Scalia: Leave Constitution Alone

by Jeff Lyons

The U.S. Constitution should get an "honest, lawyerly interpretation," U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonin Scalia told an audience of nearly 800 people at the Association's April 29 Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon. Scalia, who spoke for more than 45 minutes, also presented the Association's inaugural Justice Antonin Scalia Award for Professional Excellence to WolfBlock partner Jerome J. Shestack.

"I'm really honored to have an award named after me. It's a little risky. You should really wait until a person is dead. You never know what he'll do later," Scalia told the capacity crowd.

In urging attorneys to keep the original intent of the Constitution in mind, he said, "Let's call a halt. We've done a lot of good things, some bad things as well. But we're beginning to see the evil effects. Let's not do it anymore. Let's get back to taking the text and giving it an honest, lawyerly interpretation."

Scalia was the third Supreme Court justice to speak to the Association in six months. Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sandra Day O'Connor spoke to members last October.

"I'm honored to have the first awardee be Jerry Shestack, if all of your awardees are of that quality they will do me honor, rather than me to them," Scalia said.

American Bar Association President Dennis W. Archer praised Shestack as the "embodiment of professionalism."

"His ABA presidency was centered around the promotion of ethics and professionalism in the legal profession. His tireless rallying of the ABA's sections and divisions, committees and commissions focused on enhancing our professional values and increasing the respect for the profession which ultimately allows us to advance the rule of law. We are all better off as a result of it. He continues to serve as a guide for us."

Williams to Deliver Higginbotham Lecture

by Jeff Lyons

Juan Williams, senior correspondent for National Public Radio's "Morning Edition," will deliver the 6th Annual Judge A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. Memorial Public Interest Lecture at the Association's June 24 Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon.

The winner of the Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Legal Writing Competition will also be announced at the event, and 36 new members of the Association's 30th Anniversary Classes will be honored.

Tickets for the event are $50 for members and $55 for nonmembers and can be purchased at www.philadelphiaabar.org.

Williams also works on documentaries and participates in NPR's efforts to explore television opportunities.

From 2000 to 2001, Williams hosted NPR's national call-in show "Talk of the Nation." In that role, he brought the program to cities and towns across America for monthly radio "town hall" meetings before live audiences. The town hall meetings were a part of "The Changing Face of America," a yearlong public broadcasting project.

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Education Opportunities Still Unequal

by Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua

Here's something that both President George W. Bush and Sen. John F. Kerry agree on: The 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court's historic decision in Brown v. Board of Education challenges each and every one of us to join the struggle to ensure equal educational opportunities for all Americans.

Indeed, both candidates agree that we have much work to do in this regard.

The President says that anti-discrimination laws must be "vigorously enforced" because "the habits of racism in America don't all become legisational." Sen. Kerry says that "Brown began to tear down the walls of inequality," but he adds "the next great challenge is to put up a ladder of opportunity for all!"

The President and Sen. Kerry made these observations during the recent Brown commemorative events held in Topeka, Kan.

Here in Philadelphia, the Bar Association joined with the School District of Philadelphia to observe the Brown anniversary during a special half-day program at the School District headquarters. The part of the fine work of program co-chairs Marsha Levick of the Juvenile Law Center and Wendy Beetlestone (general counsel for the school district) was assisted by people like Michael Hayes of our Young Lawyers Division, this turned out to be an event that will long be remembered. I know that it will always be one of the treasured memories of my year as Chancellor.

Our Brown anniversary observance forced us to look back as well as forward and (much as the events attended by President Bush and Sen. Kerry) it also confronted us with the reality of unfinished business.

Video testimonials from seven prominent Philadelphia lawyers focused on "Brown remembered" and brought us back to the time of the decision. These personal testimonials from those who lived through Brown were not limited to Philadelphia but also took us to the South where, unlike the North, segregation was openly practiced. Our real-life witnesses who experienced the firsthand effects of the Brown decision also looked ahead and told us what Brown failed to accomplish.

The program also included student presentations of selected Brown arguments re-enacted by mock trial champions from Northeast and Mammert high schools. This was followed by one of the most stirring parts of the program: a reading of the Brown decision by Mayor John F. Street, Common Pleas Court President Judge Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson, U.S. District Court Chief Judge James T. Giles, U.S. Third Circuit Judges Theodore A. McKee and Majorie G. Rendell, and Judges Bruce W. Kaufman and Clifford Scott Green of the U.S. District Court. It was hard not to be moved by the judicial presentation that climaxed with Mayor Street's dramatic entrance into the school district auditorium while he read his portion of the decision.

Later in the program, a stimulating Town Hall meeting was moderated by Temple University Beasley School of Law Professor Phoebe A. Haddon. She invited a large group of students, educators and lawyers in the discourse and it was heartening to see so many of our Philadelphia school students passionately involved in the discussion. Many of the students relayed stories and observations that gave the program and the discussion vitality and relevance. Once again I found myself energized and challenged by the insights and views expressed by a new generation.

An informal lunch gave us the chance to hear from School District CEO Paul Vallas who brought the whole program together and related the issues to the Philadelphia School District in 2004 and beyond. Vallas is a passionate advocate for public education - a strong leader who stresses innovation, decentralization, community involvement and measurable performance for the schools.

If you could see our public schools the way I did during our program on May 5 you would be very proud. Yet, there is so much more that needs to be done. Philadelphia public schools are still grossly underfunded. The school district itself admits that per-pupil spending in Philadelphia is still significantly lower than the average per-pupil expenditure of the majority of surrounding school districts. In fact, while Philadelphia spends about $7,600 per pupil on education, Arlington spends nearly $8,000 per pupil and Cherry Hill spends nearly $10,000. And remember - the needs are much greater in Philadelphia. On top of all this, for the most part the schools in our region continue to experience de facto segregation based largely on geographic and/or socio-economic factors.

In short, Brown reminds us that we are simply not providing equal educational opportunity. Not by a long shot.

"With the advent of the Brown line, we began to see that the law, in a very real sense, was no longer segregated by law, they are still not equal in opportunity and excellence," President Bush said in Topeka on the same day. Sen. Kerry declared: "We need to renew our commitment to one America. We should not delude ourselves into thinking for an instant that because Brown represents the law, we have achieved our goal, that the work of Brown is done!"

