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Chancellor’s Forum

Program on Diversity Beyond Large Firms June 5

Top officers from Philadelphia-area law firms that have had success in diversifying their work force will share stories and discuss best practices for reaching diversity goals at the Chancellor’s forum: "Diversity Beyond the Large Firm." On Monday, June 5 at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s CLE Conference Center located on the 10th floor of the Wanamaker Building at 100 Penn Square East.

The forum will focus on helping mid-sized and small law firms as well as public interest law agencies with attorneys recruitment and retention efforts. This program has been approved by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board for 3.0 hours of CLE credits.

Chair is R. Lillie, vice-president of human resources for Comcast Corporation and senior vice-president of human resources for Comcast Cable, will deliver the keynote address. Lillie, a former partner at the law firm of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll LLP, joined Comcast in 2005. Her previous positions include trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, forces, joint bench-bar projects and more; every Philadelphia lawyer has the opportunity to enrich himself or herself professionally in his or her chosen specialty. All Association members can attend meetings with colleagues from their area of practice, build relationships and even opportunities for your firm. And on profession’s development need not be limited to a substantive area of law, if you’re interested, for example, in the rights of women or minorities, professional responsibility issues or volunteer opportunities, there is a Bar Association committee composed of lawyers who share your interests. And specialized committees and task forces of the Association are examining just about every contemporary issue that might affect you professionally, including such diverse matters as offering law practice management services, the possibility of CLE credit for pro bono service, developing plans for the legal community’s response to the possibility of a pandemic, and re-examining our relationship with the Jenkins Law Library. Want to be a part of the excitement? You can join a section or committee online by visiting philadelphiabar.org. It’s really easy. If you have an interest in one of the special projects I’ve described (or perhaps another that you’ve been thinking about), contact me at chancellor@philadelphiabar.org. Law Practice Management

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Association Remains Relevant, Needed

by Allen M. Feldman

From time to time, over the course of my 36 years practicing law, I’ve heard colleagues question the relevance of the Philadelphia Bar Association, and whether it really matters if they belong or not. Thus, a few partners in larger firms have said to me “we have our own committees, in-house publications and firm-sponsored social events; why do we need the Bar Association?” And from some colleagues at small firms, I’ve been told that it’s not for their need for group health insurance and malpractice coverage, they could do without the Bar Association as well.

Are they right? Our executive director for the past three decades, Ken Shear, has come up with what I think is the best test of whether we’re necessary. Ken says, if there wasn’t a Philadelphia Bar Association, would we have to invent one? It’s a fair question. Let’s answer it.

Professional Development

Any bar association worth its salt should help support the professional growth and development of its members. Do we? Well, with nine energetic sections, more than 60 committees and an ever-changing assortment of task force activities, joint bench-bar projects and more; every Philadelphia lawyer has the opportunity to enrich himself or herself professionally in his or her chosen specialty. All Association members can attend meetings with colleagues from their area of practice, build relationships and even opportunities for your firm. And on profession’s development need not be limited to a substantive area of law, if you’re interested, for example, in the rights of women or minorities, professional responsibility issues or volunteer opportunities, there is a Bar Association committee composed of lawyers who share your interests. And specialized committees and task forces of the Association are examining just about every contemporary issue that might affect you professionally, including such diverse matters as offering law practice management services, the possibility of CLE credit for pro bono service, developing plans for the legal community’s response to the possibility of a pandemic, and re-examining our relationship with the Jenkins Law Library. Want to be a part of the excitement? You can join a section or committee online by visiting philadelphiabar.org. It’s really easy. If you have an interest in one of the special projects I’ve described (or perhaps another that you’ve been thinking about), contact me at chancellor@philadelphiabar.org. Law Practice Management

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Section/Committee Spotlight: Federal Courts

Federal Bench–Bar Conference Set for June 16

by Jeff Lyons

The Federal Courts Committee’s annual Federal Bench-Bar Conference moves back into the city on Friday, June 16 with a keynote luncheon address from U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Marjorie O. Rendell.

The conference will be held at Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market St. A total of 3 CLE credits, including .5 ethics credits, are available.

The conference begins with opening remarks from U.S. District Court Chief Judge Harvey Bartle III and committee Chair Steven E. Bizar and Vice Chair Edward G. Brest III.

“We have an outstanding group of judges and practitioners who have agreed to participate in the event and their perspectives on the topics they will be addressing are sure to provide a wealth of useful information for attendees,” said Bizar.

The first program, “Managing Multi-District Litigation,” includes panelists U.S. District Court Judges James T. Giles, Jan E. DuBois and Mary A. McLaughlin along with Michael D. Donovan, Michael D. Fishbein and Alexander Kerr.

“There are quite a few MDL cases pending right now, in a number of substantive areas of the law, and it is always beneficial to have an overview of how those cases can and should be handled. Hopefully, we will be able to have a meaningful exchange on these issues – something that the Federal Bench-Bar Conference is known for – and that everybody will benefit,” Bizar said.

U.S. District Court Judges Eduardo C. Robreno and Gene E.K. Pratter, along with Ellen Membros and Dennis R. Supplee, are the panelists for the second program, “How Focus on Ethics and Professionalism Improves the Relationship Between the Bench and Bar.”

