NAACP Chair Brock to Deliver Higginbotham Lecture June 28

By Mark Tarasiewicz

Roslyn M. Brock, chair of the National Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), will deliver the Judge A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. Memorial Public Interest Lecture at the Association’s Monday, June 28 Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon.

Stephanie Resnick, a partner at Fox Rothschild LLP and past chair of the Board of Governors, will receive the Association’s Sandra Day O’Connor Award at the event, which begins at 12 p.m. at the Hyatt at The Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets. New members of the Association’s Year Clubs will also be honored at the event.

Brock is the youngest person ever to chair the NAACP and only the fourth woman to hold the position. She was named chair of the National Board of Directors of the NAACP, the nation’s oldest and largest civil rights organization, in February 2010. Brock succeeded Julian Bond, who announced his retirement as chair last year after 12 years of service.

Over the past 25 years, Brock has served the NAACP in several leadership roles. She made history in February 2001 when she was unanimously elected vice chair of the National Board of Directors at the age of 35. She was the youngest person and the first woman elected to the post in the organization’s history.

A Diamond Life Member of the NAACP, Brock joined the organization while a freshman at Virginia Union University, where she was elected president of the Youth and College Division from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

One year later, she was elected as a Youth Board member from Region 7, representing the District of Columbia, Maryland and the Commonwealth of Virginia. During her tenure as a Youth Board member, Brock led the fight to recognize health-care as a civil rights issue, resulting in the National Board’s inclusion of a health committee as a standing committee for all NAACP units in the NAACP constitution.

Brock is director of system fund development for Bon Secours Health System, Inc. in Marriottsville, Md. Prior to working at Bon Secours Health System, she worked 10 years as a program officer for health programs at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek, Mich.

13 CLEs Planned for Bench-Bar

By Jeff Lyons

Thirteen CLE programs in a variety of practice areas are being planned for the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Bench-Bar and Annual Conference on Oct. 15-16 at the Borgata in Atlantic City, N.J.

The CLE programs, in which attendees can earn up to eight hours of credit (including the opportunity to earn two ethics credits), will feature judges and some of the city’s most well-known practitioners, who will use their expertise and experience to enlighten attendees. A dramatic re-enactment commemorating the 275th anniversary of Andrew Hamilton’s historic 1735 defense of printer John Peter Zenger will be offered for CLE credit as the opening program on Oct. 15. The case established the concept of freedom of the press and coined the term “Philadelphia lawyer.”

A state-of-the-court program will also be offered for CLE credit as the closing program on Saturday, Oct. 16. Please note that course descriptions and panelists are subject to change.

The Business Law Section will present “Counseling the Corporation,” a moderated discussion about large corporations’ relationships with outside counsel. Panelists are John Choe, general counsel, Amerisource Bergen; Carol Ann Petren, general counsel, CIGNA; and Arthur Block, general...
Three panel discussions, a report on the state of the court and luncheon remarks by Philadelphia District Attorney R. Seth Williams highlight the Friday, June 11 Federal Bench-Bar Conference at the Rittenhouse Hotel.

Eight federal judges and some of the city’s most well-known practitioners are among the faculty for the program. A total of 3 substantive CLE credit hours are available for the program.

The Federal Courts Committee is chaired by Grant S. Palmer. Committee Vice Chair Elizabeth Malloy is the course planner for the Federal Bench-Bar Conference.

In the first session, U.S. District Court Senior Judges Jan E. DuBois and Norma L. Shapiro, Judge Gene E.K. Pratter and Lawrence J. Fox will discuss the Code of Conduct for Judges and the ABA’s input on recusal situations.

U.S. District Court Judge Mitchell S. Goldberg along with James Becker and Peter F. Schenck will discuss the Department of Justice memoranda that are expected to impact discovery practices by the U.S. Attorney’s Offices. The memoranda followed a number of high-profile dismissals of indictments, including Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens and Blackwater employees charged in an Iraq shooting incident. This session will discuss the guidance, and include practical views from the prosecution, the defense and the bench.

The Eastern District of Pennsylvania has long pioneered the emergence of electronic capabilities in courtroom proceedings. In recent years, completely paperless trials have taken place. U.S. District Court Senior Judge Ronald L. Buckwalter and Robert J. Mongeluzzi will discuss the technology and tips on effectively presenting your case without a single piece of paper and the evidentiary issues raised in paperless trials.