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Save June 11 for Federal Bench-Bar Event

Lawyers and judges who practice and preside in the federal courts are invited to the 2004 Federal Bench-Bar Conference on Friday, June 11 at Ashbourne Country Club in Cheltenham, Pa. The event is co-sponsored by the Association’s Federal Courts Committee and the Pennsylvania Bar Institute.

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 8:10 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.


The next panel will be "Is Technology All It’s Cracked Up to Be?" The panel will include U.S. District Court Judges Harvey Bartle III, Bruce W. Kauffman and Cynthia M. Rufe and attorneys Mark A. Aronchick, Thomas R. Kline and Carolyn R. Short.

Conference participants can hear a “Report from the U.S. Attorney’s Office” presented by U.S. Attorney Patrick L. Meehan, with topics of interest to the criminal bar.

Next, a presentation of “Recent Developments and Hot Topics” will feature reports by U.S. District Court Chief Judge James T. Giles, U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Kevin J. Carey, U.S. District Court Chief Magistrate Judge James R. Melinison and U.S. District Court Clerk of Court Michael E. Kunz. This will be followed by a panel discussion including attorneys Mitchell L. Bach, Deborah R. Gross and Charisse R. Ullie.

Chief Judge Giles and Committee Chair Garcia will then lead a session on continued on page 8

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every president who’s come after him,” Archer said.

“I am deeply honored to receive this inaugural award,” Shestack said.

“Mr. Justice, ever since you led your class at Harvard Law School, excellence has been your hallmark. And in this home of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, all of us appreciate your unflagging devotion to the words and intent of our founding fathers.”

Shestack said his grandfather, an Orthodox rabbi, taught him that the most vital command in the Old Testament was “Justice, justice shalt thou pursue!” He said he fell in love with the law. And while in law school, I also fell in love with Marciarose. Happily, both remain sustaining passions,” he said.

In an annual Philadelphia lawyer tradition, Chancellor Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua presented Immediate-Past Chancellor Audrey C. Talley with a replica of a gold box given to Alexander Hamilton for his successful defense of printer John Peter Zenger. The box, which is given only to former Chancellors, is inscribed, “Aquired not by money, but by character.”

In his remarks, Justice Scalia praised the resiliency of the U.S. Constitution, noting it had survived longer than constitutions in France, Germany and Italy.

Justice Scalia also deplored the politicization of judicial selection, saying the process has become too partisan.

As long as judges tinker with the Constitution to “do what the people want,” instead of what the document actually commands, politicians who select and approve federal judges will naturally want only those who agree with them politically, Scalia said.

Justice Scalia said that labeling judges as “extremist” or “moderate” shows how the courts have transformed into something the authors of the Constitution did not want.

“Federal judges are always dealing with a text, either the text of a statute or the text of the Constitution,” he said.

“What in the world is a moderate interpretation of a text? If you have a contract you want to interpret, you won’t say, ‘I want to take it to a moderate lawyer.’”

In discussing some of the U.S. Supreme Court’s most notable rulings of the last half century, Justice Scalia said the Court was wrong to say the Constitution requires that lawyers be provided to poor people accused of crimes. He said it was also wrong to find that the First Amendment imposes limits on libel lawsuits.

“We have now determined that liberties exist under the federal Constitution - the right to abortion, the right to homosexual sodomy - which were so little rooted in the traditions of the American people that they were criminal for 200 years,” Justice Scalia said.

He said his colleagues may soon discover a right to assisted suicide between the lines of the text of the Constitution. “We’re not ready to announce that right now,” he said.

“Check back with us.”
Charity Run Raises $90,000 in 25th Year

Nearly 700 runners and walkers took part in the Association’s 25th Annual Charity Run on Sunday, May 16. The race, along West River Drive, raised more than $90,000 for the Support Center for Child Advocates and American Diabetes Association.

Duane Morris LLP won the legal team competition. The Law Offices of General Counsel in Harrisburg finished second and Eisenberg, Rothweiler, Schieffer, Weintein & Winkler, P.C. came in third. For the sixth straight year, the Bar individual men’s and women’s races were won by Neill Clark and Mary Tomich. The Association was aided in its fund-raising efforts by contributions from the following sponsors: Wawa, Inc., First Trust, Iron Mountain, the Philadelphia Bar Association, The Legal Intelligencer, JuriStaff, Inc., UpDate Legal and USI Colburn Insurance Service, and in considerable measure by the following sponsoring legal firms: Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP; Anapol, Schwartz, Weis, Cohen & Pokotilow, Ltd.; Cozen O’Connor; Drinkerville; Fox Rothschild LLP; Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin; Montgomery, McClean, Walker & Rhoads, LLP; Neil A. Morris Associates; PC; Pepper Hamilton LLP; RabinPreiss; Raynes, McCarty, Bender, Ross & Mundy; Reed Smith, LLP; Semonoff, Drimmey, Greenberg & Torchia, LLC; WolfBlock and Woodcock Washburn LLP.

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Chancellor: Inequities Compel Tax Reform

by Daniel A. Cirucci

Calling for "an end to tax inequities" and additional tax reforms, Chancellor Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua told members of Philadelphia City Council that "without a more competitive tax climate, Philadelphia will not prosper and well-known Philadelphia law firms may eventually be forced to maintain only a nominal presence within the city limits."

"I cannot overstate the importance of the tax reform measures which you are considering and the actions which you may take," Bevilacqua said in his May 10 testimony before City Council. The Chancellor said City Council could begin to move in the right direction by eliminating a provision of the Philadelphia business tax that effectively penalizes businesses conducted in partnership vs. those conducted in corporate form. "Right now, the city effectively taxes partner income at a combined rate of at least 6.7 percent but taxes compensations paid to owners of businesses operated as corporations or sole proprietorships at a rate ranging from 3.9 percent for non-residents to 4.5 percent for residents."

Bevilacqua said that this constitutes an inequity. He further argued that the affected law firms and businesses were also penalized through the tax on net income because they cannot deduct payments made to partners, even where partners perform a significant level of service on behalf of the partnership.

