the Criminal Justice Section, panelists discussed that delicate balancing act in the context of the First Judicial District’s recent aggressive initiative to collect outstanding criminal court costs.

Panelists Bradley Bridge, Thomas J. Innes III, Rebecca Vallas and Suzanne J. Young provided an overview of this new collection system, and in doing so, highlighted some of the problems posed by the system and methods for advocating successfully on behalf of clients facing collections proceedings.

As a result of a series published in The Philadelphia Inquirer and due to a great deal of budget stress, the City of Philadelphia formed the Office of Court Compliance and implemented a new court payment system as part of an aggressive effort to collect outstanding court costs. Costs associated with criminal cases. It is estimated that approximately 320,000 people owe an estimated $1.5 billion to the city in criminal court costs. Costs include fines imposed at sentencing, restitution, supervision fees, forfeited bail, and in some cases, collection fees and interest.

There are three stages to the collection process. First, the Office of Court Compliance issues notices to individuals of the outstanding amount due and the minimum monthly payment. Notices go to the last-known address of individuals; this is problematic for many considering cases date back to the 1980s and 1990s. If after 120 days an individual is not in compliance with a payment plan, the case will be referred to ACS, a collection agency utilizing standard debt collection techniques. Finally, if collection efforts by ACS are unsuccessful after six months, the case will be referred to law firms contracted by the city to engage in additional debt-collection activities.

The repercussions for individuals not compliant with a payment plan are numerous and potentially severe. Consequences include wage garnishment, property liens, sheriff’s sales, loss of eligibility for public assistance, loss of ability to seek a pardon or expungement, and a violation of probation/parole if an individual is actively on parole or probation. These consequences are all the more severe for low-income individuals who may not be able to afford the standard monthly payment that is currently set at $35 per month.

Not receiving a notice is just one potential problem with this new system. There are also record-keeping problems, criminal identity theft issues, and possible mistakes in the system. Individuals facing collection efforts can request a payment plan conference, held at the Criminal Justice Center, to attempt to get into an affordable payment plan or to get fees waived or reduced upon a legitimate showing that the debt is invalid. Individuals can have a lawyer or a non-lawyer representative at the conference. Advocates should request the quarter sessions file from court administration prior to the conference to clear up any potential record-keeping errors. Requesting a conference will toll collections efforts and delinquencies. For bail forfeiture cases, individuals should request a bail forfeiture hearing pursuant to Rule 510 to seek a reduction or to get a judgment vacated upon a showing that an individual missed a court appearance for a good or compelling reason.

Angie Halim is an associate editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.
Criminal Document Management to Become Operational in Sept.

The First Judicial District’s criminal electronic document management system is expected to go online on Sept. 2, Administrative Judge D. Webster Keogh recently told members of the Criminal Justice Section.

An electronic filing system is expected to be up and running in early April 2012, Judge Keogh added. “The electronic document management system will ultimately replace the ‘official’ clerk of courts paper record. There are numerous benefits that will be realized almost immediately by the court, the bar and the public with the implementation of electronic documents. Two of the biggest benefits are cost savings and effective case management,” he said.

“As many of you may know, or may have experienced first hand, cases scheduled for almost any event in a criminal courtroom hinge upon the availability and accuracy of the court file. Many court events have been continued due to the lack of a court file at the time of the hearing. Oftentimes, duplicate files are created in the absence of the original file. Additionally, untold hours are wasted over the course of a year searching for ‘misplaced’ court files,” Judge Keogh explained.

“File search requests by the public and other agencies will no longer need to be delayed indefinitely due to the unavailability of a file that has been transmitted to an appellate court or the federal court system. With the availability of electronic documents at the court’s fingertips, we will drastically reduce our operating costs and increase efficiency,” he said.

Other benefits of an electronic document management system include the execution of stricter security for the court’s files and documents, which will aid the clerk of courts in performing its legislatively imposed duty to maintain the integrity of the official court file. In the event of a disaster, an electronic document management system will provide for data backup and offsite electronic storage.

Utilizing barcode recognition software and high-speed scanners, the FJD will begin creating the electronic document management system by scanning all documents currently filed over the counter, as well as all paperwork and documents created as a result of a hearing or other court event. Thereafter, in April 2012 with the implementation of the electronic filing system the electronic record will be created immediately upon filing.

“As you can see, the FJD is committed to proceeding on the path to a paperless court. Having realized many benefits and much success in other divisions of the court, including national recognition of the Civil Division’s e-filing and case management systems, we will endeavor to achieve that same success in the Criminal Division,” Judge Keogh said.

Superior Court to I.D. Authors of Memos

ALL SUPERIOR COURT MEMOS WILL IDENTIFY THE AUTHOR beginning July 1, President Judge Corrleale Stevens announced. Court decisions are normally made by panels of three judges and if a decision is an “opinion,” the author is identified and the case is precedential and can be cited by lawyers in legal briefs.

Most of the work of the Superior Court, however, is done by the issuance of memoranda decisions. Those decisions are not precedential and traditionally do not identify the author.

“At my direction Court Executive Administrator Dave Szewczak researched the issue of why the authors of memos were not identified and, quite frankly there was no particular reason for which the practice was instituted,” Judge Stevens said.

