Philadelphia Bar Association Chancellor Allan H. Gordon was front and center at the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., on Monday, May 20, as he moved the admission of 46 Philadelphia lawyers who were formerly admitted to practice before the nation’s highest court.

The special admissions ceremony was part of the commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the Philadelphia Bar Association. It was the first ceremony of its kind in more than 25 years.

Lawyers who were admitted to practice before the high court were selected by 10 Philadelphia law firms that have participated as Patriot Sponsors of the Association’s Century 3 celebration.

“This was a very proud day for these lawyers and their families and for the participating law firms,” said Chancellor Allan H. Gordon. “It’s a trailblazer and an inspir-

Philadelphia Bar Association members stand on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court building in Washington, D.C., after being admitted to practice before the court on May 20.

46 Association Members Admitted to Supreme Court

by Jeff Lyons

This year, both the Philadelphia Bar Association and former Detroit Mayor Dennis W. Archer are making history.

The Association is celebrating its bicentennial and Archer, a former Michigan Supreme Court justice, is almost certain to be voted as the first African-American president of the American Bar Association.

Archer will deliver the Judge A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. Public Interest Lecture at the June Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon on Tuesday, June 18. The luncheon will be held at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets, beginning at noon.

“We’re delighted to be able to welcome Dennis Archer to Philadelphia during our bicentennial year because Dennis Archer himself is making history,” said Chancellor Allan H. Gordon. "He’s a trailblazer and an inspir-

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Chancellor Testifies in Harrisburg

by Allan H. Gordon

Chancellor Allan H. Gordon testifies before the state Senate Judiciary Committee on May 13 at a public hearing on Senate Bill 1376 on Joint and Several Liability. Gordon, on behalf of the Association, urged the panel not to make any changes to the system as it now stands.

If you were accused of a crime and appearing before a judge, would you want the judge to decide your fate based on anything other than the law and the facts?

Would you want to have to worry that the judge might not be fair and impartial?

The answer is obviously, “No!”

More than 200 years ago, the founders of our nation considered these same questions when they decided to set judges apart from the other two branches of our government. They created an independent judiciary. To this day, this system is the envy of the world. Foreign leaders recognize it as a masterstroke of government design.

Judges are bound to apply the steady hand of the rule of law. Therefore, they are able to act without concern for the government, uncaring corporations and from each other.

Every now and then, however, there are those who seem ready to destroy this delicate balance by attempting to inhibit judges from exercising their constitutional obligation to decide cases fairly and impartially. Why?

Not because any of the judges in question have been accused of wrongdoing or improper conduct sufficient for removal through impeachment or other disciplinary proceeding, but simply because of some highly publicized rulings that some people don’t agree with. Imagine if judges could be removed from the bench simply because some powerful interests disagree with their decisions. Would the fatally accused have a fair opportunity to vindicate themselves in court?

Would the evils of segregation have been challenged? Would ordinary citizens have an impartial forum to seek redress against big business or big government?

The process of removing judges from office is intentionally difficult, precisely to ensure fair and impartial courts that are free to make unpopular decisions. For example, in the entire history of our nation, the House of Representatives has voted to impeach only 13 federal judges. Only seven have actually been convicted in a trial before the Senate and removed from office.

Warily no federal judge has ever been removed from office because Congress disagreed with the judge’s judicial philosophy or with a particular decision. And in every state, procedures exist to discipline or remove judges who act improperly.

It’s OK to disagree with a judge’s decision in a case. But let’s be fair and reasonable if and when we go down that road. Threatening and attempting to pressure judges through campaigns of misinformation, partial information, personal attacks and innuendo does a disservice to the judiciary and, ultimately, to all citizens. Rather, we need to consider the entire case, the testimony, the facts and the law. Know the judge’s entire record. Understand that judges are not politicians. They cannot speak out in defense of their own actions and rulings. If this were to change, judges, whom we expect to decide cases based on a careful examination of the facts and thoughtful analysis of applicable law, would be subjected instead to the vagaries of shifting political currents.

Each year, the American justice system resolves some 100 million cases - simple, complex, routine, and extraordinary. We cannot lose the forest for the trees. Most cases are resolved successfully - fairly and impartially. Allowing a few high-profile, unrepresentative cases to guide our understanding of the justice system would be like having the tail wag the dog. American courts - the defenders of our most precious freedoms, the protectors of the individual against big government - are held up as examples for the rest of the world. We should commit ourselves to promoting better understanding and recognition of the American judicial system to ensure that our judges remain fair, impartial and independent.

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New Members Joining Bar’s 50-, 60-, 65-, 70-Year Clubs

As part of the June 18 Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon, new members of the 50-, 60-, 65-, and 70-Year Clubs will be welcomed. The clubs honor attorneys who have been practicing law for 50 years or more. This year’s honorees are:


65 Years: Myer B. Barr, Gabriel Berk, John Bishop, Medford J. Brown, Earl L. Cahan, Hyman Marion, Alex Satinsky and Murray H. Shusterman.

70 Years: James E. Gallagher and Lena G. Ginsburg.

Philadelphia Bar Association Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon

Tuesday, June 18 at Noon at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue

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* Welcoming New 50-, 60-, 65- and 70-Year Club Members

Please make reservations for the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon. Tickets are $50 for members and $65 for non-members. Checks should be made payable to the Philadelphia Bar Association.

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by Areetha M. Carter

Have you always wanted the opportunity to chat one-on-one with a judge with fairly free rein to ask questions that would assist you in understanding how to perform more efficiently and effectively in their courtroom? The Bar Association's Minorities in the Profession Committee created a forum on April 30 to afford such an opportunity.

A panel of five federal and state minority judges participated in a discussion attended by both neophyte and seasoned attorneys who had the chance to ask practical and meaningful questions of the judges. The panelists included U.S. District Court Chief Judge James T. Giles, U.S. District Court Judges Theodore A. McKee and Eduardo C. Robreno and Common Pleas Court Judges Theodore A. McKee and Eduardo C. Robreno, and Common Pleas Court Judge Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson and Nitza I. Quinones Alejandro. The mission of the Minorities in the Profession Committee is to concern itself with issues that involve the achievement and maintenance of equal rights for Philadelphia minority attorneys. While there were some minority-specific questions, committee co-chair Jacqueline F. Allen and Sunah Park set out to create an open environment to hear answers to practical questions that would be beneficial not only to minority attorneys but to all attorneys. The co-chairs moderated the panel discussion, which was attended by about 70 attorneys.