Bevilacqua was joined in his testimony by Vice Chancellor Alan M. Feldman. He said the full leadership of the Bar Association "wants to demonstrate the sustained commitment of our Association and its members to tax reform. We're not asking for a special treatment. We simply want tax equity and reasonable reform."

Taking the members of Council on a "virtual walk up Market Street West," Bevilacqua pointed to 12 nationally known Philadelphia law firms on Market Street, which employ nearly 5,000 people. The Chancellor told Council members that the 23 largest Philadelphia law firms employ nearly 10,000 people. "If these law firms were part of one company, they would be one of the biggest companies in the region," Bevilacqua said. "What's more, these firms represent only about one-third of all Philadelphia lawyers and support staff."

"Think of where Philadelphia would be without the legal services sector concentrated mostly in Center City. We are a regional, economic powerhouse," the Chancellor explained. "The jobs that these law firms bring to our city are good jobs. The ancillary businesses that these law firms support are good businesses."

The Chancellor said that without the legal services sector "Center City as it exists today would be totally unrecognizable. Whole parts of it might be deserted, blighted, barren." He told the members of Council "that we want to see our city continue to grow and prosper. We want to work with the city government and with City Council to continue to bring good jobs and solid businesses to the city. We can start with the change that I have recommended today," he concluded.
Philadelphia Bar Association June Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon
Thursday, June 24 at Noon at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue, Broad and Walnut Streets

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• Honoring new members of the Association’s Year Clubs

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Year Clubs Getting 36 New Members

The Association will honor 36 attorneys and judges by inducting them into the Year Clubs at the June 24 Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue.

The new members include:


65 Years: Samuel B. Blaskey, Robert A. Detweiler, Pauline H. Herd, Herman B. Poul and Hanley Rubin- sohn.

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NPR series focused on how Americans were dealing with rapid changes in society and culture as the United States entered the 21st century. The series involved monthly pieces airing on “Morning Edition” and “All Things Considered,” as well as “Talk of the Nation.”

Throughout this year, I've stressed to young lawyers to “get connected” to the Bar Association, the community and to other young lawyers. One beneficial way of getting connected to the Bar Association and other young lawyers is through networking. Networking is not just about soliciting business, but making long-lasting friends and contacts that help, or who may be able to help you in the future.

In my case, my involvement in the Philadelphia Bar Association and other organizations has allowed me to meet many attorneys of different ages and practice areas. Because of these contacts, I have been able to find a qualified attorney for a close friend, make a job change from outside counsel to in-house counsel and learn how to rock climb.

In the first case, my friend’s mother was involved in contract negotiations for her small business. I knew that she could not afford much, but needed help reviewing a contract. I referred her to an attorney, whom I met through my involvement in a local intellectual property organization. Through this organization, I got to know the attorney and knew that she would do good work. My friend was grateful, my friend’s mother got a fair deal, and the attorney later referred a potential client to me.

In the second case, I was recently looking to change employment. I was not sure if I wanted to move to a corporation, an intellectual property boutique or another large firm. I spoke to several attorneys whom I met through different organizations and received the advice I needed to make a decision. I also received several interviews through these contacts. Being known in the legal community as an active participant and leader in bar organizations helped make these opportunities possible.

In the third case, I attended the Pennsylvania Bar Association Young Lawyers Division meeting in Maryland last summer. The main activity during the weekend meeting is a golf tournament on Saturday. A few of us weren’t interested in playing golf and didn’t want to spend the day sitting at the

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As sometimes happens in class action lawsuits, there was money left over after the distribution of funds to all the claimants. Residual damage awards are possible in class action suits, where not all of the plaintiffs collect their portion of the damage awards. Because the court cannot hold the funds forever, members of the plaintiff class are given a time limit within which they must claim their share. When they fail to make the claim in time, the court may find itself with no recipient of the damage award.

The courts have stated that while use of funds for purposes closely related to their origin is still the best cy-pres application, the doctrine of cy-pres and the court’s broad equitable powers is especially important to attorneys in smaller firms and those building a practice. There is no greater benefit in the profession than knowing others who are experiencing the same problems and successes as you. They can help you along the way.

My advice to you is to attend the next Young Lawyers Division event or the fund-raiser. Go with friends and colleagues or venture out on your own and set a goal to meet a number of people. You’ll never regret putting forth so little for such great rewards.

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The Public Interest Section program will focus on an update on disabilities law. Judges and attorneys will be part of that panel.

There will be a panel on the impact of immigration issues on labor law and employment. A course that will be of interest to human resources and labor law attorneys.

The Association’s Young Lawyers Division will hold a special practical program for young lawyers.

Details of the program will be announced at a later date.

The Business Law Section will hold an update on Commerce Court developments with the city’s Commerce Court judges.

The Criminal Justice Section will present a symposium on the death penalty, examining funding, mitigation and other issues. The Public Interest Section will hold a program on the advantages of pro bono in the environment of a large law firm.

The State Civil Committee will present a course on alternatives to the jury trial. Alternative dispute resolution, mediation, arbitration and settlement conferences will all be discussed. The State Civil Committee will also sponsor a program on appeals from arbitration and issues with new civil rules 131.1

Another program on health care law and non-litigation issues will also be offered. Third-party cases and their relationship to workers’ compensation cases will be discussed in another course.

Additionally, there will be a special plenary session with judges. Visit www.philadelphiabar.org for more details as the 2004 Bench-Bar Conference approaches.

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those elements that people miss from the past conferences but also added features to attract new attendees and younger participants,” he explained. He cited the dramatic new location of the conference as one of the prime reasons for the return to Atlantic City. “This is a place that truly stands apart in terms of its style, atmosphere, functionality and beauty,” Bevilacqua explained.

Since its opening last year, Borgata has quickly become an Atlantic City landmark and one of the most successful attractions of its type in the nation. Borgata features 2,002 guest rooms and suites, 11 destination restaurants, 11 retail boutiques, a 50,000-square-foot spa, 70,000 square feet of event space, 125,000 square feet of gaming and parking for 4,100 cars. Borgata also boasts a state-of-the-art business center and a distinctive, finely appointed meetings area that operates much like a separate conference center.