“All of us who practice in this district recognize the special nature of the relationship between the bench and the bar. It is a coin of rare value and something that those who practice in other courts regularly, as I do, recognize as one of the things that distinguishes this District Court from other district courts. So it is important to safeguard that relationship and I am optimistic that Judge Robreno and Judge Pratter will offer some keen observations that will be particularly useful to the younger practitioners in attendance,” Bizar said.

Following a short break, Linda Dale Hoffa, assistant chief of the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney’s Office, and Ronald H. Levine will present “Addressing Requests to Waive Attorney-Client Privilege in Criminal Matters.”

“Last year we tried to broaden the program’s appeal and to find ways to reach criminal practitioners with our discussion of the impact of recent Supreme Court cases on sentencing guidelines. This year we are continuing that effort by having two prominent criminal lawyers – one a prosecutor (Hoffa) and one prosecutor turned defense lawyer (Levine) – address the critically important issue of attorney-client privilege waivers. I expect their discussion to be both interesting and lively,” said Bizar.

U.S. District Court Judge Michael M. Baylot and U.S. Magistrate Judge David R. Steensbridge and Stephanie Resnick, a former chair of the Federal Courts Committee, will discuss “Pending Rules Changes on Discovery of Electronic Documents.”

Chief Judge Bartle, U.S. Bankruptcy Court Chief Judge Diane W. Sigmund and Clerk of Court Michael E. Kunz will follow with reports.

The program wraps up with closing remarks by Bizar and a reception and luncheon with Judge Rendell providing keynote remarks.

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Chancellor’s Forum

Merit Selection Debate Eyes ‘Level Playing Field’

by Brian K. Sims

The debate on merit selection of judges and leveling the playing field for candidates drew scores of people to a recent Chancellor’s Forum.


Chancellor Alan M. Feldman’s opening remarks focused on a bill proposed in the state Senate by Williams that would amend the city’s constitution to provide for “merit based” selection of judges.

As Chancellor Feldman explained, judges in Philadelphia County are elected by voters. Recent debate has centered on the question of whether such a system is racially and economically biased. Merit based selection, on the other hand, would allow for a kind of appointment process in which a bipartisan commission would screen and evaluate candidates before they are recommended for appointment.

Williams, a Democrat representing Philadelphia and Delaware Counties, introduced Senate Bill 100 last summer, which calls for the creation of a 19-member panel to oversee the screening and appointment of Philadelphia judges. Williams serves as the minority chair of the Senate’s State Government Committee.

As Williams explained, “this is about leveling the playing field” both racially and economically. He cited statistics that indicate that the cost of running for judge in Philadelphia has risen over the last 20 years from less than $10,000 to upwards of $100,000 today.

Marks agreed. Her organization, founded in 1987, is a statewide, non-profit, nonpartisan organization founded for the purpose of eliminating partisan politics from the judicial system. Called “the mother of merit selection” by Chancellor Feldman, Marks has lobbied for eliminating judicial elections for years. “I’m not speaking out against current judges,” said Marks. “I blame the system.” She stressed that a premium needs to be placed on candidates’ qualifications and believes removing money from the system will not only improve the level of candidates but also “remove the perception that justice is for sale.”

Speaking on behalf of the current election system were Judge Overton and Rep. Cohen. As Cohen explained, “the right people are making the decision as to who the judges should be in Philadelphia. This right people are the electorate.”

Cohen, a Democrat representing the 202nd District, was quick to point out that the current election system avoids the perception of cronyism and elitism in Philadelphia’s judicial system.

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The Bar Association’s Public Interest Section established the Legal Rights of Persons with Disabilities Committee to expand access to justice for people with disabilities.

Compared to the community as a whole, people who are disabled tend to have fewer resources, yet they have a greater need for legal services. The committee raises awareness among the bar and the community about legal issues affecting people with disabilities and advocates for changes in the law and enforcement of existing laws to enhance the lives of this underserved population. Committee members come from government, private and public interest practice.

One of the priorities for the LRPD Committee in 2006 is increasing the deaf community’s access to legal services. An enormous and obvious communication barrier prevents deaf people from accessing legal services. Often-times deaf people cannot read lips or cannot read or write. One of the ways attorneys can overcome this barrier is to provide sign language interpreters.

Recognizing that the barrier exists and can be overcome, the U.S. Department of Justice has interpreted the Americans With Disabilities Act as requiring that attorneys provide sign language interpreters for their deaf clients at no additional charge to the clients in certain situations. Interpreters are expensive – generally about $150 per appointment – and the expense discourages attorneys from complying with the ADA.

To increase the deaf community’s access to legal services, LRPD proposed creating a fund to offset some of the costs for providing sign language interpreters. On April 24, the Association’s Board of Governors approved a resolution allocating $5,000 to reimburse members for sign language interpreter fees. The Association will reimburse up to $100 for sign language interpreter fees per interpreter appointment. While reimbursement is available to all members, it is intended primarily to benefit clients of solo practitioners, small firms, public interest firms and pro bono volunteers.

“This resolution of the Bar Association’s 15th Anniversary of the Public Interest Section Committee Expands Access to Justice for Disabled was provided by Karen Detamore, Tom Prettyman and Jeffrey Campolongo.
The public’s mistrust of lawyers and journalists is due to some people having a bad experience with either or both, and it’s up to the media and the bar to dispel those images, 6ABC medical reporter Anita Brikman told a joint meeting of Bar Association committees.