One of the first questions that the judges answered was "what peeves them in court." Their answers included such prime irritants as "attorneys being unprepared," "incompetent lawyers," "lawyers not conceding issues," "talking over the judge," "not allowing the judge to ask questions," and simply "not knowing the judge's name." Another very practical question was asked about how to be a better lawyer. Answers to this question had some uniformity, with the judges suggesting that lawyers "expand their horizon" and not live and breathe the law. They noted that lawyers should spend time doing things that take them away from the practice of law, noting that doing so will ultimately increase a lawyer's overall knowledge base, which will ultimately be beneficial to an attorney's practice. The judges pointed out that there needs to be a healthy balance between a person's professional and personal life and that "being a lawyer is what you do, not who you are." One judge also noted that lawyers shouldn't take themselves so seriously.

Also suggested for being a better lawyer was "being prepared" and "listening." The much-debated subject of minority hiring and retention in law firms in Philadelphia was raised, creating a perfect segue for the cochairs to note that they are working on a panel discussion on this topic to take place in the fall, and it is their intention to include partners from various firms. Also asked was whether the judges' minority status helped or hurt them in their careers. Most of the panel suggested that minority status could be used to an advantage by being on top of the game and exceeding the lower expectation that many people have of minorities.

They noted that since it is often expected that minorities are less than competent, minorities must demonstrate through hard work and knowledge that such a perception is completely incorrect.

Areetha M. Carter is staff counsel for the Philadelphia Bar Association.
Brennan Nominations Due Aug. 16

Nominations are now being accepted for the Association’s William J. Brennan Jr. Distinguished Jurist Award that recognizes an individual who adheres to the highest ideals of judicial service. The award will be presented at the October Quarterly Meeting, said Francis P. Newell, chair of this year’s award committee and partner at Mintz-Geomery, McCraken, Walker & Rhoades, LLP. Any member of the state or federal bench, whether active or retired, who has made a significant, positive impact on the quality or administration of justice is eligible for consideration. Accomplishments worthy of recognition might include innovations in case administration; implementation of pioneering case management techniques; issuance of an opinion with far-reaching, positive effects; assumption of a leadership role in areas affecting the administration of justice; publication of a significant article, opinion or other scholarly work; and the like.

U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice William J. Brennan Jr. was the first recipient of the award, which was created in 1990. The award, which is now named in honor of Justice Brennan, was subsequently awarded to President Judge Alex Benavidez of Philadelphia Common Pleas Court (1996); Judge Phyllis W. Beck of Pennsylvania Superior Court (1997); Chief Judge Edward R. Becker of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit (1998); Senior Judge Louis C. Bechtle of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (1999); and Chief Judge James T. Giles of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (2000). The award was not given in 2001.

Members of this year’s award committee include Ann B. Laupheimer of Blank Rome Cosmely & McCauley, LLP and Susan Park of Thorp Reed & Armstrong, LLP.

Nominations for the Justice Brennan Distinguished Jurist Award should be forwarded to Brennan Award, Attn: Gianna Vocioli, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., 10th Floor, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107, and must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 16.

Each nomination should include a summary of the nominee’s accomplishments and any relevant supporting material, if desired, as well as the full name, address and phone number of both the nominee and the person submitting the nomination. A committee composed of experienced attorneys with broad-based experience in state and federal court will consider the nominations and choose this year’s award recipient.

Register Now for Bar Foundation Golf Classic

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation returns to Saucon Valley Country Club in Bethlehem on June 24 for its 14th Annual Golf Classic. There is no increase in the cost of participation this year. Members of the Bar Association can play for $450. Non-members are invited to play for $505.

The prices include all greens fees, golf cart, lunch, refreshments and a cocktail reception following the event. Checks should be made payable to the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Contributions over $305 are deductible as allowed by law. Proceeds from the Golf Classic will benefit the delivery of legal services to victims of poverty, abuse and discrimination. Men and women who choose to wear shorts must wear Bermuda-length shorts. In addition, metal spikes are not permitted. A silent auction and raffle with many exciting prizes donated by prominent area retailers and restaurants will be held. Raffle tickets are available for $50 each or six for $300. They may be purchased in advance or on the day of the tournament.

The Bar Foundation’s annual Golf Classic is an important source of support for the annual grants program. Last year, the Golf Classic raised nearly one-third of all the funds distributed by the Foundation. Established in 1964 as the charitable arm of the Philadelphia Bar Association, the Bar Foundation is dedicated to ensuring equal access to justice for victims of poverty, abuse and discrimination. Enabled by contributions from individuals, the Bar Foundation has served as an essential source of unrestrained support for organizations providing the free legal services needed to carry out this mission.
Women in the Profession Committee

Networking: More than Swapping Business Cards

by Jeff Lyons

Sometimes networking is as easy as showing off your socks.

That’s what Lyn Kremer, publisher of the Philadelphia Business Journal, does to meet new people at networking events.

“I like to wear very cool socks,” Kremer told members of the Women in the Profession Committee at their May 16 meeting where she discussed networking techniques. “People notice them and they can be a real icebreaker.” And with that, Kremer put her leg up on the table, rolled up her pants and revealed a pair of light blue socks with little ice cream cones on them.

“I always wear a pin on my jacket. It also works as an icebreaker,” Kremer told the 25 women in attendance. “The idea behind networking is to build business and make money,” Kremer told the group. When you’re going out to a networking event, she said, you need to establish your purpose for being there. “You have to ask yourself what is it that I want to accomplish?”

“Networking is not about collecting business cards. It’s about making contacts.” Kremer also explained the basics of a “networking uniform.” “You should always wear something with two pockets—one for your own business cards, and one for the cards you collect during the event.”