The $1 billion Borgata is the first new hotel casino to open in Atlantic City in 13 years. The initial impression of Borgata’s elegant style is marked by the private hotel lobby displaying marble archways, dark wood furnishings and door panels, buttery yellow wall accents, and a dramatic crystal chandelier suspended from the vaulted ceiling. The guest reception floor is an expanse of ochre and beige colored marble, quarried from Grenada, Spain, while a dramatic wall of water, illuminated by a half-million-dollar lighting treatment, provides a fun backdrop to the reception area.

The mixture of rich, textured and eye-appealing elements is carried out throughout the property. Borgata is offering special room rates for Bench-Bar attendees, and registrants can purchase the entire conference as a package.

The last Bench-Bar Conference was held seven years ago and the last conference in Atlantic City was in 1987.

The Association’s first Bench-Bar Conference in October 1968 was a very informal affair. It was a half-day session that followed the Association’s October Quarterly Meeting and it consisted of a brief and limited series of workshops attended by judges and lawyers at a Center City hotel. But Bar leaders were encouraged by the initial session and by September 1959, what had now become officially known as the annual Bench-Bar Conference expanded to a full-day program. About 125 lawyers and judges attended the 1959 program.

By 1960, Bar leaders were ready to move the conference away from the city “to keep the participants from going back and forth to their offices and to allow them to devote undivided attention to the conference.” Atlantic City seemed to be the logical place for such sessions and for many years that followed the conference was held in Atlantic City, usually over an autumn weekend after Labor Day.

During the 1960s, the conference moved among several Atlantic City hotels including the Holiday Inn, the majestic old Traymore Hotel and the newer Deauville. During the same time, the conference began to attract nationally known speakers and workshop participants.

The 1972 conference at Host Farm in Lancaster, Pa., attracted the largest Bench-Bar audience up to that point — more than 600 judges, lawyers and their guests. The main panel discussion on Saturday focused on prison reform and included former prison inmate James R. Hoffa.

In 1978, registrants were able to hike down the Boardwalk from their headquarters at the Deauville Hotel and get a glimpse of Atlantic City’s first hotel-casino — Resorts International.

In 1988 and 1989 the conference met in the shadow of the U.S. Capitol at the new Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, D.C. In 1990 the conference moved to Baltimore’s Inner Harbor and then returned home to Philadelphia in 1991 under the theme “Homecoming.” In 1993 the Bench-Bar Conference opened the new Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia. Except for a brief return to Baltimore in 1995, the conference remained at the Convention Center through 1998. The last official Bench-Bar Conference was held in 1997 at Eagle Lodge (now the Ace Center) in nearby Lafayette Hill.

2004 Bench-Bar Schedule

Friday, Nov. 5, 2004
12 p.m............................................Opening Luncheon
2:15 p.m............................................CLE Programs
3:15 p.m............................................Break
3:30 p.m............................................CLE Programs
6:30 p.m............................................Grand Reception
Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004
8 a.m................................................Breakfast Buffet
9:30 a.m............................................CLE Programs
10:30 a.m........................................Break
11 a.m............................................CLE Programs
12:15 p.m........................................Closing Luncheon

The Borgata is the first new hotel casino to open in Atlantic City in 13 years.
Dining Choices Abound at the Borgata

by Mark A. Tarasiewicz

With 11 destination restaurants from which to choose, attendees of the Association's 2004 Bench-Bar Conference at Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa have an impressive array of dining possibilities at their fingertips. But be sure to make your dining reservations early – they are accepted up to 90 days in advance – since weekends are very popular!

Dining reservations can be made by calling 1-866-MYBORGATA. Reservations are accepted for Borgata's five fine dining restaurants: Specchio, Ombra, Suilan by Susanna Foo, Old Homestead steakhouse, and Mixx. Casual restaurants that do not require reservations include: The Metropolitan, N.O.W. (Noodles of the World), Risi Bisi, Borgata Buffet, Gypsy Bar, and Amphora Lounge.

Borgata has truly cooked up a roster of cutting-edge restaurants that reflect the hotel-casino's signature brand of hospitality.

Emerging culinary star Luke Palladino's Specchio offers refined Italian dishes, while his second restaurant, Ombra, presents the simpler rustic flavors of the Italian countryside. Both draw from an extensive wine cellar housing approximately 14,000 bottles.

Suilan by Susanna Foo features the European-inspired Chinese dishes and Chinese-influenced French dishes that have earned Chef Susanna Foo a place among the country's culinary elite. Elegant and modern, the restaurant features an extensive menu of New World wines, a special tea menu, and a menu of Chinese culinary delicacies at their most traditional.

New York's classic steakhouse, Old Homestead, has opened a second location for the first time in its 134-year history. The menu at Borgata's Old Homestead stays true to New York's culinary landmark, with a selection of the finest cuts of meat, the freshest seafood and award-winning wines.

Rising culinary stars Aaron Sanchez and Edwyn Ferrari are the chefs behind Mixx, Borgata's restaurant and nightclub. The menu reflects both Latin and Asian cultures with dishes that combine the best of both worlds. After 10 p.m., the snazzy eatery transforms into a syncopated dance scene, complete with the hottest DJs.

Metropolitan is Borgata's 24-hour cafe gelato bar and oyster bar that is reminiscent of a traditional old European bistro. The menu reflects both Latin and Asian cultures with dishes that combine the best of both worlds. After 10 p.m., the snazzy eatery transforms into a syncopated dance scene, complete with the hottest DJs.

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Noodles of the World (N.O.W.), acts as a refueling station with its big bowls of satisfying noodles from Thailand, Japan, China, Korean, Vietnam and beyond. Attendees can also dig into Italian bistro food at Risi Bisi in the retail piazza. The eatery's patio cafe is perfect for pizzas, paninis and plenty of people-watching.

Borgata Buffet brings together the best parts of the very best buffets. Located on the casino floor, Borgata Buffet is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, with dishes that range from simple to exotic, hot to cold, and a culinary staff at stations throughout serving up smiles with every bite. The Amphora Lounge is a beautiful place to kick back, enjoy lunch or dinner, catch some TV and take a break from the action.