“Lawyers are entitled to know the author of decisions, and I am pleased to note the consensus of the judges of the Superior Court is to begin to identify the authors of memos, as well as of opinions. Other courts which do identify the authoring judges of memorandum/unpublished decisions include the intermediate courts of appeal in Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Kentucky, Louisiana, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Washington.”

Stevens cautioned that memos “still are not to be cited in legal briefs and that memos are not precedential and that a panel of three judges will still have the right, on occasion, to file a per curiam decision, not identifying the author. But that will become the exception, not the rule.”

“We are an active court dealing with 8,000 appeals a year, providing continuing legal education programs, community sessions of the court as well as meeting our other responsibilities. The Superior Court continues to work together with bar associations to continually find ways to improve the administration of justice,” Judge Stevens said.
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Thirty-five judges of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas have agreed to host up to 45 law school graduates as judicial fellows to provide them with substantive legal experience while benefiting the court system with this additional legal talent.

The Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas created a Judicial Fellowship Program in conjunction with the Philadelphia-based law schools – the Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel University, the University of Pennsylvania Law School and Temple University Beasley School of Law – to address the difficult hiring climate for lawyers that many recent law graduates are facing. Due to the popularity of the Judicial Fellowship Program, three Philadelphia-area law schools – Rutgers University Law School, Villanova University School of Law and Widener University School of Law – joined the program last week, doubling the number of participating schools.

The Judicial Fellowship Program provides high-caliber law graduates professional development opportunities. At the same time, the judicial fellows help the busy court carry out key functions and maintain its superior quality of service to the Philadelphia community. Demands on the court have intensified with the existence of numerous vacancies on the bench that have not been filled with interim appointments due to the commonwealth’s budgetary constraints. Judicial fellows work at least 20 hours a week in the civil, criminal, family and orphans divisions of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas and Municipal Courts, carrying out the same duties as paid judicial clerks. The Fellowships help recent graduates gain valuable experience and strengthen their marketability for obtaining a paid position in law. Judges select judicial fellows through an application process administered by the court.

Judge Lisa M. Rau developed the program with help from Professor Chapin Cimino of the Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel University as well as faculty and administrators from career services offices at the University of Pennsylvania’s Law School and Temple Beasley School of Law. “This program will help the court maintain high-quality service with fewer resources and help the many exceptional graduates from Philadelphia’s law schools who are graduating during an especially difficult time in the legal economy,” Rau said. “We appreciate the law schools’ efforts to get the program started and for the enthusiastic response of judges who have agreed to host and mentor recent graduates.”

“This is a winner for both the courts and the new graduates. We are grateful to Judge Rau for developing the program,” said President Judge Pamela Pryor Dembe. “The program will feature events where the fellows will be able to network with members of the Philadelphia Bar Association,” Cimino said. “This is a really wonderful opportunity for some extremely capable graduates to gain notice from the bench and bar.”

“The economic downturn has created an urgent need for programs that help new lawyers find jobs,” said Chancellor Rudolph Garcia. “The Judicial Fellowship Program gives highly qualified graduates an additional credential and valuable experience to assist them in finding subsequent employment. The Philadelphia Bar Association is proud to support this innovative program.”

Common Pleas Judges Hosting Judicial Fellows

Commerce Court Reception

Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Mark I. Bernstein (from left) joins Business Litigation Committee Chair E. David Chanin and Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Arnold L. New at the Committee’s annual Commerce Court Reception on May 31 at the Westin Philadelphia Hotel. More than 100 people attended.
Conference Schedule

Friday, Oct. 14
9:30 a.m. ............................................. Registration
11:30 a.m. ......................................... Lunch
12 p.m. ............................................. Welcome and Opening Plenary Session
• I’m Not Saying That to Any Judge! The Lasting Implications of Luzerne County
1:45 p.m. ................................. CLE seminars
• Civil Gideon: What Is it and Why Is it Needed?
• Attorney-Client Privilege in the Corporate Environment: Practical Approaches and Recent Developments
• Nuts and Bolts of Municipal Court Practice for Criminal Practitioners
3 p.m. ............................................. Break
3:15 p.m. ......................................... CLE seminars
• Subrogation, Set-Asides, Etc.: What You Need to Know But Were Afraid to Ask
• Facing Facebook, Facing Ourselves: Social Media in Child Custody Litigation
• Survey Says: An Empirical Look at Diversity in the Legal Profession
4:15 p.m. ......................................... Break
4:30 p.m. ......................................... CLE seminar
• Tom Kline’s Real World in the Courtroom: Real Testimony, Real Trials
6 – 9 p.m. ....................................... Grand Reception at Harrah’s Philadelphia
Saturday, Oct. 15
8 a.m. ............................................. Breakfast and registration
9:30 a.m. ......................................... CLE seminars
• Problems with Misidentification Issues in Criminal Cases
• Is Anything Private Anymore? Testing the Limits of the Public’s and Parties’ Right to Know in Civil Litigation
• Must I, May I, Should I: A Primer on When to Appeal
10:30 a.m. ................................ Break and hotel check-out
11 a.m. ............................................. CLE seminars
• Civil Consequences of Criminal Violations
• Social Media and Litigation: Wrangling the Wild West
• Orphans Court for the Uninitiated
12 p.m. ............................................. Lunch and Closing Plenary Session
• State of the Courts

Justifications: Seeking Motivations to Sustain Public Defenders.”

A total of 7.5 CLE credits are available in 15 seminars at the Bench-Bar & Annual Conference.