Placement of name tags is also important, she said. When you’re putting on a name tag, she advised to put it on your right side. “When you’re shaking hands with someone, your eyes go to the right. It’s natural!”

She said it’s a good idea to read the newspaper before heading out to a networking event so you have some small talk prepared. There are a number of subjects that work well in these instances—children, pets, books and films—but some issues (abortion, for example) should be ignored.

“You don’t have to keep your networking to these kinds of events. Networking opportunities are everywhere—church, soccer games, the grocery store,” she said.

Although some in attendance expressed concern about mixing social situations with networking opportunities, Kremer said it’s a matter of finding your own personal comfort level.

“If you’re talking to a friend and they seem like they’re in need of your services you can say something like ‘I don’t want to trade off on our friendship, but I think I have a solution to your problem,’” she said.

And if you’re at a networking function and don’t know anyone, there are several ways you can easily meet people, Kremer said.

“Put yourself at the end of the food table. That way, you’ll meet everyone. Don’t put yourself between the bar and people, though. All you’ll do is make people mad,” she said.

Another approach is to find someone else who looks like they’re alone and approach them and say something like “Hello, I don’t know anyone here.” That’s another great icebreaker.

One more way to meet people is to approach odd-numbered clusters of people and jump right into the conversation. “Interrupting is the game. It feels funny at first but it works!” Why don’t you join conversations with just two people? “You might be intriguing on a deal,” she said.
Flexibility, Support Keys to Success, Happiness

by Maria A. Joseph

It’s 8 p.m., the baby has been fed and bathed and is presumably down for the night (which is, of course, subject to change at a moment’s notice) and I am just starting my column, which is due in 36 hours. Early on in my practice it was par for the course for me to be working late into the evening on a brief that was due the next day, but life as a mom has brought a new meaning to the concept of time management.

Now that I have an unpredictable 6-month-old son, I can no longer live a life of spontaneity. Instead, I have to stay ahead of schedule, because there is always a new virus lurking around the corner at my son’s day care, which will necessitate my absence from work for an unpredictable period of time. This is just one of the lessons I have learned over the last six months as I have navigated my way through the labyrinth of motherhood, work and my son’s day care, which I drop off at the day care, wait at the day care, pick him up at the day care, and then try to ensure his safety at home. We always try to have a Plan B in place.

From the moment that I became a mother, my mission was to find a law firm that provided a nurturing environment for me to grow my practice as well as a culture that encouraged its attorneys to spend time with their families. The best time to begin this search is when you are single and just starting your career. When interviewing at law firms, you should look at the attorneys who are about five years older than you to assess their quality of life. Are these attorneys working 14-hour days and spending most of their waking hours at work? If so, I recommend that you run for the door.

Another significant indicator of a firm’s culture is the “face-time” test. In today’s era of fax machines, e-mail, cell phones and laptop computers, there is no reason why you should be required to work only at the office. On a personal note, my boss understands that I need to pick up my son from day care at a reasonable hour, so unless I have a 5 p.m. deposition (which occurs way too frequently as a workers’ compensation attorney), I know that I turn into a pumpkin at 4:30 p.m. However, he also knows that once my son’s head hits the pillow, I will be continuing my work responsibilities.

In order for this juggling act to work, you must also have a strong and organized support system. Because my husband, David, and I are both attorneys with court dates and depositions that cannot be canceled last minute, we review our schedules a month in advance to ensure that one of us can either pick up or take our son to day care. We always try to have a Plan B in effect (which typically involves calling upon one of our mothers) because at a moment’s notice we need to be prepared if our son needs us. It is also important to be courteous and civil to opposing counsel so they will return the favor. Recently, my son was hospitalized with a respiratory virus and it required several trips to the ER. From the moment I learned how sick he was, quite frankly, my work obligations seemed insignificant. Of course this happened to be one of my busiest weeks at work, and I was pleased to discover that opposing counsel on all of my cases immediately agreed to reschedule depositions. I doubt that this would have occurred if I had not developed a rapport with my opponents and treated them with respect.

Finally, and most importantly, you must learn to go with the flow. Just as in life, we may like to think that we have control over our world, the reality is that at a moment’s notice that can change. In fact, while I thought with certainty that when my son went to sleep tonight I would be able to seize this moment of solitude to write this article, he just awoke crying. So, as always, I will go to my son first and I can finish this article tomorrow.

YLD Happy Hour June 6 at Twenty21

The Young Lawyers Division will hold its June Happy Hour jointly with the Public Interest Section on Thursday, June 6 at Twenty21 at 2005 Market St. from 6 to 8 p.m. Free wine and beer will be served from 6 to 6:30 p.m. and there will also be complimentary hors d’oeuvres. The first 100 people to arrive will receive a ticket good for one free drink special.

The June Happy Hour is sponsored by American Executive Centers, which will offer some giveaways.

Parking is available on the side of the restaurant and it is free for up to four hours after 5 p.m.

YLD/USI Colburn Golf Outing

July 22 at Phila. Cricket Club

The Young Lawyers Division and USI Insurance Service will hold their annual golf outing on Monday, July 22 at the Philadelphia Cricket Club’s Flourtown Course.

The tournament is open to all Philadelphia young lawyers, friends and paralegals. Proceeds from sponsorship of the tournament will benefit the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the Philadelphia Bar Association.

The tournament begins at 1 p.m. with a shotgun start. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., when a barbecue lunch will be served and the driving range will be open. The event concludes with a buffet and awards ceremony.

A one-hour golf clinic with a Cricket Club professional will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. for those who are new golfers or who can’t fit the tournament into their schedules.

Instruction will be geared toward the beginning and intermediate golfer. The cost is $200 per person for the golf tournament, which includes greens fees, cart, all meal functions and prizes.

Caddies are available for $40 per bag, but there are a limited number of caddies available.

The golf clinic is $60 per person, which includes admission to the evening event.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, contact Stephanie Krayzowski at (215) 238-6360.