Eclectic food, music and people characterize Gypsy Bar. Live bands, table-dancing bartenders, 20 tequilas and hearty dishes like Gypsy Chili and Lucky 7 Devil's Food Brownies combine to create laid-back fun that everyone can enjoy.

The same attention to restaurant culinary creativity extends throughout the property - from room service to spa cuisine. Bon appetit!
Association’s Nominating Committee Formed

The Nominating Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association has been formed. Committee members are Audrey C. Talley (Chair), Jeffrey L. Abrams, Daniel-Paul Alva, Keith E. Armstrong, Gabriel L.J. Bevilacqua, David S. Blum, Andrew A. Chirls, Lenard A. Cohen, Karen L. Detamore, Alan M. Feldman, Barbara W. Freedman, Rudolph Garcia, Sidney L. Gold, Allan H. Gordon, David B. Harwi, Kim R. Jessum, Martha L. Levick, George H. Newman, Rebecca Rosenberger-Smolen, David J. Steerman, Mark W. Tanner and Raymond K. Walheim. Association Secretary Sayde Joy Ladov serves as a non-voting member of the committee. The committee has scheduled its meetings for Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 12 p.m.; Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 4 p.m. and Wednesday, Oct. 13 at 4 p.m. Offices for which candidates are being solicited are vice chancellor, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer, and five seats on the Board of Governors, three of which are to be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Each Board seat carries a three-year term. Individuals who wish to be considered for any of the above offices should submit a resume of their background and indicate the position for which they wish to run.

Women in the Profession Committee
Nominees Sought for O’Connor Award

The Women in the Profession Committee is seeking nominations for the 2004 Sandra Day O’Connor Award. Deadline for nominations is Friday, June 25. The award is conferred annually on a woman attorney who has demonstrated superior legal talent, achieved significant legal accomplishments and has furthered the advancement of women in both the profession and the community. The award presentation will be made during the Bar Association’s Quarterly Meeting in October. The committee established the award in 1993 to recognize the important contributions that women attorneys in Philadelphia have made to the legal profession. That year, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor presented the first award to U.S. District Court Judge Anita B. Brody; Leslie Anne Miller, first woman president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association; Lila G. Roomburg of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP; the late Judge Judith J. Jamison; Ellen T. Greenlee, chief defender of the Defender Association of Philadelphia; and Immediate Past Chancellor Audrey C. Talley. For more information about the Sandra Day O’Connor Award, e-mail Committee co-chairs Nicole D. Gallin at gallin@pepperlaw.com or Sayde J. Ladov at sladov@e-alb.com.

SeniorLAW Center’s Silver Celebration

Kenneth Shear, executive director of the Philadelphia Bar Association, accepts the Founders Award from SeniorLAW Center Treasurer William J. Donohue (left) at the SeniorLAW Center’s 25th Anniversary Celebration on May 19 at the Independence Visitor Center as SeniorLAW Center founding Board Chair Richard Weiner looks on.

Bar Foundation Golf Classic June 28

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation’s 36th Annual Golf Classic will be held at the Philadelphia Cricket Club in Flourtown on Monday, June 28. The fee for players is $375. This includes all greens fees, golf cart, lunch, refreshments, dinner and cocktails following the tournament. A limited number of Young Lawyers Division members may play at a discounted fee of $295. The event benefits the Philadelphia Bar Foundation. Last year’s event raised more than $130,000. The 2004 Golf Classic will feature a silent auction and raffle with prizes donated by prominent area retailers and restaurants. Raffle tickets are available for $10 each or six for $50. They may be purchased in advance or on the day of the tournament.

Bermuda-length shorts are permitted for players. For more information, contact Melissa Engler at (215) 238-6347 or mengler@philabar.org.

Real Property Section Spring Party

Real Property Section Chair Laura E. Fox (right) and Vice Chair Susan Kupersmith meet at Maggiano’s Little Italy for the Section’s Annual Spring Party. More than 50 people attended the May 6 event.
More than 200 attorneys, teachers and students gathered at school district headquarters on May 5 to hear recollections and share memories at a program marking the 50th anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education ruling.

“Brown v. Board of Education: Law, Legacy & Lessons” opened with video recollections by local notable African-American attorneys, who reminisced about their memories of the ruling that struck down segregated public schools and how this decision affected their schooling. William H. Brown III remembered concern by minorities about how this would affect teachers in black schools. Charisse R. Lillie similarly echoed thoughts about this decision from the perspective of teachers. She thought the education she received was without parallel, as she was taught by excellent African-American teachers who didn’t have other career options 50 years ago. John A. Nixon noted his parents were teachers in black schools. Wendelia P. Fox said the “deliberate speed” in the decision was really very, very slow. Carl E. Singley echoed this slowness, noting it took the civil rights movement in the late 1960s and early 1970s to implement the goals of Brown.

The ruling did not succeed in making all schools integrated, stated James A. A. Pabarue, but it did focus the attention of the country on issues of race relations and the education of young people. Immediate-Past Chancellor Wendella P. Fox thought the decision should be celebrated as a start in making the American dream accessible to all in the country. U.S. District Court Judge Clifford Scott Green remembered an integrated student body in his school. The faculty, however, was not integrated, and he remembers the same excitement for the first teacher of color as when Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in baseball.

Two students from Philadelphia high schools re-enacted the Brown arguments. A distinguished panel of judges sat as the U.S. Supreme Court, questioning the students delivering arguments and finally delivering the court’s decision.

A discussion followed, led by Temple University Beasley School of Law Professor Phoebe A. Haddon. Many of the comments focused on economic segregation and the substandard facilities and outdated textbooks of the city public schools versus suburban public schools. There was acknowledgement of the problem of self-segregation within schools, noting the courts can’t force students to mix with students of other races.

The consensus was the legacy of Brown is a work in progress and discussions about issues such as the achievement gap between different groups of students would not have happened 50 years ago. Professor Haddon also left attendees with a point to contemplate – without Brown v. Board of Education, left to our devices, would we have come as far as we have?

Lawrence S. Felzer is development coordinator for the SeniorLAW Center.
If first impressions are the most important, the First Judicial District's new Arbitration Center at 1880 John F. Kennedy Blvd. is a big hit. 