Friday’s programming follows with a presentation, “Civil Gideon: What is it and Why is It Needed?” by the Public Interest Section. Panelists include Prof. Louis S. Rulli and Karen C. Buck.


The Workers’ Compensation Section will present “Subrogation, Set-Asides, Etc.: What You Need to Know But Were Afraid to Ask.” Panelists include Judge A. Michael Snyder, Joseph A. Prim Jr., Grace A. Sweeney and Susan Mason.

“Facing Facebook, Facing Ourselves: Social Media in Child Custody Litigation” is a program from the Family Law Section with panelists Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Diane Thompson and Glenn Andreola. Mark Monnian is the moderator.

The Diversity in the Profession Committee wraps up this segment of programming with “Survey Says: An Empirical Look at Diversity in the Legal Profession” with past Chancellor A. Michael Pratt, Roberta D. Liebenberg, Roberta L. Jacobs-Meadway and Naomi K. McLaurin.

Friday’s final program comes from the State Civil Litigation Section – “Tom Kline’s Real World in the Courtroom: Real Testimony, Real Trials.”

The Grand Reception closes out Friday’s events at The Pool at Harrah’s. The fun begins at 6 p.m. and runs to 9 p.m.

Saturday’s programs kick off with the Criminal Justice Section’s “Problems With Misidentification Issues in Criminal Cases” with Ilsa A. Fruchter and Prof. Jules Epstein.

“Is Anything Private Anymore?” Testing the Limits of the Public’s and Parties’ Right to Know in Civil Litigation” will be presented by the State Civil Litigation Section. Panelists include Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Sandra Mazer Moss, Mark N. Cohen, Amy B. Ginensky, Rosemary Pinto, Scott W. Reid and David Picker. The course planner and moderator is Vice Chancellor Kathleen D. Wilkinson.

The Appellate Courts Committee will present “Must I, May I, Should I: A Primer on When to Appeal” with Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice J. Michael Eakin, Judge Richard B. Klein and Robert L. Byer.

“Civil Consequences of Criminal Convictions” will be presented by the City News Media Committee with Friday, Payne IV, Carolyn M. Chopko and Sean R. Sullivan. The course planner and moderator is Gina Furia Rubel. The seminar is sponsored by The Legal Intelligencer.

The Probate and Trust Law Section, along with the Young Lawyers Division, will present “Orphans Court for the Uninitiated” with Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas Judge Matthew D. Carratello, Adam T. Gusdorff and Peter J. Johnson.

The Bench-Bar & Annual Conference wraps up with a “State of the Court” luncheon with speakers including Pennsylvania Superior Court President Judge Corneille F. Stevens, Commonwealth Court President Judge Bonnie Briggance Leadbetter, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Pamela Pryor Dembe and Philadelphia Municipal Court President Judge Marsha H. Neifield. Pennsylvania Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald D. Castille has also been invited.

Sponsors for the Bench-Bar & Annual Conference include The Legal Intelligencer, Iron Mountain and JAMS.

Register by Sept. 16 and Save

Register is now open for the 2011 Bench-Bar & Annual Conference Oct. 14-15 at Harrah’s Resort Atlantic City, with 15 CLE seminars and 75 possible credits available.

Registration for members is $349 if booked by Sept. 16. For non-members, registration is $399. Members of the Young Lawyers Division and public interest and government attorneys can attend for $199.

For those wishing to attend only the Grand Reception at The Pool at Harrah’s on Friday, Oct. 14, tickets are $150 for all members and $175 for non-members. Tickets will be an additional $25 if purchased at the door.

For those wishing to attend Friday’s session only, tickets are $299 for members, $149 for the YLD and government or public interest attorneys and $349 for non-members.

Members and guests wishing to attend without receiving CLE credit will pay $200. For non-members, the cost is $225. Admission includes all sponsored meals and events.

Those wishing to attend programs on Saturday, Oct. 15 will only pay $229, while YLD members and government and public interest attorneys can attend for $79 and $279 for non-members.

All hotel rooms will be located in the Waterfront Tower. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-345-7253 and mentioning the “2011 Bench-Bar & Annual Conference.” Hotel reservations must be made by Sept. 26.

Hotel rates are as follows: Thursday, Oct. 13 – $129; Friday, Oct. 14 – $169; Saturday, Oct. 15 – $269.

Win an iPad 2 at Bench-Bar

Each Bench-Bar attendee will receive a Welcome Packet at the event that includes a “passport” on which every Bench-Bar sponsor will be listed. Each attendee simply Needs to take his or her passport to each of the sponsor tables at the event, talk a bit with the representative(s) there, and have each sponsor stamp the passport next to their company’s name. Once every sponsor at the event has stamped the passport, attendees can drop it off at the registration desk to be entered into a raffle for an iPad 2. The raffle will be held at the end of the Conference on Oct. 15 and the winner must be present to claim the prize.
and witnessing its growth and acceptance by the bar due in large part to the efforts of the core group of lawyers involved and Judge Albert W. Sheppard Jr. I am quite proud to share this award with all of them and with all members of the bar and the judges of this court who have supported the Commerce Program over the years."

“For 23 years, Judge Herron has adhered to the highest ideals of judicial service,” said Marc J. Sonnenfeld, who was among those who nominated Judge Herron. “As administrative judge of the Trial Division for six years, Judge Herron made a significant, positive impact on the quality and administration of justice in Philadelphia. “He made many innovations in court administration and he implemented a truly pioneering case management program through the Commerce Case Program.”