Oratorical Contest Volunteers Needed

The Young Lawyers Division of the Philadelphia Bar Association is looking for attorneys to volunteer two hours of their time to judge the 2002 Michael K. Smith Oratorical Contest on Tuesday, June 11, at the School Administration Building on 2130 Winter Street in Philadelphia (behind the Franklin Institute), either between 10 a.m. and noon or between 2 and 4 p.m. The contest, run by the YLD’s Executive Committee, provides an opportunity for Philadelphia-area 4th to 8th graders to present 15-minute oral appellate arguments to panels of volunteer lawyer judges. This year’s problem addresses the issue of when, if ever, someone who accepts an engagement ring may be required to give it back if the engagement is broken.

A day or two before the contest, every volunteer judge will receive a copy of the problem and corresponding case along with a letter summarizing them. As always, the materials are short and we do not expect any attorney judge to put more than 10 minutes into preparing for the contest. Please e-mail Sheryl L. Axelrod at saxelrod@sbclasslaw.com if you would like to volunteer to judge the contest, and if so, please specify whether you would like to sit on a morning panel from 10 a.m. to noon, or an afternoon panel from noon to 2 p.m. If there is someone in particular you would like to make sure is on your panel, please include that information in your e-mail. There will be approximately four morning and two afternoon panels.
Gordon said, “This is something that we’ve looked forward to for a long time.”


The event included breakfast at the Court, a tour of the Supreme Court building and a commemorative group photo in front of the building. The Philadelphia Bar Association gratefully acknowledges the support of the following Century 3 sponsors:

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The law firms of Buchanan Ingersoll, P.C., Ratner Prestia, and Fox, Rothschild, O’Brien & Frankel, LLP posted wins in the three divisions of the legal team competition at the Philadelphia Bar Association’s 23rd Annual Charity Run on May 19.

This year’s race attracted more than 600 registered runners and walkers and raised more than $35,000 for the Support Center for Child Advocates and the American Diabetes Association, Inc.

Buchanan Ingersoll won the age-graded competition; Ratner Prestia took the male-only competition; and Fox Rothschild captured the female competition. The results of the Charity Run may be viewed on the Association’s Web site, www.philadelphiabar.org.

In individual competition, Neill W. Clark of Berger & Montague, PC, finished first overall among members of the Bar and Mary T. Tomich of Dilworth Paxson LLP finished first among women members of the Bar.

The race, which is organized by the Philadelphia Bar Association Charity Run Committee, was also sponsored by the Philadelphia Bar Association, which was joined by the Law Firm of Blank Rome Cornisky & McCauley LLP, Caesar, Rivier, Bernsten, Cohen & Pokotilow, Ltd., Cozen O’Connor; Fox, Rothschild, O’Brien & Frankel, LLP; Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin; Montgomery McCracken, Walker & Rhoads LLP; Neal A. Morris Associates, PC; Pepper Hamilton LLP; Ratner & Prestia; Raynes McCarty Binder Ross & Mundy; Semanoff, Ormsby, Greenberg & Torchia, LLC; Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis Cohen LLP; and Woodcock Washburn LLP.

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Charity Run Raises More Than $50,000

Runners take off at the start of the May 19 Charity Run. More than 500 runners and walkers participated in the event on West River Drive.

Daniel J. Anders (above, from left) and Michael L. Viola meet before the 5K walk at the Charity Run. Former Chancellor Abraham C. Reich (right) crosses the finish line of the 5K race.

William J. Payne and daughter Elisa prepare for the race.

Some participants chose to run with family members, while others chose to run with pets.
Law Week 2002 Gets YLD Involved

Attorney Christopher L. Giddings offers legal advice during the Law Fair at the Gallery at Market East on May 1.

Mayor John F. Street presents a proclamation to YLD Chairman Kim R. Jessum.

Law Week Co-Chairs Kim R. Jessum (left) and Melissa A. Schwartz (right) pose with Poster Contest winners.

Philadelphia 76ers community relations representative World B. Free urges students to stay in school at the Law Week Luncheon.

Kim R. Jessum (left) and Maria A. Joseph (right) hang out with rapper Ms. Jade at the YLD's Law Week kickoff event April 29 at Bar Association headquarters.

Philadelphia City Councilman Angel Ortiz reads a Law Week resolution at the Law Week Luncheon on May 3.

Law Week Co-Chairs Kim R. Jessum (left) and Melissa A. Schwartz (right) pose with Poster Contest winners.

From a poster in South Philadelphia to offering free legal advice to members of the community's Young Law Day program in the city during Law Week, the theme was "Celebrating Equal Justice." Over 63 people took the oath of Edward F. Chacko, Mirela Zecevic, her work.
YLD volunteers work on a Habitat for Humanity home restoration project in South Philadelphia.

U.S. District Court Chief Judge James T. Giles (right) greets a new citizen following naturalization ceremonies at the U.S. Courthouse on May 1.

Former Chancellor Edward F. Chacker meets with Chacker Essay Contest winner Mirela Zecevic (right) of Abraham Lincoln High School and her mother.

Chancellor-Elect Audrey C. Talley addresses new citizens at the naturalization ceremony on May 1.

Philadelphia Bar Association's Division were all over Law Week 2002. This year’s theme was “Celebrate Your Freedom – Justice for All.” Another part of the event was a naturalization ceremony at which 29 new citizens were sworn in. Among those present was Essay Contest winner Mirela Zecevic, herself an immigrant, who was present to address the new citizens.

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State Supreme Court Justice Sandra Schultz Newman has been put in charge of the Judicial Council of Pennsylvania's Committee on Security and Bioterrorism, and one of the first things on her agenda is to make Philadelphia City Hall more secure.

"City Hall is the first place I'm looking at. It's so large, with so many entrances. It's quite a target," Newman told members of the Association's State Civil Committee at its May 23 meeting. Justice Newman touched on a number of subjects in her wide-ranging discussion, including unified local rules and civility between attorneys.

"When I became head of the statewide rules committee, I wanted to involve people on every level. I wanted to involve state legislators. I sent letters out to the president judges in every district, asking for copies of their local rules," Newman said.

"We're trying to make Pennsylvania more lawyer friendly," she said, adding that all local rules have been put on the Supreme Court's Web site. They can be seen at http://www.courts.state.pa.us/judicial-council/local-rules/.