Brikman, whose husband is a trial lawyer, spoke to a joint meeting of the Medical-Legal and Bar-News Media Committees on April 21 about her work as a medical reporter.

“It’s all of our jobs to dispel those images and to let the public know that the common good is really at the forefront of what we do,” she said. “For me, covering medical science and family issues, it’s a great way to touch people’s lives all the time. I feel very blessed that I’m not a general assignment reporter, quite frankly, and covering fires and assignment reporter, quite frankly, and covering fires and things like that.”

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Web Site Expands Association’s Reach

by Kenneth Shear

I am pleased to take this opportunity to write to the membership concerning services to our members that we have made available to you here at the Bar Association. If you turn to Page 5 in this edition and read Chancellor Alan Feldman’s column, I will quickly concede that he has described, far better than I ever could, what we have accomplished. Indeed, I concede that Alan has stolen my thunder. But, to continue to mix the metaphor, he hasn’t taken the wind out of my sails just yet.

I’d like to focus in on just one aspect of what we’ve attempted to do here for you and with your Association. I’d like to talk about the improvements we’ve made with our newly redesigned Web site. I hope you’ve had the chance to visit philadelphiabar.org and have seen for yourself how great the transformation has been. But the site has undergone more than a physical change. It is now taking on the burden of being the focal point of our communication efforts with you and your Association headquarters.

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More Than 800 Hit the Road in Annual Bar Run

Runners race down Martin Luther King Jr. Drive during the May 21 Charity Run. The event raised more than $100,000 for the Support Center for Child Advocates. For more photos from the event, visit philadelphiabar.org.

Neill Clark raises his hand after finishing first in the 5K run.

Stacy Creamer (172) was the first woman to finish the 5K.

Chancellor Alan M. Feldman (1) is joined by former Chancellors Andrew A. Chirls (1267) and Abraham C. Reich (2) before the May 21 Charity Run.

Amy Miller (left) and Emily Hajjar were fired up for their first-ever 5K race.

Leave the Sparring to the Experts...
Mfume to Speak at June 19 Quarterly Meeting

by Beth Huffman

Kweisi Mfume, former president and chief executive officer of the NAACP and candidate for U.S. Senate in Maryland, will deliver the annual Judge A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. Memorial Public Interest Lecture at the Bar Association’s Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon on Monday, June 19, at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue.

“We are delighted that Kweisi Mfume, a five-term Congressman and former President of the NAACP, has agreed to be the keynote speaker for our June Quarterly Luncheon,” said Chancellor Alan M. Feldman. “He brings a unique and important perspective to the ongoing national debate about the preservation of civil liberties and individual rights in an era of heightened concern about national security issues.”

A lifelong champion of individual rights, Judge Higginbotham had a legal career that spanned nearly half a century. Since Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of the Children’s Defense Fund, delivered the first Higginbotham lecture in 1999, notables such as Juan Williams, Charles J. Ogletree, Chaka Fattah and Cornel West have spoken.

Mfume began his public service career in 1979 when he was elected to Baltimore City Council. During his seven years in local government, he led the efforts to diversify city government, improve community safety, enhance minority business development and divert city funds from the apartheid government of South Africa. Elected to the U.S. House of Representatives for Maryland’s 7th District in 1986, Mfume served on the Banking and Financial Services Committee, and held the ranking seat on the General Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee. He served as a member of the Committee on Education and as a senior member of the Small Business Committee and the Ethics Committee. He later chaired the Joint Economic Committee of the House and Senate and during his final term, he was the vice-chairman for Communications. Mfume also served as chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, and as the Caucus’ chair of the Task Force on Affirmative Action.

The Association will honor the new members of the its 50-, 55-, 60-, 65- and 70-Year Clubs at the June 19 Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon.

Kweisi Mfume

After serving five terms in Congress, Mfume resigned in 1996 to take over as the leader of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, a post he held for nine years. He is credited with restoring respect to the Association as well as instituting management and financial structures that led to an increase in endowment funds as well as a budget surplus. In March 2005, Mfume announced his candidacy for the Senate seat currently held by Paul Sarbanes, who will retire this year after serving in the Senate since 1977. Mfume, a member of the Democratic Party, seeks to become the first African American to represent Maryland in the Senate.

Tickets to the luncheon are $50 for Association members and $55 for non-members and can be purchased online at philadelphiabar.org.
In Their Own Words
Veteran Lawyer is ‘Still Around’

by Paul N. Minkoff

At a recent reception, I was greeted with “Oh! Are you still around?” It was a friendly, casual greeting as a matter of fact, is one that I had heard before and I didn’t think much about it. But when Chancellor Alan Feldman invited me to respond on behalf of our past members who have been at the Bar for more than 50 years, that greeting took on a different perspective and offered me an opportunity to reflect on our profession over these past 50 years.

There have been significant and dramatic changes in the practice of law since 1956. The “mega law” firms of 50 or more lawyers of that era have been replaced by firms of 500-plus lawyers with substantial support services. Not only are these firms practicing law, but they have adjunct business activity that enhances their presence in a broad array of business and civic activity.

My personal experience has been with a small personal injury firm these past 50 years and it is difficult for me to perceive how to structure a practice that challenges the magnitude that we see in the profession today.