“Judge Herron’s accomplishments and service to our judicial system are too great to list here, but include reducing the civil major jury backlog from 13,000 cases to 6,500 while serving as administrative judge of the Trial Division, modernizing the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas filing processes, and implementing the Commerce Case Program, which has served as a national model for other jurisdictions. He is a truly deserving recipient of the Brennan Award,” said Feeley.

Judge Herron, who now sits in Orphans’ Court, is a graduate of Duke University and Dickinson Law School. He is a former assistant district attorney as served as chief disciplinary counsel for the Pennsylvania Supreme Court from 1973 to 1985. He was first elected to the bench in 1987 and has been retained twice since then. He was administrative judge of the FJD’s Trial Division from 1996 to 2002.


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YLD Update

YLD Hamilton Circle Boosts Bar Foundation

By Carolyn M. Chopko

As you may know, the Philadelphia Bar Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides funding to more than 30 local legal service organizations, which represent those struggling with poverty, abuse and discrimination in our community. The Foundation is the charitable arm of the Philadelphia Bar Association and embodies the legal community’s commitment to promoting access to justice.

Over the past six years, the YLD has shown our dedication and support to the Foundation as a division through our annual fundraisers – Comedy Night and, most recently, Casino Night. You may not realize it, but there is another easy way that young lawyers can support the Philadelphia Bar Foundation – by becoming a member of the Young Lawyers Division of the Andrew Hamilton Circle (YLD/AHC).

In September 2001, the Young Lawyers Division’s Executive Committee voted to establish the YLD/AHC because the members saw a need for more young lawyers to become involved with the Foundation on an individual level. Each member of the YLD/AHC commits to donating $100 each year to the Michael B. Hayes Foundation by donating $300 to the Michael K. Smith Fund of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation by donating $100 each year for three consecutive years.

Past YLD Chair Abbie DuFrayne explained that “the need for funding of our public interest agencies is greater than ever, and we need to support our fellow YLD members who are working at these agencies. Even though some of us give our time by volunteering to staff the cases, that is not enough.” Last year Abbie’s renewed push for YLD participation resulted in a significant increase in AHC membership. It is our hope that we can continue to encourage participation and recognize a similar, if not even greater, increase in membership this year.

A large part of young lawyers becoming leaders in the legal community stems from their commitment to helping others both by undertaking pro bono representation and through financial contributions. The idea behind the YLD/AHC is that the $100 per year commitment is at a level at which any young lawyer is able to participate whether he or she works at a small firm, large firm, government agency, etc.

There are currently 48 members of the Andrew Hamilton Circle. The YLD is looking to substantially increase that number by the end of 2011. I hope you will join me in adding to the membership.

Equal access to justice is essential to the community where we practice and live. I encourage you to join the YLD/AHC and, with your small donation, commit to supporting legal services that improve the lives of low-income and disadvantaged people in our community.

For information about joining the Young Lawyers Division Hamilton Circle, contact me or Lynne Brown, deputy executive director of the Bar Foundation at lbrown@philabar.org or (215) 238-6347.

Carolyn M. Chopko (cchopko@feldmanwodigllp.com), an associate with Feldman Shepherd Wohlgelernter Tanner Weinstock & Dodig LLP, is chair of the Young Lawyers Division.

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YLD Diversity Scholarships

The Young Lawyers Division presented its 2011 Diversity Scholarships at a June 16 reception at Kokopelli Restaurant and Tequila Bar. Pictured from left are scholarship winners Sammetria Goodson and Sean-Tamba Matthew, Chancellor Rudolph Garcia; Bar Association Secretary and keynote speaker Sophia Lee; YLD Chair-Elect Melanie Taylor; YLD Treasurer Anees Mehta; and scholarship winners Ramana Rameswaran and Tanishka Cruz. Scholarship winner Jacqui Huynh-Linenberg was unable to attend.
Evolution of Financial Planning for Women

This interview series conducted by PNC Wealth Management Senior Vice President Jackie Byrne Lessman, CFP®, explores distinct topics and issues relevant to the legal community ranging from investment management, wealth planning, trust, estate services and other PNC Bank, National Association (PNC) areas of expertise.

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

In an interview with Rosa M. Kohler, MBA, MSFS, CRPC®, CFP®, vice president and senior wealth planner with PNC Wealth Management, we discussed the importance of financial planning for women.

Jackie Lessman: Recent studies show that women are key decision-makers and caregivers in their homes. Consequently, women are more involved today in their households’ investment and financial decision-making than ever before. With that being said, can you explain how you have seen financial planning for women evolve and what the unique considerations are that need to be factored into financial plans for women?

Rosa Kohler: The financial planning goals for women and men are the same—maximize wealth, minimize risks—but the variables are very different. The recent financial crisis has left behind a silver lining. Women have begun to re-evaluate priorities and more deeply recognize the need to develop a financial plan that will meet long-term financial goals. According to 2010 PNC Wealth Management Wealth & Values study, 88 percent of the wealthy investors interviewed feel it is more important than ever to live within their means, and 50 percent reported that they feel more centered because the recession has given them an opportunity to re-examine what they value most.