Justice Newman said she has been assured by the court administrator that the rules posted online are up-to-date. Justice Newman, who was the first woman elected to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, urged practitioners to check a county's local rules online before doing any work in that county.

"Nobody should feel unwelcome walking into a courthouse," she said.

"You folks here in Philadelphia have some pretty good rules, which could be a model for the rest of the state," Justice Newman said. When visiting the southwestern part of the state, she observed the filing process that worked well out there.

"If they're happy with the way things work, we won't try to fix it," she said.

Justice Newman said she has talked to representatives from bar associations across the state to find out their needs and learn about their local customs.

"We've put together a very workable unification of statewide rules," she said.

She said she's enjoying her work as the supervising justice to the Court of Common Pleas. "It's wonderful experience for me to learn just how great the
Contract Attorneys Save Time, Money

by James LaRosa and Gary Mintz

Each year more and more attorneys are considering contract work (also known as temporary or project assignments). The reasons candidates may consider contract work vary, but generally, there are two ways that a match between a contract lawyer and employer can be achieved: direct hire or through an agency.

Some important issues need to be considered when deciding whether to retain a contract attorney independently or through an agency. These issues include the quality of the candidates available, the time and cost associated with recruitment and retention, and the employment status of the contract hire.

In the past, legal staffing agencies have traditionally screened candidates. Because downsizing and mergers have extinguished or greatly reduced the size of many law firms and corporate legal departments, a large number of qualified attorneys, from all practice areas and experience levels, are registered with legal staffing agencies for contract work.

Agency rosters also often include sole practitioners who wish to supplement their practices, attorneys who have recently relocated to this area, attorneys seeking a new position, retired attorneys wishing to continue work on a limited basis, attorneys seeking experience in new practice areas, law professors seeking research and writing projects, recent law school graduates, attorneys seeking employment while pursuing a new career, attorneys seeking flexible hours for personal and/or family reasons, and attorneys seeking more control over their work schedules.

Agencies that specialize in the placement of attorneys can help assure the retention of a contract attorney who is specifically suited for a particular position or project. Many agencies maintain a database that enables them to identify appropriate candidates for their clients’ specific requests. Typically, these databases are programmed to allow a search for candidates with specific areas of practice, years of experience and educational background.

Additionally, these databases store in-person interview notes detailing the agency’s considerations for each candidate, the results of reference checks, complete histories of where the candidates have been placed by the agency in the past and evaluations of the candidates’ performance on those placements.

The time and cost of recruitment are also factors that need to be considered when retaining a contract attorney. Unlike firms that place only full-time associates, few agencies or law firms are able to offer a direct line to a candidate’s employer, thus relieving the firm’s responsibility of being the contract attorney’s employer, thus relieving the firm’s or legal department’s responsibility for withholding the appropriate taxes from the contract attorney’s employer, and paying the employer’s portion of federal and state employment taxes.

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Careers Planning and Placement

Contrary to popular belief, there are no legal staffing agencies offering contract work on the firm’s or legal department’s premises, with their equipment, and someone from the firm or legal department approves or signs off on the contract attorney’s work, then that attorney would likely be classified as an employee by the IRS. Arguably, the final approval of the contract attorney’s work is all that is needed for him or her to be considered an employee.

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Nominees Sought for O’Connor Award

The Women in the Profession Committee is seeking nominations for the 2002 Sandra Day O’Connor Award. Deadline for nominations is Friday, June 28.

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.

This year, the award presentation will be made during the Bar Association’s Quarterly Meeting in October.

The committee established the award in 1999 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 Judge Norma L. Shapiro.

The award has since been presented to the late Justice Kidd Stout, former Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, Deborah R. Willig, first woman Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association, Marina Angel of the Temple University Beasley School of Law faculty, Third Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Dolores K. Sloviter (former Chief Judge), U.S. District Court Judge Anita B. Brody, Leslie Anne Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua, Merritt Rubino, Richard S. Sedel, David J. Sternman, Joseph A. Sullivan and Audrey C. Talley.

Nominees


Associate Secretary

Sayde Joy Ladov serves as a non-voting member of the committee.

The committee has scheduled dates for its next meetings. They are Tuesday, Sept. 10, at noon, Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 4 p.m., and Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 4 p.m.

Nominations are being solicited for 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.

This award is presented annually to an outstanding woman attorney in the Philadelphia area. The recipient is expected to exemplify the qualities that Justice O’Connor has demonstrated in her life and work. Therefore, the Award Committee gives preference to those nominees who have achieved prominence and the highest degree of professional excellence in their field over a sustained period and who have openly and visibly used their position and stature in the community to mentor, promote and advance other women lawyers.

Specific criteria follow:

Nominator’s Name:__________________________________________________ Title: __________________________

Business Address:___________________________________________________________________________________

Award Criteria:

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

Return the completed form with all additional materials by Friday, June 28, 2002 to: O’Connor Award, Women in the Profession Committee, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., 11th fl., Philadelphia, PA 19107-2911.

Nominee’s Name:__________________________________________________ Title: __________________________

Firm/Organization:________________________________________________ Phone:___________________________

Business Address:___________________________________________________________________________________

Nominator’s Name:__________________________________________________ Title: __________________________

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Please use 8½ x 11” sheets to answer the following questions.

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

Nominators must provide answers to questions 1-7. Nominators are encouraged to include additional materials on the nominee, such as curriculum vitae, press clippings, résumé, however, no more than three letters in support of the nominee will be accepted. Nominations forms may refer to and incorporate information submitted within the past three years for the nominee. The nominator is also responsible for ensuring submission of current information for the nominee as well.
June 14 Bench-Bar Conference Will Be ‘the Best Ever’

Attorneys and judges who practice in the local and federal courts can mingle, learn and earn CLE credits at the 2002 Federal Bench-Bar Conference on Friday, June 14 at Ashbourne Country Club in Cheltenham, Pa. The event is cosponsored by the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Federal Courts Committee and the Pennsylvania Bar Institute (PBI).