I suppose the most substantial change has been in the technology area and its impact on the nature and method of maintaining a practice. It is a long way from The Decennial Digest and the Index of Legal Periodicals that one took off the library shelf and turned page after page looking for the supporting case or a point at issue. Today, a few keywords, a computer and the response seems to be almost immediate. I often wonder whether the touch on a keyboard is as satisfying as reading and turning pages.

Our Association has made considerable advancements from 624 City Hall Annex to our present location at 1301 Market St. This has afforded the Bar the opportunity to become a major force in the economic, political and social structure of this now vibrant city. And for this we owe our thanks to the leadership of the Association these past 50 years. I had the privilege of serving as a member of our Board of Governors for three years as well as Assistant Secretary and Secretary for an additional six years. I can attest to the challenges that our leadership faced and the support by the professional staff of the Association that provided the resources that have made this an outstanding Bar Association.

In responding on behalf of the Class of 50 and beyond, being “still around” is the type of recognition that we sincerely appreciate.

Paul N. Minkoff is a partner with Klovsky, Kuby and Harris.

CLS Breakfast of Champions

Chancellor Alan M. Feldman (left photo, from left) and Catherine C. Carr, executive director of Community Legal Services, presented CLS’ Champion of Justice Award to Barbara T. Sicalides at the CLS’ Breakfast of Champions on May 10. Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge C. Dannell Jones II (right photo) was the keynote speaker at the event. CLS presented Equal Justice Awards to Deborah L. Freedman, managing attorney of the Family Advocacy Unit at CLS; Langer & Grogan P.C. attorneys Howard I. Langer, John J. Grogan and Edward Diver; Thomas Burke, intake paralegal at Philadelphia Legal Assistance; and Renee Reese, intake paralegal at CLS.

Attorney Aids in Kosovo Democracy

by Asima Pasighri

While much news coverage has been devoted to the fight to instill democracy in Iraq, Philadelphia attorney Eric M. Henry of DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary has been involved in a similar mission in Kosovo that has not received as much attention.

When Piper Rudnick merged with DLA and the Gray Cary firm in January 2005, the firm’s greater international brought with it a desire for increased international pro bono efforts. The firm formed a new nonprofit organization called the “New Perimeter” and elected to donate $15,000 worth of billable time solely to international pro bono projects. There was a selection process whereby attorneys interested in working on three specific projects had to submit an application, and an advisory committee would then decide how to staff each project. Henry submitted an application for the “Kosovo Law Reform Project” and was chosen along with three associates and four partners from other Piper offices.

After the NATO bombing campaign drove the Serbs out of Kosovo in 1999, the government transitioned to the control of the “United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo.” In accordance with one aspect of the United Nations’ goal of facilitating functional autonomy for the war-ravaged province, the establishment of an effective justice system in Kosovo was made a top priority.

DLA Piper began its involvement with this project in January 2005, working in conjunction with the National Center for State Courts and U.S. Agency for International Development. They undertook involved two major projects: first, assisting in drafting a law on the courts in cooperation with a local advisory group and second, formulating and drafting the law on the prosecutor to provide for effective organization and oversight, training, and discipline of the prosecutors.

During this process, Henry, along with several other DLA Piper attorneys, traveled to Kosovo during 2005 and met with representatives from the United Nations, the European Union, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Prosecutor’s Office, the Assembly, the court system and members of several “non-government organizations,” including the U.S. Agency for International Development and the

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have already noticed that our Bar Reporter Online expanded from Mondays to now include Thursdays as well. With that expansion, the Bar Reporter Online works completely in tandem with our Web site in prompting you to simply register for any event that you might find appealing. We have just come online with the new podcast section of our Web site. This area will give you the opportunity to download at your convenience committee and section meetings where guest speakers have been invited and quarterly meetings. Our “Hot Interviews With Very Cool People” provides an opportunity to listen to popular individuals having a conversation with the Association. We hope by the end of this fall to bring up another new section that would provide up-to-the-minute information about legislation that the Association, or any of its components, is following. Moreover, we hope to provide you with the ability to communicate instantaneously with our representatives at either the federal, state or city levels.

We must maintain our traditional leadership position, utilizing the most modern and efficient technology tools at our disposal. You, as our lifelong, deserve nothing less than an Association that remains at the cutting edge in delivering services and benefits that aid you in being a full Philadelphia lawyer. We will continue to expand this Web site and we look to you for your comments and criticisms as we continue to take advantage of this new and expanded communications format.
Volunteers Make Law Week a Success

by Michael B. Hayes

This article is dedicated to the dozens of young Philadelphia lawyers, from every walk of the practice, who came together during the first week of May to give something back to the community and our profession. Nearly 50 active members of the YLD volunteered their time, energy, legal acumen and enthusiasm to help make Law Week 2006 a resounding success.

As many of you know, the first week of May is Law Week in Philadelphia. During Law Week, the YLD coordinates and runs a series of community outreach and service programs designed to bring the law to the people by educating the public about our profession.

During the past several months, YLD Executive Committee members and the Bar Association staff have spent countless hours coordinating Law Week programs and events. All of you deserve credit for your hard work and dedication. Without your efforts, there would have been no Law Week.