When creating a financial plan for women, three major factors should be considered: 1) women usually live longer than men; 2) women generally earn less than men; 3) women often interrupt their careers to raise children and/or care for elderly relatives. These types of special circumstances need to be addressed and accounted for when developing or modifying a wealth strategy for women.

Financial confidence is based in knowledge. How do you empower women to be confident about making financial decisions?

Generally speaking, women are optimistic about the future and have a strong desire for financial education and guidance. Financial products are becoming ever more sophisticated, but with the proper advisors offering expertise and service, the economic landscape can be navigated and plans can be aligned with individual values, lifestyles and aspirations. To create an effective plan, the following four key considerations should serve as the cornerstone: 1) financial priorities must be clearly defined; 2) goals must be achievable and meaningful; 3) caution should be exercised as the planning process unfolds; 4) insights derived from the analysis should be addressed.

Planning techniques and concepts that promote discipline in the management of financial resources are only one part of the financial success equation. In your experience what action steps should women take to achieve financial success?

The best-designed financial plan is worthless if not implemented. The client needs to identify the financial professional who will assist her and decide on the level of advice she prefers. Is she comfortable saving and investing on her own? Would she prefer to work collaboratively with her advisor? Does she prefer to delegate it all and be kept abreast of results? To identify professionals who will work well with her individual preferences, she should do her own research as well as consult with trusted sources. Products, services and costs should be compared, keeping in mind that maximizing value, not necessarily minimizing cost, is the ultimate goal. Finally, I suggest that financial progress be analyzed periodically and adjustments be made as needed.

With your experience as a senior wealth planner, what advice would you give women as they build and maintain their financial plans?

There will undoubtedly be challenges to face, but with an experienced guide, financial freedom and stability is attainable. I encourage and work with every client to get involved in the family’s finances; create a budget, determine a desired lifestyle, reduce debt, establish a financial safety net, and plan for short- and long-term goals.

By Jackie B. Lessman

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‘Art of Giving’ is Theme for Annual Benefit

Who would have thought it would take such a very long time to plan a party? The party to which I refer is the Philadelphia Bar Foundation’s 33rd annual Andrew Hamilton Benefit which this year takes place on the evening of Saturday, Nov. 19 at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. And, you are invited!

The planning has been in the works since January with Co-Chairs John Summers of Hangley Aronchick Segal & Pudlin and Chancellor-Elect John E. Savoth of Saltz Mongeluzzi Barrett & Bendesky taking the helm. The aim – hold a really fun event in a really sparkling location and to raise a lot of money in the process.

The first order of business back in January was to develop a theme. We always have one. For example, when we held the event at Lincoln Financial Field our theme was “Making the World Fair.” And, when we held it at the Please Touch Museum it was “Team Up for Justice.”

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The image of the starving artist may be outdated, but today’s artists are still vulnerable in many ways. “Our clients are in dire situations when they contact us,” Miriam DeChant, director of legal services at PVLA told me. “For example: One family of four’s sole breadwinner, an illustrator, came close to financial insolvency when the payout from an entire year’s worth of painstaking work failed to materialize. The publisher, who profited from the artist’s completed book and subsequently pulled the book from print, refused to share book sale profits and refused to return original works. A PVLA volunteer lawyer took legal action on the client’s behalf so that she regained full possession of her work – and of the money she was owed.”

This is just one of dozens of examples of ways lawyers for PVLA help to strengthen the artistic and cultural life of our city. And a great city needs great art.

That’s where you come in if you have any pride whatsoever in your artistic abilities – or those of your children or any member of your family, do we have an opportunity for you. You should have received the “save the date” postcard for the Benefit by now. It serves the dual purpose this year of announcing the date of the event and also asking artists – amateur, student and professional – to submit artwork for a competition to design the cover of the invitation to this year’s benefit. The winning design will be the one that most creatively depicts “The Art of Giving” theme.

Even if you have the head of a litigator (or a judge or a defender or a tax lawyer …) but the heart and hands of a bohemian, pull out your pencils, paint brushes or pastels and let the creativity flow. Design the cover for the 33rd Annual Andrew Hamilton Benefit, and help us perfect “the Art of Giving.” The deadline for submissions is Friday, July 15. The winner’s submission will be used in the publicity materials for the event and the artist will be acknowledged on the invitation and at the Andrew Hamilton Benefit.

“We are really pleased to be highlighting PAFA and the artists among us with this year’s Andrew Hamilton Benefit,” said Benefit Co-Chair Summers.

“For people in the legal community, it should be a no-brainer to attend the Bar Foundation’s Andrew Hamilton Benefit,” Savoth told me. “Not only is it a chance to see your colleagues in a social setting, you’re supporting legal services for the needy at the same time.”

“And there’s dancing,” he added.

For more information about the invitation design contest, contact Lynne Brown at 215-238-6347 or lbrown@philabar.org.

Save The Date

‘Art of Giving’ is Theme for Annual Benefit

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation held a reception at the Barnes Foundation in Merion on June 10. After remarks by Bar Foundation President Wendy Beetstone and 2002-2003 President Gerald A. McHugh, guests toured the galleries of the legendary Barnes collection one last time before it closes in July. The Bar Foundation’s Andrew Hamilton Benefit will be held at the new Barnes Foundation building on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in November 2012.

Pictured from left are Beetstone, Vice Chancellor Kathleen D. Wilkinson, McHugh and Pennsylvania Bar Association President-Elect Thomas G. Wilkinson Jr.
As we mark the Public Interest Section’s 20th anniversary, this is another in a series of articles about the experiences of attorneys providing pro bono assistance. These articles are the words of the volunteer attorneys. We hope their experiences will encourage others to volunteer.