The program will also include reports on the state of the court by U.S. District Court Chief Judge Harvey Bartle III; U.S. Bankruptcy Court Chief Judge Stephen Raslavich; and U.S. District Court Clerk of Court Michael E. Kunz. U.S. District Court Judge Michael M. Baylson will present an update on summary proceedings.

District Attorney R. Seth Williams was elected in November 2009 and became the first African-American district attorney in city and state history. He is a graduate of Central High School, Penn State University and Georgetown University Law School. He served for 10 years as an assistant district attorney and was inspector general for the City of Philadelphia from 2005 to 2008.

Registration and breakfast begin at 8:15 a.m. at the Rittenhouse Hotel, 210 Rittenhouse Square.
Thinking Globally to Lead Strong Back Home in Philadelphia

In its annual report on the Philadelphia downtown marketplace, the State of Center City 2010, the Center City District offers a portrait of a business district that during the last two decades has steadily diversified its economic base and employment opportunities.

According to this year’s report, while challenged by global recession, Center City has capitalized on its dense, compact and walkable form to attract more residents, students and visitors. Forty-two million square feet of commercial office space houses 51 percent of Center City jobs and provides employment for more than 160,000 individuals.

But of particular note in this year’s report is the city’s attraction of foreign interest. Overseas visitation to the region steadily grew nearly 30 percent from 2007 to 2008 – even before the federal government committed to marketing to overseas visitors.

More and more, our city connects itself with foreign commerce, investment and culture. As our law firms and practitioners continue to establish operations in, and transact with, other countries, we see the clear advantages of global representation while our region experiences the benefits of economic reciprocity.

Your Bar Association remains at the forefront of these efforts. Each year we grow our relationships around the country and the world for the benefit of the Philadelphia lawyer and our clients. We participate in meetings and forums sponsored by the American Bar Association, as well as state and local bar associations, to develop incredible networks. But we have also taken the story of Philadelphia lawyers and law firms abroad, promoting business development opportunities with bar associations internationally – both individually and collectively. And we will continue to ensure Philadelphia remains on the cutting edge of the global economy.

This year we are emphasizing Philadelphia’s role as a world-class city in legal matters. During the recent gathering of the world’s largest city bar associations in Tokyo, we showcased our commerce court, our seat as a major local arbitration center, the court’s efforts on mortgage foreclosure and our sophisticated legal practices. We were also lectured on the challenges of conducting business in the United States with our 50 states, territories and separate federal licensing systems.

By standing alongside London, Tokyo, Paris, Seoul, Ho Chi Minh City, Brussels, Antwerp, Montreal, New York, Chicago and others, we displayed our talents and learned of the trends sweeping global legal markets. While practicing across country and state boundaries is still often a challenge here, lawyers in Europe now can move throughout the EU representing clients and causes. Asia is discussing similar reciprocity. Hiding from the dialogue on trans-border representations and how law firms are organized, regulated and funded in other parts of the world is simply not an option. Many nations still look to the United States for leadership in developing systems of justice in both the criminal and civil courts. Lawyers from large urban markets, like ours, have a tremendous amount to contribute to this conversation. When we participate in these discussions, we continue to export one of America’s greatest products – the Rule of Law.

Promoting these types of relationships – and being viewed as an equal in the discussions – literally takes decades to develop. The recent conference was the sixth such session, following successful meetings in New York (2001), Paris (2003), Shanghai (2004), Chicago (2006) and London (2008).

In June, the Board of Governors will take up a resolution to support bringing front and center to our clients and causes. Asia is discussing similar reciprocity. Hiding from the dialogue on trans-border representations and how law firms are organized, the legal market.

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Networking and attendance at education programs are some of the best ways to find work at plaintiffs’ firms in Philadelphia, a panel of experts suggested at a May 6 program on improving diversity at plaintiffs’ firms.

The program was presented by the Women in the Profession Committee, Minorities in the Profession Committee and the Diversity Committee of the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association. Panelists included Nadeem Bezar, partner, Kolsby Gordon Robin Shore & Bezar; Rhonda Hill Wilson, The Law Offices of Rhonda Hill Wilson, P.C.; Laura Feldman, partner, Feldman & Pinto; Stewart J. Eisenberg, president of PTLA and partner, Eisenberg, Rothweiler, Winkler, Eisenberg & Jeck; Emily B. Marks, associate, Kolsby Gordon Robin Shore & Bezar; and Royce W. Smith, associate, Kline & Specter, P.C.