"Ninety percent of the comments from the attorneys are positive concerning the facility, its amenities, as well as the location," Common Pleas Court Administrative Judge James J. Fitzgerald III told an audience of about 50 people assembled at the Center to mark its grand opening on May 12.

Judge Fitzgerald was joined by Common Pleas Court President Judge Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson, Common Pleas Court Civil Division Supervising Judge William J. Manfredi and Chancellor Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua in offering remarks at the ceremony.

"With 20,000 case dispositions every year, the Arbitration Center is the first contact more than 100,000 citizens have with their justice system. Numerous attorney-volunteers, dedicated staff and professional leadership in the court have made the Philadelphia Arbitration Center the model for the nation," Bevilacqua said.

Judge Fitzgerald said the new facility has 20 percent more space than the previous center at 1601 Market St.

"There are two more conference rooms, a larger hearing room and larger list room. The floor plan is less congested and more conducive to the work that is done here in the Center," he said.

In addition to having larger hearing rooms, the heating and air conditioning are improved over the old location, Bevilacqua said, adding the space has been leased for 10 years.

Judge Massiah-Jackson said last year the entire civil branch concluded 35,000 cases. This includes cases in the Day Forward, mass torts, Commerce Case Program and Arbitration Center. She said 20,000 of those cases were disposed by the Arbitration Center. 'Joe Hassett's management has been 'hands on.' He works well with the arbitration panel members, the litigants and their counsel," she said.

Judge Fitzgerald said the volume of cases demonstrates the effectiveness and value of the compulsory arbitration program as its numbers and importance continue to grow each year.

He said about 50 percent of the cases are disposed of before an arbitration hearing is held. Nearly 7,000 hearings are held each year and only 40 percent of those decisions are appealed. "It costs an average of $200 to resolve a case before arbitration, which is a fraction of the time and cost to try the case to a jury. As you can see, the success of our arbitration program saves the courts and citizens of Philadelphia hundreds of thousands of dollars every year," he said.

Judge Fitzgerald thanked Chancellor Bevilacqua, Chancellor-Elect Andrew A. Chirils, Vice Chancellor Alan M. Feldman, Board of Governors Chair Ronald A. Kovler, Compulsory Arbitration Committee Co-Chair Patrick Lamb, former Chancellor Edward F. Chodler, former Compulsory Arbitration Committee Co-Chair Jeffrey Dashovsky and Ralph Pincus, among others, who polled the Bar regarding the proposed relocation of the center.

At the end of the program, Lamb presented Dashovsky with a special plaque recognizing his service as co-chair of the Compulsory Arbitration Committee.
Too Many Recruiters Can Spoil the Search

by James LaRosa and Gary Mintz

Question: When using a legal recruiter do you recommend signing up with more than one agency?

There are a large number of legal recruitment companies to choose from in and around Philadelphia. Although it’s tempting to send your resume to every agency to see what they can find for you, it’s not a good idea. Although it is probably beneficial to meet with a few different legal recruiters to see what they have available, you want to be careful and avoid spreading yourself too thin.

The biggest danger of using too many search agencies is the risk of losing track of where your resume is being sent. Nothing looks worse than having more than one agency send your resume to the same firm or company. Multiple submissions is a surefire way to create a bad impression with a potential employer. Multiple submissions is a surefire way to create a bad impression with a potential employer. Multiple submissions is a surefire way to create a bad impression with a potential employer. It makes the candidate and the agency look sloppy and unorganized. When you begin your search, start out using one or two reputable agencies. If you do decide to use more than one agency, make sure that you know every place your resume has been submitted, and make sure that each agency is aware your resume has been sent by you or any other agencies.

Before meeting with, or providing your resume to, a search agency, do your homework. Make sure they have a good reputation in the community and that they will not send your resume anywhere without your express permission. Also make sure you are comfortable that they have comprehensive knowledge of the legal job market. Although there are many good and reputable agencies, there are also some that can do more harm than good when “assisting” you with your job search. Finally, make sure you are comfortable with the specific recruiter you will be working with within the agency.

Once these criteria have been met, choose a recruiter that you have confidence in and see if he or she can help you identify any potential opportunities.

Question: Is it OK to send your resume out on your own to firms and companies when you are working with a legal recruiter?

Yes, as long as you haven’t already given the recruiter permission to send your resume on any specific opportunity. Although a good legal recruiter will know of many opportunities that are not widely known to the general public, there may be opportunities that a recruiter is not aware of or opportunities for which the employer is not accepting resumes from a recruiter. A good recruiter will encourage you to not solely rely upon his/her expertise. They will encourage you to network and be diligent with your own search efforts. As noted above, however, it is important to keep track of where you and your recruiter have submitted your resume to ensure that there will not be multiple submissions to the same employer.

Even when you’re keeping track of your resumes, multiple submissions to the same employer can occur. You might be considering a different position with an employer you have already contacted through a recruiter. In this situation, you should speak with your recruiter and inform them of this opportunity. They will then advise you of the best way to proceed, which will probably involve the recruiter contacting the employer and making them aware of your interest in this additional opportunity. If you end up not submitting your resume to the employer without first speaking with your recruiter, once a recruiter has contacted a firm/company on your behalf, the employer assumes you are working with that particular agency and any future contact with the employer will be made through the agency.

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Community Legal Services honored seven people at its annual Breakfast of Champions on April 27, including keynote speaker U.S. Rep. Chaka Fattah (below left), who received the organization’s Champion of Justice Award. CLS presented its Equal Justice Awards to (above from left) Peter H. LeVan Jr., David J. Wolfsohn and Seth F. Kreimer. Gene E.K. Pratter (below, right), Amy E. Hirsch and Beverly A. Williams also received Equal Justice Awards.

Photos by Jeff Lyons

Riders participating in the Philadelphia Bar Association team for the American Cancer Society 2004 Bike-a-Thon, to be held on Sunday, July 11, are reminded to add $15 to their registration fees on the printed or online registration form to guarantee a seat on a bus for optional return transportation.