The Homeless Advocacy Project (HAP) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides direct legal services to adults, children and families who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness throughout Philadelphia. HAP conducts legal clinics at homeless shelters and transitional housing facilities throughout the city. HAP offers clients access to legal consultation and representation aimed at preventing homelessness, and resolving legal issues that may create obstacles to client self-sufficiency, independence and stability in housing. Since HAP’s first legal clinic in December 1990, HAP’s staff and dedicated volunteers have helped more than 25,600 homeless Philadelphians, providing more than $33 million worth of free legal services to homeless clients. For information on volunteering visit our website at www.HomelessAdvocacyProject.org or call 215-523-9595.

Christopher H. Casey, partner, Dilworth Paxson, LLP

By the time I met Priscilla B. at the HAP clinic she had been out of work for two years and was struggling. Priscilla had a good job at a national mail-order company before suffering a nervous breakdown. The company terminated her. Priscilla needed someone to help her obtain the disability benefits to which she was entitled. The insurance company mistakenly denied Priscilla benefits by incorrectly offsetting workers’ compensation benefits she never received. Because of her condition Priscilla had failed to follow up and too much time had passed. The insurance company would not help her. That’s when she turned to HAP.

Helping Priscilla get her benefits required a few phone calls and letters. Insurance companies pay attention when a lawyer writes on behalf of an insured. When the company saw proof that Priscilla had never received any workers’ compensation benefits, it sent her a substantial check immediately. I then sought benefits for an additional four-week period (even though the time to appeal had long passed) and the company sent her another check for additional benefits. Priscilla was very grateful for my efforts.

It’s hard to describe the feeling of satisfaction one gets from simply helping someone in need. Although many are drawn to a career in the law for this reason, in the practice of law we seldom feel like we made a difference in one person’s life. Many HAP clients, like Priscilla, just need someone to go in there and fight for them. When you win (and you will), the psychological rewards are great.

Paul W. Luongo, associate, Reger Rizzo and Darnall, LLP

As a HAP volunteer at the Eliza Shirley House, I meet with families facing homelessness. Our clients expend significant energy each day securing a bed and waiting at walk-in clinics for medical treatment. The constant struggle leaves little time to handle other problems affecting their ability to live. The intake is often one of the more difficult tasks during the attorney/client relationship. Clients are intimidated and often ashamed. The emotional toll of their issues often hinders their ability to communicate effectively. Keeping this in mind, I focus on listening. This experience provides an opportunity to refine my professional “bedside manner.” It is rewarding when we, as practitioners, provide clients with a sense of relief by stepping as advocates.

Several months ago, I represented a gentleman in a fiercely contested custody dispute involving his two young children. He faced additional adversities as he was physically disabled and unable to provide for his family. Obtaining custody of the children was a tremendous relief for him. Free of the worry of losing his children, he could then focus on getting the rest of his life on course. He now has a home for his children and income to support them. Custody was but one obstacle, but I know it empowered him to fight harder to rehabilitate other aspects of his life. I was proud to be a part of that transformation.

Jared A. Jacobson, Jared Jacobson Law, LLC

I receive many emails regarding opportunities to get involved in the community and was excited to learn of...
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the Homeless Advocacy Project’s legal clinic being offered to homeless individuals on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. As a volunteer and member of the Hoboken Shelter’s Board of Directors, homeless issues have always been a concern of mine so I was eager to get involved on a local and more personal level.

The client was attempting to gain Social Security disability benefits — although he qualified he was getting the run-around and making little progress. With no prior experience in this area and unaware that I would be asked to take on a client immediately, I easily related to the confusion and apprehension the client must have been feeling when he was faced with his challenge. It would have been easy to explain my inability to help and give a laundry list of plausible reasons, but the client had nowhere else to go.

Nervous about taking this new pro bono client, I was immediately mentored by a HAP staff attorney who walked me through the process from that day until several months later when the client was granted his benefits.

This experience provided me with two things I don’t normally get in my daily law practice – knowing I had amazing support from the HAP staff in uncharted waters; and hearing “thank you” from someone who really needed help and appreciated mine and HAP’s efforts. Gratitude is unnecessary but it adds that extra feeling that reminds us why we help others in need. Less than one week after the matter has concluded, I’m ready for my next pro bono case. Keep up the good work HAP!

Patents
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Child recommends that companies with applications in these four countries first attempt to obtain a patent in the United States that covers the company’s product being marketed. This approach is less expensive than trying to prosecute all of the applications at once and is intended to provide protection from infringement of a company’s product in the United States, generally the most important market. This approach is also easy to implement as examination of patent applications in the Chinese, European and Japanese Patent Offices generally begins later than in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

If a company needs to police infringement of a United States Patent from infringing products imported into the United States, consideration should be given to filing an action against the infringer in The International Trade Commission (ITC). The ITC has many advantages. If a complaint is filed and there is no timely response, the ITC will issue a judgment that can be taken to the U.S. Customs Service. The Customs Service will stop infringing products covered by the judgment from entering the United States.

Child stated that a patent attorney can help a company determine what is patentable and what is not, whether there is a likely market for the product and whether a trade secret or patent in the better option to protect certain intellectual property. However, a company entering foreign markets such as China, Japan and Europe should find a guide who knows the country and its customs, business and law.