“This year’s Federal Bench-Bar Conference is expected to be the best ever. With the guidance of Chief Judge James T. Giles, the court’s liaison to the Bench-Bar Conference, Judge Robert F. Kelly, and clerk of court Michael Kunz, we have planned an extraordinary program,” said Federal Courts Committee chair Howard Scher.

“We will address such hot topics as electronic case filings, technology courtrooms, security issues and mediation. We expect a large turnout from the court and bar, perhaps the largest ever,” Scher said.

“We urge all practitioners in federal court to attend this Bench-Bar Conference. Not only will an attorney be able to increase his/her substantive knowledge of a particular topic, but practical and hands-on advice will be given. The Bench-Bar is also an excellent opportunity to interface with the federal court judges in an informal and fun setting,” said Stephanie Resnick, committee vice chair and coordinator of this year’s conference. Scher, partner in Buchanan Ingersoll P.C., and Resnick, partner in Fox, Rothschild, O’Brien & Frankel, LLP, are course planners for the conference.

The conference, an educational and recreational event for federal court practitioners and judges, offers 2.5 substantive and .5 ethics continuing legal education credits and will be held from 8:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. On-site registration and a continental breakfast begin at 7:30 a.m. Litigators and judges will then discuss topics of interest in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Following an on-site luncheon, the afternoon is open for relaxing and golf.

U.S. District Court Chief Judge James T. Giles will open the conference with welcoming remarks. Resnick will then introduce the first session, “A Panel Discussion of the Role and Responsibilities of Local Counsel.” The session will feature program coordinator Abraham C. Reich of Fox, Rothschild, O’Brien & Frankel, LLP and two judicial panelists: District Judges Norma L. Shapiro and Lowell A. Reed Jr. They will be joined by attorneys C. Clark Hodgdon of Bradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP and Henry A. Swinsky of Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP.

Conference participants will hear a “Report from the U.S. Attorney’s Office,” presented by U.S. Attorney Patrick L. Meehan. Topics will include terrorism, Project Safe Neighborhood, predatory lending and crime mapping and intelligence.


Next, a presentation of “Recent Developments and Hot Topics” will include clerk of the court Michael E. Kunz’s annual report on the state of the court, discussions of electronic case filing and courtrooms, court security, video conferencing and new mediation rules, and a bankruptcy court update. Joining Kunz will be Chief Judge Giles, U.S. District Court Judge Petrose B. Tucker, U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Kevin J. Carey, U.S. Magistrate Judge Linda K. Caracappa, Program Coordinator Mary F. Platt of Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP, and attorneys James M. Becker of Saul Ewing LLP and Michael H. Reed of Pepper Hamilton LLP.

Chief Judge Giles and committee chair Scher will then lead a session on “Good and Welfare” and Scher will make closing remarks.

A cocktail reception and lunch will follow the conference.

Tuition is $135 for members of the Pennsylvania, Philadelphia or any other county bar association or any cosponsoring organization, $125 for members admitted after Jan. 1, 1998 and $155 for nonmembers. One copy of the 2002 Federal Bench-Bar Conference course manual is included with registration. The materials are not available for separate purchase.

Federal Courts Committee

June 14 Bench-Bar Conference Will Be ‘the Best Ever’
Paper's Positive Changes

To The Editor:

As a longtime member of the editorial family of formerly The Retainer, now the Philadelphia Bar Reporter, I have a peculiar curiosity to see the gradual changes in the paper. I am writing this not as an advisory editor, but as an objective observer, for I am gratified to see the May issue of Philadelphia Bar Reporter, which has a balanced representation of news items, Philadelphia Bar activities and some informative pieces. I find the articles on Municipal Court, mediation process and career changes, particularly useful for lawyers with diverse interests. Knowing how much time and effort it takes to plan changes in a publication, I congratulate the paper for its new phase.

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A Small Price to Pay

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However, this type of article seems to cast doubt on our government and is inappropriate (in my view) when we are at war. We should be on the same team—let us not forget that we have been and may be under attack at some point in the near future. Who knows how much security we need? Bruce admits he does not know himself.

Taking my shoes off will be a small price to pay if that keeps a jetliner from crashing into another one of our buildings and avoids killing thousands of innocent people. Send this article to some of our victims' families from the 9/11 attack and I think they will tell you what to do with it.

John DiNome

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 chair.

Monday, June 3

Public Interest Section Executive Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

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

Tuesday, June 4

Young Lawyers Division Law, Life and Lunch – noon, 11th floor Conference Center.

Wednesday, June 5

Execution of Legal Services Committee – meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

Thursday, June 6

Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee – meeting, 12:15 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $9.50.

Civil Rights Committee – meeting, 12:15 p.m., 11th floor Conference Room.

Philadelphia Bar Reporter Editorial Board – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Cabinet Room.

Environental Law Committee – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.

Friday, June 7

Board of Governors Midyear Retreat – 8 a.m., 11th floor Conference Center.

Monday, June 10

Business Law Section Pro Bono Committee – meeting, 4:30 p.m., 10th floor Cabinet Room.

Tuesday, June 11

Solo and Small Firm Management Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

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

Divorce-Equitable Distribution Committee – meeting, 4 p.m., 11th floor Conference Room.

Wednesday, June 12

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

Medical-Legal Committee – meeting, 4 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Thursday, June 13

Elder Law Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Cabinet Room.

Securities Regulation Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center.

Committee on Legal Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Conference Room.

Monday, June 17

Board of Governors Cabinet – meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Business Law Section Executive Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

Tuesday, June 18

Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon – noon, Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets.

Wednesday, June 19

Section Chairs Meeting with Chancellor – 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Workers’ Compensation Section Executive Committee – meeting, 10:30 a.m., 11th floor Conference Room.

Family Law Section Executive Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Room.

Workers’ Compensation Section – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.

Professional Responsibility Committee – meeting, 4 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

LegalLine – 5 p.m., 11th floor LRS offices.

Thursday, June 20

Women in the Profession Committee – meeting, 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.

Adoption Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Room.

Legislative Liaison Committee – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center.

Friday, June 21

Social Security and Disability Benefits Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.

Philadelphia Bar Lawyer Editorial Board – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Conference Room.

Monday, June 24


Tuesday, June 25

Criminal Justice Section – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.