Once our Law Week events were selected, developed and coordinated, the YLD Executive Committee reached out to the membership - through publications, list serve e-mails, handshakes and telephone calls - to get the word out and solicit volunteers. And respond our membership did - with some young lawyers volunteering to take part in not just one, but two, three or four of our community outreach programs throughout Law Week.

Young lawyers trekked out in groups of three or four to elementary and secondary schools all over the city as part of our Lawyer in the Classroom program. Volunteers gave up their time to speak with young people in the schools, answer their questions about the practice of law and, in the process, inspire the next generation of young Philadelphia lawyers.

On May, the winner of the annual Edward F. Chacker Essay Contest – Bernice Jean-Louis of Northeast High School – read her winning essay on the topic of kids mentoring kids to a rapt audience at a naturalization ceremony in U.S. District Court. That same day, the YLD announced the winners of the “My World, My Freedoms, and My Responsibilities” poster contest. Winners of the essay and poster contests received significant monetary awards to assist in furthering their education.

More than two dozen young attorneys descended on the atrium at the Gallery at Market East in Center City to offer free legal advice to the public at the May 3 Law Fair. As our volunteers can surely attest, the Law Fair was very well received by the public, with scores of people sitting down with a young lawyer to discuss their legal problems and receive free legal advice and assistance.

The annual Lawyer for a Day program was held May 5, during which young lawyers escorted small groups of high school students from the city’s public, private and charter schools to observe real, live courtroom proceedings in the Court of Common Pleas and continued on page 18
Lawyers Reach Out to Help During Law Week

Attorney Jennifer C. Safford listens to a legal question during the Law Fair at the Gallery at Market East on May 3. Nearly 25 volunteers offered free legal advice at the event.

Shawane Lee of the YLD Executive Committee takes a phone call during the May 3 LegalLine session. The session was staffed by members of the YLD.

Bernice Jean-Louis, a senior at Northeast High School, talks to former Chancellor Edward F. Chacker before reading her winning Law Week Essay Contest entry on May 1.

Volunteer attorney Dara Lovitz (third from left) prepares to visit a courtroom with students from the Franklin Learning Center at a Lawyer For a Day event on May 5.

Benjamin Franklin (portrayed by Ralph Archibald) and former Phillies outfielder Garry Maddox were among the speakers at Juror Appreciation Day on May 4 at the Criminal Justice Center.

Former LaSalle University and Sixers player Doug Overton and NBC 10 reporter Lori Wilson pose before speaking to students at the Lawyer for a Day event on May 5.

Association Secretary John E. Savoth addresses new American citizens after they took the oath of citizenship at a May 1 naturalization ceremony, sponsored by the Bar Association. U.S. District Court Judge John R. Padova (right) presided at the event, where 98 people from 32 nations became the newest Americans.
their comment or question in the “Message Body” field. For example:

“A and B own real estate together. They are not hus-
band and wife. B owns a cor-
poration with C (who hap-
pens to be A’s husband). D
loans money to the corpora-
tion. B transfers his interest in
the real estate to A in exchan-
ge for paying back D. Can the
satisfaction of a debt to an-
other serve as adequate con-
sideration for a real estate
transfer?”

Another Section member
might post a response that
says: “My intuition says ‘yes,’
and you can cite X case to
support the position.”

This initial post and reply
constitute a “thread” on the
topic that is stored on the site
for future reference. The
thread can grow to include
other individuals responding
to the first post or beginning
a thread of their own.

The Discussion Forums are
a bulletin board system (BBS),
a Web-based tool that allows
users to share and exchange
messages or other files.

Users to the site, location, occupation
also can be posted to the
Discussion Forums, and poll
questions can be created.

Posts can only be acces-
sed by other members of your
Section or the YLD.

Forum members can only
edit and delete their own
posts. Members can edit a
post for only a limited time
after it was made by clicking
the edit button for the post. A
post cannot be deleted once
someone has replied to it.

The Forums feature a text
editor that allows users to en-
brace their text through the
addition of bold, italics and
other options. Additionally,
Web hyperlinks can be added
easily, as well as emoticons
(“smilies”) to express emotion.

When reviewing new top-
ics, the user can click on the
poster’s username at any time
to send him or her a Private
Message that can be retrieved
by clicking the envelope icon
on the main navigation. Post-
ers who elect to have their e-
mail address visible can be e-
mailed directly. Clicking on
the e-mail icon automatically
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The Discussion Forums
also include a “Memberlist”
button in the main navigation
that reveals a list of all of the
forum members. The user can
sort the list by username or e-
mail address to make finding
memberships. The user can
determine who does not belong
(with the ability to request membership
from the Forum administra-
tor) and a list of their pending
memberships.

In the “Profile” section of
the main navigation, users
can choose to always have
their e-mail address visible;
list their America Online In-
stant Messenger, Microsoft
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Keeping Current

When it comes to being plugged into what’s happening in our profession, in our city, and even in our nation, here’s the truth: no bar association does it better than ours. From quarterly meetings that this year alone will have brought us Mara Liasson, Kweisi Mfume and other nationally known speakers, to Chancellor’s Forums that address the Dover School District “Intelligent Design” case, a debate on judicial selection in Philadelphia and the challenge of increasing diversity in the small to mid-size firm, to the newest and best Web site of any bar association in America with podcasts, an RSS Reader and personalized listings of your section and committee memberships, your Philadelphia Bar Association is doing everything it can to keep you informed, interested and engaged. And if you haven’t noticed, Bar Reporter Online is now delivered to your inbox twice weekly, every Monday and Thursday, to make sure that you don’t miss a thing.