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Mortgage Foreclosure Diversion Program Marks Third Year

Court of Common Pleas Judge Annette M. Rizzo is joined by City Councilman Curtis Jones Jr. (left) and Daniel Olmos of the U.S. Department of Justice Access to Justice Initiative at a news conference to mark the third anniversary of the city’s Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Diversion Program on June 14 at City Hall. Dr. Ira Goldstein (above) of The Re-investment Fund discussed the findings at the official release of data about the program.
the educational system in Philadelphia is the key to the continuing vitality of the city. Recognizing that the city has made dramatic progress in the last decade, including the establishment of the School Reform System, and that Pennsylvania leads the nation in student achievement he stated that the fiscal crisis creates a serious question mark as to whether the city can continue such progress. If he were mayor, Gov. Rendell said that to solve the school district’s budget crisis he would raise property taxes. However, he would attach a sunset clause that would roll the tax increase back to the current level in three years or when revenue growth exceeds 3.5 percent in the city. “Some things are worth paying for,” he said.

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Carausaur Industries, Inc.; Macy’s, Inc.; Compass Group; McGuireWoods, LLP; Reed Smith LLP; Blank Rome LLP; Venable LLP; Fox Rothschild LLP; Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP; DLA Piper; Jackson Lewis LLP; the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity; and the Institute for Inclusion in the Legal Profession.

Robert J. Grey Jr., executive director of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD), will deliver keynote remarks at the kick-off luncheon. Grey is a recent president of the American Bar Association and the second African American to hold that position.

The LCLD is a nonprofit organization consisting of chief legal officers and managing partners from leading law firms. According to its website, the LCLD’s mission is to continue the work of the Call to Action [Diversity in the Legal Profession] initiative by having its organizations hire, retain, promote and engage the best talent. A critical and necessary element of having the best talent is having diverse talent.

“This symposium will follow closely on the heels of another major event by one of our DPIC’s member organizations, the Philadelphia Diversity Law Group (PDLG), a consortium dedicated to increasing diversity at law firms and corporate law departments in our region. On Wednesday, Sept. 21, PDLG will celebrate its 10th anniversary with a luncheon at the Crystal Tea Room. The keynote speaker will be Roderick A. Palmore, author of the Call to Action mentioned above, executive vice president, general counsel and chief compliance and risk management officer of General Mills, Inc.; and chair of the LCLD board of directors. The Philadelphia Bar Association is proud to be the “first contributor” to this event.

So why are we focusing so much attention on diversity?

According to a November 2010 press release by NALP: The Association for Legal Career Professionals, minority attorneys account for 6 percent of law firm partners and 20 percent of associates nationwide, but only 4 percent of partners and 13 percent of associates in Philadelphia. In other words, as bad as the national averages are, Philadelphia has a third less than those amounts. This puts Philadelphia second to last among major U.S. cities.

We are making progress, but we must do better. Together, we can and will.

The Philadelphia Bar Association is committed to advancing diversity and inclusion in our profession and we look forward to hearing from leaders such as Palmore and Grey to gain more insight about the road ahead.

I hope to see you on Nov. 8 at The Union League.

Rudolph Garcia (chancellor@philabar.org), a partner with Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC, is Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association.
Friday, July 1
LGBT Rights Committee: meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.

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

Wednesday, July 6
Rules and Procedure Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $8.

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

Thursday, July 7
Law School Outreach Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Government and Public Service Lawyers Committee: meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $8.

Friday, July 8
Workers' Compensation Section Executive Committee: meeting, 10:30 a.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Workers' Compensation Section: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.

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

Business Law Section Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.

Tuesday, July 12
Committee on the Legal Rights of Persons with Disabilities: meeting, 9 a.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Real Property Section Executive Committee: meeting, 11:30 a.m., Gibbons, PC., 1700 Two Logan Square, 18th and Arch streets. Philadelphia Bar Foundation Board of Trustees: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Criminal Justice Section Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Solo and Small Firm Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $8.

Wednesday, July 13
Delivery of Legal Services Committee: meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room. Immigration Law Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $8.

Thursday, July 14
Law School Outreach Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center.

International Business Initiative Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $8.

Friday, July 15
DLC Civil Gideon Task Force: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Social Security Disability Benefits Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.

Monday, July 18
DLC Management Subcommittee: meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room. Public Interest Section Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Tuesday, July 19
Cabinet: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Compulsory Arbitration Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.

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

Wednesday, July 20
Civil Gideon Task Force Housing Subcommittee: meeting, 9 a.m., 10th floor Board Room. Young Lawyers Division Cabinet: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Cabinet Room. LegalLine: 5 p.m., 11th floor LRIS offices.

Thursday, July 21
Family Law Section Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Committee Room South.

International Business Initiative Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $8.

Legislative Liaison Committee: meeting, 12-30 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $8.

Friday, July 22
The Philadelphia Lawyer magazine Editorial Board: meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.

Monday, July 25
Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Diversity in the Profession Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.

Tuesday, July 26
Criminal Justice Section: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.

Women in the Profession Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $8.

Wednesday, July 27
Medical Legal Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $8.

Private Equity Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.

Thursday, July 28
Bar-News Media Committee: meeting, 11:30 a.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.