Compulsory Arbitration Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.

Young Lawyers Division Cabinet – meeting, noon, 10th floor Cabinet Room.

Wednesday, June 26

Women’s Rights Committee – meeting, 12:15 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Thursday, June 27

Lawyer Referral and Information Service Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Room.

State Civil Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.

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

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Judges are here. Philadelphia judges get a bad rap sometimes and it’s unfair.

“I haven’t let being on the Supreme Court go to my head, ego-wise, but I have let it go to my head as to what I want to accomplish,” she said.

Justice Newman lamented the lack of civility between attorneys, noting that things were better for a time following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. She also mentioned how litigants have changed over the years.

“Please have decency and understanding when it comes to your colleagues and adversaries. When lawyers act more civilly toward another one, judges will follow,” she said. “We the Supreme Court can’t make people kind, we can’t make them care.”

“You never used to see turnover at law firms like there is today. It was unheard of to see someone working at a firm for six months and then moving on. It’s not just young lawyers either; there are lawyers from my generation doing this.”

John DiNome
The second thing you notice about this bumptious, blasphemous and balmy former bank is row upon row of upside-down long incandescent orange-red lava lamps hanging from the ceiling. The hand-blown luminaries throw glowing accolades onto pale and/or dark patrons’ skins, making everyone seem ardently amber.

The first thing you notice is that the cement pavement blocks, along 13th and Sansom Streets outside, are pockmarked with crepuscular Crayola-colored bulbs embedded from below. You begin to smile immediately, and then, upon entrance, can’t help but chuckle upon sighting the second thing.

Now, go to the bathroom whether you have to go to the bathroom or not. Meander toward the silvery stainless steel ocean liner wide steps, and tubular arm rail leading downward into an underground faux pool. Hold the rail and take the steps. Immersed finally in the deep end, you feel as startled as if you were Casey Jones in a unisex locker. Here, men and women are interminently entwined, underwater, washing up swimmingly. You begin to blink to clear your mentally-fogged goggles, slowly and embarrassedly backing up the steps, ogling and laughing. This can’t be true, all sexes in the same bathroom? For you to see.

A huge circular bar dominates the eating areas. This tappy portion accommodates neighborhood blokes of all ages, vestments, colors and sizes. To be clear, this watering hole is an invitation to diversity and camaraderie. The dozen and a half beers on tap are a testament to the differential in tastes, and the vaulted variety of martinis, a signal of the pervasive playfulness among preferences. There are also special “electronic cocktails” that literally put your lights out. They are grandly iced concoctions of apricot and vanilla vodkas with unusual strength, into which have been placed a glowing lighted ice cube. The frigorific light lasts for nine hours, or as long as you do, whichever comes thirst.

I head past a smoking area to the bar’s right. This mini-lounge’s “furniture” resembles what high school kids used in the ‘50s to decorate and section off the Marlboro-Newport addicts from the rest of the school lunch hall. A chain-link hospital curtain divides the smokers’ cafeteria from the main dining room.

Select non-smoking seating along the far wall enhanced by banquettes, whose cushiony fabric absorbs at least some of the dominating late night decibels. Earlier dining is quieter. Tables are square and cherry wood. Behind, are wooden slats in the shape of planters’ shutters. The settings are pre-prepared with white plates, wine/water glasses, utensils resting on napkins, one full olive oil bottle with a whiskey pourer atop, and basket weave placemats emulating a ceiling affectation above. As hearty breads arrive, your feet tap upon a terrace floor, anticipating more surprises. And they are many. Imagine pan-Mediterranean dim sum, enlivened by the form of tapas at

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$3 per plate. You become the trustee of hewed miniature servings, four or five of which, with the breads or pita, can make a meal. Smokey chick pea hummus, goat cheese and green olive truffles, grilled octopus, cigares (fired Moroccan meat-stuffed pastries), clam and chorizo salad, lamb and pine nut meatballs, truffled French fries, Moorish kebabs and spicy almonds are favorites. The hummus is bold with a sweet aftertaste, truckling to your throat’s insistence to swallow. Cigares meander crisply with pastry flakes and chopped meat from left jaw to right jaw, and back again in toothsome delight.

Baby Haitian clams dance in a shared salad platterette with chopped chorizo. The former are de minimis delectations which fit on no more than two prongs of a fork. The latter supplement with garlic exponents. They disolve upon your tongue in a flexuous flash.

The kebabs and meatballs should be eaten with the French fries, which are unlike any you’ve tasted before: cheese-churned spuds fried in truffle oil and dried to raddled crispy lengths. They complement both bats and ‘balls, giving mouthfuls a spumescent froth about one’s lips.

For appetizers, one may also opt for a cheese plate (with roasted dates and orange harissa compote ($34.50), flat-breads with olives, sun-dried tomatoes, or rosemary parmegiano ($5) and salads or pizzas, none of which exceeds $8.

I will not describe such entrees as the rabbit and wild mushroom ragout with pappardelle noodles ($14), or the lobster cannelloni with orange-scented pumpkin puree ($17), or the Moroccan-spiced roasted salmon with warm lentil salad and citrus sherry vinaigrette ($13), or the hamburger abroad with mozzarella, gorgonzola or manchego cheese and parmegiano-truffle French fries ($9), except to say that their redolence is dauntless and precedes them by twenty meters.

What’s most invigorating about Trust is its olfactory triumphs. There exist intense smelling barbicons over which a diner gratefully passes. If you close your eyes as the food is served, your nose tells you that you’re on a Greek island cruise, or at a café in Fez, a luncheonette in Istanbul, a farmhouse kitchen in Sicily.  And as any good lawyer has learned over the years, follow your nose.

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Look for Bar Reporter Online, the Association’s e-newsbrief, in your e-mail every Monday morning.
Andrew A. Chiril, a partner with Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen LLP, was a featured speaker at the Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts’ recent executive leadership training program titled “On the Front Line: Nonprofit Leadership in Turbulent Times.”

Timothy J. Carson, a partner with Saul Ewing LLP, was named the 108th president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association during the organization’s Annual Meeting May 1 to 3 in Hershey.