On the day of the event, you must check in at the Return Transportation Tent outside Lenape Park. Volunteers will verify that you have pre-paid the $15 return transportation fee. If you do not reserve return transportation before July 1, the cost is $30 and there is no guarantee there will be a seat.

You will receive a bus and truck ticket. At departure time, take your bike to the truck area for loading and proceed to the bus. Philadelphia shuttle buses will depart approximately every hour on a first-come, first-served basis. The Hammonton/Voorhees bus will depart at 2:30 pm. When each Philadelphia truck is full (100 bikes) two buses will depart with it. You will be dropped off at 6th & Race Streets. Please allow time for the bikes to be unloaded.

Chancellor to be Honored at June 11 AILF Dinner

The American Immigration Law Foundation will honor Chancellor Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua at its 16th Annual Benefit, “A Salute to Italian Americans,” on Friday, June 11 at the Philadelphia Marriott. Other honorees include Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua, scholar Lucia Chiavola Birnbaum, chef Biba Caggiano and restaurateur Phil Romano.

A reception begins at 6:30 p.m. and the dinner starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $150 and can be ordered at www.ailf.org.

July 11 American Cancer Society Bike-a-Thon

Return Transport Available for Bike-a-Thon

Members of the Philadelphia legal community can register for the Bike-a-Thon online at www.acsbike.org. Registration is also available at www.philadelphiabar.org and through registration forms at Bar headquarters. The first 100 participants will receive a Bar Association jersey. Even if your law firm or company already has a team, you can become a member of the Philadelphia Bar Association team as well by selecting both teams on the registration form. You’ll receive a Bar Association patch to place on your current jersey to show your Bar spirit.

The ACS Bike-a-Thon is a 62.5-mile ride from the Ben Franklin Bridge in Philadelphia to Lenape Park in Mays Landing, N.J. Two New Jersey start points are also available.

The fund-raising goal for 2004 is $1 million. For more information about the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Bike-a-Thon Team, contact Bike-a-Thon Committee Co-Chair Jeffrey Abramowitz at (215) 568-4980 or Co-Chair Stephen T. Salz at (215) 496-8282.

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Philadelphia VIP Honors Volunteers

Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program presented awards honoring outstanding volunteers for 2003 at an April 28 luncheon at the offices of Montgomery, McCraken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP. The awards were presented by VIP Board PresidentLeonard A. Busby.

Justice William J. Brennan Jr. Award: Cozen O'Connor; McGuire & English; Deenan, Moses & Sheinoff; Clark Craddock; Richard Friedman; Citizens Bank; and Warren Levicoff.


Legislative Liaison Committee – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.


Women in the Profession Committee – meeting, 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Thursday, June 3

Environmental Law Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

Business Recognition Award: American Legal Media; ARACOR; BeeNet; Laura Fox; Iron Mountain; K and A Appraisals; Reliable Copy Service. These awards were presented by Busby.

Legal Services Recognition Award: Lynda Schwebel and David Williams.

Thursday, June 10

Social Security and Disability Benefits Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

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

City Civil Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Committee Room South.

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

Minorities in the Profession – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Philadelphia Bar Foundation Finance Committee – meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Committee Room South.

Friday, June 11


Awards: American Legal Media; ARACOR; BeeNet; Laura Fox; Iron Mountain; K and A Appraisals; Reliable Copy Service. These awards were presented by Busby.

Legal Services Recognition Award: Jerry L.J. Bevilacqua.

Friday, June 18

Social Security and Disability Benefits Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

Federal Courts Committee – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Business Law Section Human Resources Committee – meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.

The Philadelphia Lawyer Editorial Board – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Monday, June 21

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

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

Monday, June 28

The Philadelphia Lawyer Editorial Board – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Monday, June 28


Tuesday, June 29

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

Criminal Justice Section Executive Committee – meeting, 4 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Tuesday, June 29

The Philadelphia Lawyer Executive Board – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Wednesday, June 30

Committee on the Legal Rights of Persons with Disabilities – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room.
Barristers Present Awards, Scholarships at Banquet

by Heather J. Holloway

The Barristers’ Association of Philadelphia presented three awards to community members and attorneys and awarded scholarships to area law school students at its Annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet on May 8 at the Westin Philadelphia.

The Association awarded the Cecil B. Moore Award for Selfless Service to the Community to Donna Frisby-Greenwood. She was personally selected by California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to serve as executive director of Inner-City Games Philadelphia. Frisby-Greenwood has also served as executive director for Rock the Vote, a non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to protecting freedom of speech and educating and motivating young people to participate in the political process. In this capacity, she tripled the organization’s revenue and was responsible for establishing a spin-off program, Rap the Vote.

The J. Austin Norris Award for Community Service was presented to Roosevelt Harnston Jr., vice president for government affairs and community relations and associate general counsel at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. Harnston currently dedicates his time to the boards of numerous organizations and serves as an adjunct professor at Temple University, in addition to lecturing for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, American Law Institute and the National Institute for Trial Advocacy.

The Association’s Hon. A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. Award for Legal Scholarship was presented to Kenneth Shropshire, a professor at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, where he currently serves as chair of the Legal Studies Department. Shropshire specializes in sports business, negotiations, diversity and general business law. He has written extensively about the sports industry and authored several award-winning books. He was appointed to chair Philadelphia’s Stadium Site Selection Committee and is currently involved in a project assessing whether Philadelphia should bid for the 2024 Olympics.

Scholarships were awarded to Ryan E. Gibbs, a student at Villanova University School of Law and Jeffrey L. Herbert, a student at Rutgers University School of Law.

A final scholarship was awarded with the support of PNC Advisors to Stephen Williams, a dual degree candidate at Rutgers University. Each of these students was introduced to the legal community and identified as academic high achievers.

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uses (health care, education, employment rights, housing, consumer fraud, etc.). Our grantee agency clients are literally from the youngest of the young (such as the Support Center for Child Advocates) to the oldest of the old (Senior LAW Center). With our broad base of grantees, our funds serve so many constituencies, it would be difficult to imagine a cy pres case that dealt with a group of people NOT served by the Philadelphia Bar Foundation.