Collegiality

No matter what programs and services a bar association may provide to help us be better lawyers, it should make us feel good about ourselves and our profession and our colleagues. That means that the kind of bar association we would want to invent would sponsor receptions and events where lawyers and judges can get together in an informal atmosphere to just have a good time and shoot the breeze. In this context, I can’t even count the number of social events we host. The spring and holiday parties of our sections, the Bench/Bar Conference in Atlantic City (which, this year, will be more special than ever), the YLD’s recent Comedy Night and its many other get-togethers, and too many more events to list. Stated simply, we take the business of having a good time seriously. And so...

What’s the answer to Ken Shear’s question? If you ask this disinterested observer (OK, the present Chancellor), the answer for every single lawyer in the Philadelphia legal community is unambiguously clear: better to have a Philadelphia Bar Association, than not have one. And better to be a member of this rich and dynamic organization, than not.

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The committee has scheduled dates for its next meetings. They are Thurs., Sept. 7 at 12 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 11 at 5:30 p.m and Thursday, Oct. 12 at 5:30 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.

Materials should be submitted to the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Andrew A. Chirls, c/o Susan Knight, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market Street, 11th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107-2911, no later than 5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 6.

Bike-a-Thon Set for July 9

The Association’s Bike-a-Thon team is looking for riders for this year’s event, scheduled for Sunday, July 9.

The ride begins at 7 a.m. at the Ben Franklin Bridge in Philadelphia and stretches 62.5 miles to Lenape Park in Franklin Bridge in Philadelphia and Mazzas Furniture on 12th East on Kresson Road in Cherry Hill.

The ACS Bike-a-Thon Expo is set for Cherry Hill High School on Tuesday, June 27. More than 200 people attended the event.

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dents participated. More than 20 judges from every division of the Court of
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opened up their courtrooms to our very special “lawyers” for the day.
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gram, we provided a full luncheon for the participants at the Bar Association,
complete with three celebrity speakers - reporter Lori Wilson from NBC10
News, Doug Overton – former Dobbins
Tech, La Salle and NBA standout bas-
ketball player and director of player development for the Sixers, and Jim
Eisenhower, former Pennsylvania At-
torney General candidate and partner
at Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis. As
our many lawyer-volunteers experi-
enced firsthand, our student-partici-
ants, as well as their teachers and counselors, were blown away by the
experience, and will surely be back nex
year for more.
Capping off Law Week 2006 was the
YLD’s annual fund-raising event for the
Philadelphia Bar Foundation. This year,
for the first time in many years, the
YLD hosted a Comedy Night to raise
money for the Foundation. The YLD
Executive Committee worked tirelessly
to coordinate this event, solicit spon-
sorships and donations, and secure
some first-rate comedic talent. On May
6, more than 200 young lawyers and
friends laughed, mingled, danced, bid
on silent auction items and partied the
night away at the Academy of Natural
Sciences. In the process, we raised more
than $21,000 for the Foundation. YLD
Comedy Night was a truly fitting con-
closure to Law Week 2006.
Again, on behalf of the YLD, thank
you to everyone who participated in
Law Week 2006 - you did our Division
very, very proud.

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Issues regarding media coverage
during trials are often difficult for jud-
ges, who have their own set of rules
governing their ability to comment
publicly about their work. The seminar
will also scrutinize the frustrations and
challenges of navigating these relation-
ships as well as the positive outcomes
to be achieved when this is done suc-
cessfully.

Dalton heads the Employment Liti-
gation Practice within the Employment
Benefits and Immigration Practice
Group at Duane Morris LLP. She has
defended law firms, educational insti-
tutions and businesses in individual
class actions in federal and state
courts, defending various employment
matters, including claims of discrimina-
tion, harassment and retaliation based
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national origin.

Judge Massiah-Jackson was elected to
the Philadelphia Court of Common
Please in 1985 after working in private
practice specializing in corporate and
civil litigation with Blank Rome LLP.
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the Court of Common Please and chair
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Reich currently represents to the
Legal Ethics and Professional
representation to the American Bar Associa-
tion and the American Trial Lawyers
Association. He is a fellow of the
American College of Trial
Lawyers, and is a member of the
Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association,
the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Asso-
ciation and the American Trial Lawyers
Association.

The media panel will be led by vet-
eran Philadelphia Inquirer crime reporter
George Anastasia and also includes
Hank Grezlak, associate publisher and
editor-in-chief of The Legal Intelligencer
in Philadelphia, and Michelle Durham,
a reporter and news anchor for KYW
1060-AM, who will lend her views as a
broadcast journalist.

Anastasia has covered dozens of
criminal trials, including high-profile
organized crime proceedings. Nomin-
at ed for two Pulitzer Prizes for his work
as a reporter for the Inquirer, he won
the Sigma Delta Chi Award for maga-
 zine reporting for his coverage of the
Thoman Capano-Anne Marie Fabry
murder case. He has written five books,
including The Summer Wind, his acclaim-
ed account of the Capano case.