LRIS Committee: meeting, 11th floor Committee Room South. Law School Outreach Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Board of Governors: meeting, 4 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Register online for most events at philadelphiabar.org. Unless otherwise specified, all checks for 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@philabar.org.

Note: While the following listings have been verified prior to press time, any scheduled event may be subject to change by the committee or section chairs. Lunches are $8 for members and $9.50 for nonmembers, unless otherwise indicated.

In Philadelphia, minority attorneys account for 3.97 percent of law firm partners and 13.29 percent of associates. Fortune 500 general counsel. Women account for 18.8 percent of Fortune 500 general counsel.

For additional information on the National Symposium on Diversity in the Legal Profession, contact Naomi K. McLaurin at 215-238-6340 or nmclaurin@philabar.org.

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Elizabeth K. Ainslie, a partner with Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, has been elected to membership in The American Law Institute.

Lori T. Landew, a partner with Fox Rothschild LLP, has been appointed to the Philadelphia Music Alliance Board of Directors.

William L. Banton Jr., a shareholder with Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, has been inducted as a Fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers and has also been invited to become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

James A.A. Pabarue, a founding shareholder of Christie, Pabarue, Morstend and Young, A Professional Corporation, was a co-presenter at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s 17th Annual Employment Law Institute at the Pennsylvania Convention Center on April 28.

Bruce S. Katcher and Jonathan E. Rinde, partners with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, were speakers at “Creating More Sustainable Communities – Brownfields 2011,” on April 3–5 in Philadelphia.

Craig Circosta, a partner with Ballard Spahr LLP, has been elected to the Board of Directors of Kids Smiles, Inc.

Bernard M. Gross, principal in the Law Offices of Bernard M. Gross, P.C., has received the Pro Bono Service Award from the Philadelphia Bar Court of Common Pleas in recognition of outstanding service to the Complex Litigation Center Judge Pro Tempore Program.

Robert Byer, James Ferrelli and Dana Klinges, partners with Duane Morris LLP, spoke at the Delaware Valley Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel’s Third Annual In-House Conference on April 7.

David N. Hofstein of Hofstein Weiner & Levit, P.C., was a course planner and moderator of the joint program of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and the Pennsylvania Psychological Association “The Intersection of Legal and Mental Health Issues in Custody Cases.” He was a co-course planner and moderator of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute program “Presentation of a Custody Evaluator in a Complex Custody Case.”

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Linda Ann Galante, a partner with Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP, was honored at the Girls Inc. of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey’s 9th Annual “Strong, Smart and Bold Founders’ Breakfast.”

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Natalie D. Ramsey, a partner with Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP, was a panelist at the 4th Annual Emerging Trends in Asbestos Litigation, a conference held on April 7-8 in Chicago.

Sharon L. Caffrey, a partner with Duane Morris LLP, moderated a Law Seminars International panel to discuss recent changes to the litigation landscape on April 28.

Michael P. McKenna and Glenn Ricketti of Margolis Edelstein were presenters at the Annual Litigation Update at the 2011 Claims Summit in Gettysburg, Pa., hosted by the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Mutual Insurance Companies, on April 6-7.

Michael Mationi and Dawn Tancredi, shareholders of the Philadelphia law firm of Mationi, Ltd., were recent speakers at a seminar on the Practical Guide to Zoning and Land Use Law conducted by the National Business Institute.


Joseph M. Denley, a partner with Thorp Reed & Armstrong, LLP, was a panelist at the Reinsurance Association of America’s Re Basics Conference in Chicago May 9-11, 2011 speaking on “Enforcing and Challenging Arbitration Awards – Current Developments in the Courts.”

Harold Berger, managing principal of Berger & Montague, P.C., has been appointed Overseer for Life of the University of Pennsylvania’s School of Engineering and Applied Science.

Stephen D. Pollock, of counsel to Montgomery, McCraken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP, was elected by his fellow board members to serve as chairman of the Lower Moreland Township (Montgomery County) Zoning Hearing Board.

Arlin M. Adams, a partner with Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP and past Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association, received the 2011 Benjamin Franklin Medal for Distinguished Public Service from the American Philosophical Society on April 29.

Robert D. Liebenberg, a partner with Fish, Kaplan and Black, R.P.C., served as chair of the 2011 Women’s Power Summit on Law and Leadership sponsored by the Center for Women in Law at the University of Texas Law School in Austin, Texas.

Jerry M. Lehockey, a partner with Pond Lehockey Stern Giordano, gave a workshop on Workers’ Compensation at the Pennsylvania Bar Association and Allied Professionals Annual Conference in Harrisburg on April 11.

Leonard Bernstein, a partner with Reed Smith, was presented the 2011 Saul Halpin Award at the firm’s annual partner’s retreat for his outstanding pro bono work in 2010 with Big Brother Big Sisters as well as his consistent record as a pro bono contributor and leader in community public interest work.

Bernard M. Resnick of Bernard M. Resnick, Esq., P.C., has been elected as a governor of the Philadelphia Chapter of The Recording Academy for 2011-2013.

Michael D. Homans, a shareholder with Flaster/Greenberg PC, moderated the “Gab with the Government” session at the American Bar Association’s Midwinter Meeting of the Employment Rights and Responsibilities Committee on March 24 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Leonard P. Goldberger, a shareholder with Stevens & Lee PC, participated in a program at the American Bar Association’s Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee’s 2011 Continuing Legal Education conference on March 4-5 in Tucson, Ariz.

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