Patrick J. O’Connor, president and CEO of Cozen O’Connor, lectured on commercial litigation at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s (PBI) Master Advocate Series on April 25.

The law firm of Willig, Williams & Davidson has received the Pennsylvania Bar Association Women in the Profession Commission’s first-ever Award for the Promotion of Women in the Profession.

Gerald A. McHugh Jr., a partner with Litvin, Blumberg, Matasow & Young and president of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, has been elected to the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Kevin B. Scott, a partner at Fox, Rothschild, O’Brien & Frankel, LLP, recently discussed financing religious schools at the National Association of Higher Educational Facilities Authorities 2002 Spring Workshop in Denver.

Patricia M. Dugan, senior partner with Dugan, Caner and Kosinski, was a featured speaker at the Eastern Regional Conference of Canonists held May 6 to 8 at the Hilton Hotel and Towers in Harrisburg.

Jay A. Dubow, a partner with Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen LLP, was a course planner for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s annual federal securities law forum on April 26.

Emmanuel O. Iheukwumere, an associate with Eaton & McCollan, has been appointed chair of the Minority Bar Committee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Eric A. Weiss, a shareholder with Marshallschneier, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, has been appointed chair of the Federal Energy and Corporate Counsel’s Products Liability Section.

Andrea McCormick, an associate with Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, participated in a Workers’ Compensation Practice CLE seminar on May 16.

Thomas D. Paradise, a partner with Fox, Rothschild, O’Brien & Frankel, LLP, has been appointed to the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Professional Liability Committee and the Professionalism Committee.

Debrah A. Finlay, an attorney at Andrew & Ingersoll, LLP, was named chair of the Minority Bar Committee’s Professional Liability Section.

Jay Barry Harris and Michael S. Saltzman, partners with Finnegan & Bach, P.C., recently addressed insurance professionals at the annual claims conference conducted by the Pennsylvania Association of Mutual Insurance Companies in Harrisburg.

Brenda Franklin Clemens, chief legislative aide to Philadelphia City Councilwoman Marion B. Tasco, has been inducted into the Douglass Society by the Associate Alumnae and Douglass College, Rutgers University. The Douglass Society recognizes the outstanding achievements and contributions of Douglass alumnae in their professional, academic and civic areas of expertise.

Daphne Goldman and Jonathan H. Lander, both of counsel with Blank Rome Corinisky & McCauley LLP, presented a seminar on the confidentiality of medical records in New Jersey on May 1 in Mount Laurel, N.J.

Jonathan H. Lander, an associate with Leonard, Tillyary & Sciolla, LLP, has been named chairman of the Narberth Borough Zoning Hearing Board.

Kelly Phillips Erb, an attorney with The Erb Law Firm, PC, recently taught the course “Starting and Operating a Non-Profit” at the Mount Airy Learning Tree education series.

Joshua Horn, an associate with Fox, Rothschild, O’Brien & Frankel, LLP, has been elected as the first male president of The Shipley School Alumni Association. The Shipley School had been an all-girls institution until 1972.

Stephen A. Cozen, founder and chairman of Cozen O’Connor, has been selected by Operation Understanding Philadelphia as the recipient of its Distinguished Community Leadership Award for 2002. He also recently spearheaded the spring kickoff fund-raiser for the Wilt Chamberlain Memorial Fund. The fund was developed by Cozen and former Sixers player and coach Billy Cunningham to provide college scholarships to local students who show dedication and promise in athletics and academics.

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John F. Ledwith, a shareholder with Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, participated in the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel’s presentation “Don’t Get Shifted in the Courtroom – Expert and Electronic Discovery Pitfalls” on March 6 in Boca Raton, Fla.

Leslie Anne Miller, a shareholder with McKissack & Hoffman P.C., has been named one of the Women Making History by the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners.

The law firm of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, has been named Small Business of the Year by the Southern New Jersey Chamber of Commerce. The award was presented at the annual Pinnacle Awards Dinner on May 8 in Voorhees, N.J.

W. Scott Magaree, a member of Cozen O’Connor, was recently named as a Distinguished Advocate for 2002 by the Support Center for Child Advocates.

Michael A. Hamilton, a member of Cozen O’Connor, was a speaker at the Practicing Law Institute’s CLE seminar “Insurance Law Understanding the ABC’s” held on April 8 in New York.

Stanton M. Lacks, principal in the law firm of Lacks & Associates, recently served as an instructor at the Samuel Neshiy Institute of Gratz College. He taught a course on crime and punishment that explored various forms of punishment in Jewish and American law from fines to the death penalty.


Alan S. Kaplinski and Burt M. Rubin, partners at Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, spoke at the annual Practicing Law Institute Consumer Financial Services Litigation conference. Kaplinski spoke and chaired the conferences, held in New York City on April 1 and 2 and in San Francisco on May 13 and 14. Rubin spoke at the New York City program.

Steven G. Winters, a partner with Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen LLP, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Estate Planning Council.

Philip G. Kircher, a member of Cozen O’Connor, presented a seminar on cross-examination of the expert witness as part of a CLE seminar on direct and cross-examination.

Susan L. White, a partner at Hephburn Willcox Hamilton & Putnam, LLP is featured in the June 2002 issue of Orvigraphone independent music publication that serves as a resource for Philadelphia musicians.

Names Are News “People” highlights news of members’ awards, honors or appointments of a civic or community nature. Information may be sent to Jeff Lyons, Managing Editor, Philadelphia Bar Reporter Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., 11th floor, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107-2911. Fax: (215) 238-1267. E-mail: reporter@philabar.org. Photos are also welcome.
Support Center for Child Advocates Celebrates 25 Years

Frank Cervone, executive director of the Support Center for Child Advocates, is greeted by Sesame Street’s Cookie Monster at a celebration marking the 25th anniversary of the Center. Cervone was joined by Maida R. Milone, president of the Center’s board, and her son, Matthew. The event was held at the Kimmel Center on April 30. Cookie Monster was in attendance because the Sesame Workshop was honored with the Support Center’s Judge Lois G. Furer Child Advocacy Award. For more information, visit the Support Center for Child Advocates Web site at www.advokid.org.

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