Grezlak won a 1996 Keystone Press
Award for investigative reporting and a
1997 Keystone Press Award for news
beat reporting while working as manag-
ing editor of The Legal Intelligencer’s sis-
ter publication Pennsylvania Law Weekly.

Prior to joining the KYW staff, Dur-
ham worked in the news departments
of other radio stations. She began her
career as a journalist in Philadelphia
working for KYW-TV 3 in 1985.

Shira J. Goodman, associate director
of Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts
and a member of the Young Lawyers
Division Executive Committee, will
serve as moderator for the panel.

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2604.
Judicial Independence Panel to Open Conference

by Beth Huffman

The opening luncheon of the Association’s 2006 Bench-Bar Conference will be highlighted by a panel discussion on judicial independence.

Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge John Milton Younge, who is now in his second term, will be joined on the panel by Justice Russell M. Nigro, formerly of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Other panelists include Clifford E. Haines, who served as Chancellor of the Association in 1997, and John M. Morganelli, the district attorney for Northampton County.

The annual two-day conference, which will be held at the Tropicana in Atlantic City, begins with the luncheon at 12 p.m. on Sept. 29.

Emmy-winning journalist Lynn Doyle, host of “It’s Your Call with Lynn Doyle” on CNN, will moderate the panel on judicial independence. Doyle’s debate-style show focuses on the issues of the day and has featured such nationally known attorneys as the late Johnnie Cochran.

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Women in the Profession Committee

Expert: Prepare Strategy for Networking Events

by Kimberly Ruch-Alegant

Attorneys need to multiply the time spent networking by their hourly rate to make sure they are getting a return on their networking investment, productivity expert Neen James told members of the Women in the Profession Committee.

James discussed her concept of pro-networking (meaning proactive, productive and profitable networking) during the April 25 meeting. She talked about the steps to be taken before, during and after attending networking events to make them effective at generating business. She recommends contacting the person in charge of the networking event and asking who will be in attendance.

James said “elevator statements” should be ready for use during the event. An elevator statement is a 30-second introduction consisting of your name, who you represent and what you do. “If you have trouble with this, tell people about the pain you solve in your practice,” James said.

She said networkers also need to prepare lobby and board room statements. The lobby statement is one to three minutes long and continues the conversation with the person on the elevator. The boardroom statement is 10 to 15 minutes that you could present if you were invited, on the spot, to meet with the Board of Directors.

You may think this will never happen, but it may if you become a partner or open your own firm. Other tips she offered included:

• Give a group more than one chance before you decide not to attend.
• Commit to attend functions.
• Seek out the people you need to meet.
• Open your circle to welcome others at events.
• Never discount the person with whom you are talking.

“Every woman knows 200 to 300 women she can connect you with, so you never know where a conversation could lead,” James said.

James also discussed business card etiquette and said when receiving a business card, ask for permission to write on the card and write a reminder on the card. “Don’t just hand out cards to everyone and leave. After the event, don’t put a rubber band around the cards and forget them! If you are not going to ‘action’ a card, throw it in the trash. If you want to reconnect with a person, do it right away,” she said.

James suggests writing a handwritten note, or at least call or e-mail. “Set up lunch or 20-minute coffee meetings, and stick to the 20 minutes,” she said.

Bar Association Night at the Phillies June 14

Join your colleagues and friends at Citizens Bank Park at Bar Association Night at the Phillies on Wednesday, June 14 when the Phillies take on their National League East rivals, the New York Mets, at 7:05 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased online at https://www.groupticketwindow.com/groupticket/mlb/phillies/group. Tickets are $36 and $28. The login name for the electronic ticket purchase is BARN and the password is 0614. The log-in is case sensitive, so make sure the items are entered correctly.

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Nearly 100 Bar members attended Bar Association Night at the Phillies in 2005.

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“Demand for merit selection,” said Cohen, “is simply the demand that different people select our judges.”

His sentiments were shared by Judge Overton, who ran for and won a seat on the bench in 2001. Overton supports adjusting the qualifications and criteria required to run for judge over doing away with elections altogether.

“We are a very diverse bench,” said Overton, “with women and racial minorities being elected to judgeships.”

The problem with “merit based” selection, as Overton sees it, is that “the people doing the appointing would be elected as well, so there is susceptibility to influence.”

The ethnic and racial background of judges in Philadelphia was certainly a hot topic during the debate. Williams pointed out that Philadelphia’s current demographics simply do not support the overwhelmingly white make-up of the city’s judiciary, but added emphatically that “this is not about race, this is about democracy.” Rep. Cohen countered that removing the ability of minorities in the city to elect judges would only widen the racial disparity on the bench.

In the end, Chancellor Feldman summed up the sentiments of all the panelists with his statement that “everyone agrees we want qualified, fair and honest candidates.”

Bruce K. Note is an associate with Mark, F. Miller, P.C.
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National Center for State Courts, to dis-
cuss their initial thoughts. The team
returned to Kosovo in November to
receive feedback on the law that they
drafted. They made several revi-
sions to the draft and resubmitted it in
early December 2005 for approval by
the interim government and ultimately,
by the Kosovo Assembly.