Your foundation is presently creating a new cy pres committee. We invite all lawyers of the class action bar to participate. Together, we can help ensure equal access to justice for all the citizens in Philadelphia while accomplishing the original goals of the class action lawsuit. Contact me at (215) 567-7955 or Maureen Mingey at the Bar Foundation at (215) 238-6334 to get involved with this new committee.

Please join us ensuring access to justice for all. Together we can make a difference.

Edward F. Chacker is president of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation.

JUNE CLE COURSES

June 1 Business Succession Planning: Transferring the Family Business to the Next Generation — Philadelphia Bar Association Probate and Trust Law Section June 2004 Quarterly Meeting • The CLE Conference Center

June 2 Social Security Disability — The Basics • The CLE Conference Center

June 3 How to Handle a Child Abuse Case — Support Center for Child Advocates Volunteers Training Workshop • The CLE Conference Center

June 9 General Practitioners’ Update 2004 • The CLE Conference Center

June 10 Evidence in Personal Injury Cases • The CLE Conference Center

June 15 Defamation, Libel and Slander • The CLE Conf. Center

June 16 ADR & IP Disputes • The CLE Conference Center Handling the Workers’ Comp Case • The CLE Conf. Center

June 17 Taking & Defending Depositions • The CLE Conf. Center

June 22 Managing Your Legal Workforce Without Running Afoul of Employment Law and Ethical Duties • The CLE Conference Center

June 23 Practical Problems with Common Law Marriages after Kretz • The CLE Conference Center

June 24 Fundamentals of Antitrust Law • The CLE Conf. Center Circular 230 — Philadelphia Bar Association Tax Section 2004 CLE Series • The CLE Conference Center

June 25 8 Keys to the Art of Persuasion • The CLE Conf. Center

June 29 Fire-at-Will: Wrongful Termination in Pennsylvania • The CLE Conference Center The Impaired Lawyers • Philadelphia Bar Association

June 30 General Practitioners’ Update 2004 — Live Via Satellite Franklin Institute Science Museum

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Lynee M. Abraham, district attorney for the City of Philadelphia, was presented with the 2004 Friend of the Year Award by Friends of the Elderly on May 26. The award is presented annually to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to support the elderly and non-profit community in Philadelphia.

Patrick L. Meehan, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, served as the keynote speaker at an April 23 seminar at the Pyramid Club on how new regulatory laws impact corporate America. The seminar was co-sponsored by Saul Ewing LLP and the Delaware Valley Corporate Counsel Association.

Cari S. Primavera and Brett Feldman of Klehr, Harrison, Harvey, Baraburg & Eilers LLP, were speakers at the recent Pennsylvania Bar Institute CLE program, “Winning Zoning Cases at the Recent Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s Intellectual Property Seminar.”

Richard F. Furia, managing partner of Furia and Turner and a member of the Board of Governors, was honored as “Man of the Year” by the Order Sons of Italy in America, Ivy Ridge Lodge 251, at their 93rd Anniversary banquet on April 2. Furia was honored for his “tireless dedication and support of the Lodge, to the community as a whole and to Italian Americans.

Joseph C. Bright, a partner at WolfBlock, has been named a member of the Pennsylvania Business Tax Reform Commission. The commission was created by Gov. Edward G. Rendell to evaluate the Commonwealth’s business tax structure and recommend changes that will make business taxes fairer, simpler and more competitive with other states.

David J. Shannon, a senior associate at Leonard, Tilelli & Sciolli, LLP, discussed Trade Secret Law in Pennsylvania at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s Intellectual Property Seminar on May 10 in Hershey. He was also honored by Delaware Attorney General M. Jane Grady for his pro bono assistance in the prosecution of a rape defendant in Sussex County, Del.

Fred Blume, managing partner and CEO of Blank Rome LLP, was presented with the 2004 National Law School of Business and Management Certificate of Honor by Temple University for his exceptional accomplishments in corporate law and his commitment to voluntarism.

Nancy Winkelman, a partner at Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, has been selected as a winner of the Burton Award for Legal Achievement. The Burton Awards, presented in association with the Law Library of Congress, recognize outstanding achievement in legal writing.

Philip B. Toran and James F. Graham of Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, recently presented a seminar to employees of Safeco. Toran spoke on topics of agents’ and brokers’ liability and mold litigation. Graham spoke regarding social services liability.

Samuel H. Martin of Martin, Barski, Pond, Lehocky and Wilson was a featured speaker at the 3rd Annual Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s “Fundamentals of Family Law” program on May 4. Martin’s presentation covered equitable distribution, alimony and special relief issues in divorce proceedings.

Jamie C. Ray, managing attorney at Blank Rome LLP, served on the faculty at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s “Fundamentals of Family Law” program on May 4. Steinerman’s presentation covered equitable distribution, alimony and special relief issues in divorce proceedings.

Robert A. Lichtenberg, a member of Fine, Kaplan and Black, RPJC, was a key speaker and discussion leader at the American Bar Association’s Commission on Women in the Profession and its Women in Law Leadership Academy regarding “Outstanding Women Lawyers and the Keys to Their Success.”

David J. Steerman, a partner with Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP, served on the faculty at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s “Fundamentals of Family Law” program on May 4. Steerman’s presentation covered equitable distribution, alimony and special relief issues in divorce proceedings.

Michael P. Malloy, a partner at Drinkers Biddle & Reath LLP, served as chair of the Institutional Investor’s Mutual Fund Regulation & Compliance Forum on May 5 in Washington, D.C.

Steven B. Feirman, a partner at Piper Rudnick LLP, has won the 2004 Burton Award for Legal Achievement for his article, “The Legality of Rebates from Suppliers.” The Burton Awards are dedicated to the enrichment and refinement of writing in the legal profession and are presented by the Burton Foundation.


Charles W. Craven, a shareholder with Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, received a Pennsylvania Bar Institute Special Achievement Award on May 13 at the PBA’s annual meeting in Hershey. He also served as a faculty member at the PBA’s Appellate Practice & Procedure Seminar that was held in Philadelphia on April 20.

James W. Stevens, a shareholder with Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, recently presented a one-day seminar to the regional and district personnel of American Suzuki Motor Corporation regarding warranty and lemon law litigation matters.

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