Henry, who has also spent time in
Iraq with the U.S. Marine Corps (about
eight months during 2005 as a sergeant
with the 6th Engineering Support
Battalion, 1st Marine Expeditionary
Force), spent a week in Kosovo in
the city of Pristina. He said that it was
an interesting place with a remarkably
young population. He also noted that the Kosovars
were a very welcoming people and that
they seemed “very eager to have a
future. The thought and debate that
took place in the working groups
between members of the various
branches of government, and the com-
promises made by all parties involved,
was a testament to the legislative
process.”

“It was very refreshing to see such
enthusiasm for the democratic process
that we here often take for granted,”
Henry said, adding that the involve-
ment with the project was a tremen-
dous experience that afforded him the
inviable opportunity to “help a
fledging democracy pave the footsteps
to their future.”

—Anna Dragutsch, an associate at Levin, O’Neil, Ricci,
Cedrone & DiSipio, is an associate editor of the
Philadelphia Bar Reporter.

Law School Outreach Committee — meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Monday, June 19

Public Interest Section Executive Committee — meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.
Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon — 12 p.m., Park Hyatt at the Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets. Tickets: $80, philabar.org.

Tuesday, June 20

Section Chairs — meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Board of Governors Cabinet — meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Wednesday, June 21

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

Workers’ Compensation Section — meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

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

LegalLine — 5 p.m., 11th floor LRIS offices.

Thursday, June 22

Lawyer Referral and Information Service Committee — meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.

Labor and Employment Law Committee — meeting, 12:15 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.
Committee on the Legal Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men — meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.

Friday, June 23

Law School Outreach Committee — meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center.
Women’s Rights Committee — meeting, 12:15 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.

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

Monday, June 26

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

Tuesday, June 27

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

Wednesday, June 28

Minorities in the Profession Committee — meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center.
Elder Law Committee — meeting, 1 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.
Board of Governors — meeting, 4 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Friday, June 30

Law School Outreach Committee — meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

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Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis, was in the recording industry in 2006. National Association of Entertainment Paul A. Czech Lifetime Achievement Award by the Nelson A. Diaz Bar Institute called “Impeach Justiceogram sponsored by the Pennsylvania
Toddy with her ex–husband. The woman discussed attorneys’ fees. He also participated as a panelist for the CLE program “Distribution Dilemmas: Subrogation, Liens and Releasees” on April 7.

Maria L. H. Lewis, a shareholder at Miller, Alters & Raspanti, spoke to the Women’s Legal Alliance at the Georgetown University Law Center on April 22.

Ronald J. Shafer, a partner with Fox Rothschild LLP, participated in the Pennsylvania Bar Institute program, “Disasters: Planning Ahead to Avoid the Worst,” on March 22. Steerman’s topic was “Family Law Ahead to Avoid the Worst,” on March 22.

Catherine M. McFadden, Mark A. Momjian and Stephen J. Anderson of Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis were course planners for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute seminar Child Custody Reform on the Horizon: Practice and Procedure Under Senate Bill 74.


Louis Rulli, a practice professor of law at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, has been honored with the university-wide Provost’s Award for Distinguished Teaching. This honor is bestowed each year on two university faculty for teaching excellence.


Pennsylvania State Rep. Kathy Manderino was presented with the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network Excellence Award during a ceremony held on March 22 at the Harrisburg Hilton and Towers.


Cheryl F. Cutrona, executive director of Good Shepherd Mediation Program, recently returned from Guam where she was a featured presenter at the Insula ‘Macleod 2006 Peacemaker “Mediation Awareness” Conference and offered two workshops: “Mediation Advocacy for Attorneys” and “Basic Mediation Training.”

John P. Dogum of Martin, Banks, Purd, Lehocky & Wilson attorney served as faculty for the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association’s program “Distribution Dilemmas: Subrogation, Liens and Releasees” on April 7.

Eric Rothschild and Stephen G. Harvey, partners with Pepper Hamilton LLP and lead attorneys for the plaintiffs in the landmark “intellect design” case of Kitzmiller v. Dover Area School District, recently spoke about the case at the National Academies in Washington, D.C. They participated in the National Academies’ meeting of the Committee on Science, Technology and Law on April 6.

Alan C. Kessley, a partner at Wollbick, recently unveiled a new set of four first-class stamps in honor of Benjamin Franklin’s 360th birthday at the National Constitution Center. Kessley is vice chair of the U.S. Postal Service’s Board of Governors.

Leonard P. Goldberger, a speaker to the Environmental and Emerging Claims Managers Association Conference held April 5-7 in Sanibel Island, Fla.

Michael P. McKenna, Glenn A. Ricketti and Steven H. Eichler of Margolin Edelstein spoke in Harrisburg to an audience of claims professionals and attorneys at the Claims Summit of the Pennsylvania Association of Mutual Insurance Companies.

Laws Office of Paul A. Czech, PC spoke at the International Association of Entertainment Lawyers conference in Cannes, France. He led a panel on the role of management in the recording industry in 2006.

Neil A. Stein, a principal with Kaplan Stewart Meloff Reiter & Stein, PC, was a guest lecturer on April 11 at the “Planning Policy and Law” course in the Temple University Division of Community and Regional Planning.

Robert D. Feder, a partner with Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis, was a speaker in the teleconference addressed innovative issues in divorce valuation, such as minority and marketability documents, personal versus enterprise goodwill, and how to value intellectual property.
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