The panel members offered advice and recommendations for persons interested in beginning a career as a trial attorney within the plaintiff’s bar. If you are interested in trial work, networking with attorneys who are active in the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers is an important tool, Feldman said. She explained that it introduces you to learning about the benefits and challenges of being a trial lawyer, including finding out about opportunities that are available.

If you lack the background in plaintiff’s personal injury, do not be discouraged, Wilson said. Even though networking is an excellent starting point, you should also attend educational programs. She explained that this gives you the opportunity to explore your interests in trial work and allows you to determine if you even like it. You can also seek clerkships a few hours per week while in law school. Some law schools offer programs that allow you to earn academic credit while working at a firm, she added.

Smith encouraged young attorneys to make use of the pro bono programs or court appointments for added experience. It allows you to shake off the nerves as you grow, he explained. You should also work at developing skills that will allow you to manage your own case load, including good writing and understanding the law, Marks said. The panelists agreed that good writing allows you to set yourself apart from a lot of the advocates, a valuable asset to a plaintiff’s firm.

In terms of becoming a successful trial lawyer, having a good work ethic goes a long way, Bezar said. You do not become a trial lawyer by going to law school and you do not need to be a master trial lawyer right out of the box, Eisenberg said. All trial lawyers are not great at being in front of a jury. Some trial lawyers are better at conducting research, taking depositions, attending arbitrations, or writing briefs.

The panelists agreed that there is underrepresentation in all minority communities, including race, gender, age, religion and sexual orientation. The trial lawyers are diligently working hard to address this issue. The Philadelphia Trial Lawyers have announced a new initiative to start hiring summer associates for this upcoming summer. A majority of the law firms represented on the PTLA Board committed to hire at least one diverse lawyer or law student as a summer clerk or intern.

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The recent trend of using separate counsel from trial counsel for settlement conferences is a good idea since trial counsel tends to be hard charging and so focused on winning that reaching settlement proves difficult, a former judge told members of the Federal Courts Committee at a recent program on settlement conferences and mediations. The panelists were Magistrate Judge Timothy R. Rice, Magistrate Judge L. Felipe Restrepo, Judge Timothy J. Savage (all from the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania), and former Chief Judge Edward N. Cahn, now with Blank Rome LLP.

Judge Cahn prefers that lawyers meet by themselves, without their clients present, in an effort to resolve their case. As to whether the parties should mediate early in the process or wait for the expert reports, the judges believe it depends on the nature of the matter. He closed his remarks by mentioning that med-arbs are now popular (mediation followed by an arbitration at a later date).

Judge Savage requires the parties to submit ex parte, detailed settlement statements. He wants lawyers to be frank and candid regarding the facts of the case and their respective positions. Judge Savage also wants to see expert reports and possibly even depositions, depending on the case. He will ask counsel what is their best and worst case settlement possibilities. Judge Savage reminded the audience that they are not there to bargain with the mediator, but instead you need to trust them and give your best scenario up front. He prefers opening statements and believes that it is beneficial to have the parties present since it allows the parties to understand their own case in addition to their adversary’s position. Judge Savage will explain how he sees the case factually and legally and gives the parties themselves an opportunity to engage in the process. Finally, he wants the ultimate decision maker present since an impersonal telephone call is not effective when trying to encourage settlement.

Judge Restrepo agreed with Judge Savage in that he also wants the decision makers in the room and feels that the process will not work any other way. He also insists that the parties be present as it allows them an opportunity to vent to the judge/mediator because clients sometimes do not trust their lawyers. However, there are no opening statements before Judge Restrepo and he separates the parties right away. Regarding settlement statements, he leaves it up to the parties as to whether they will submit them ex parte or exchange the statements. His advice to counsel was to know the case better than the judge, and negotiate liens before you get to the settlement conference.

Finally, Judge Rice said he immediately asks two questions: Do the parties want to settle today, and are the persons with full authority present? The judge maintains that you need parties who are willing to negotiate and work for a settlement. However, he will not strong-arm the parties to reach that goal. Judge Rice feels that opening statements cause more problems than they solve and may actually confuse the clients, but he does allow statements privately when the sides are separated.

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“[If you have knowledge, let others light their candles in it.]” — Margaret Fuller

We congratulate our friend and colleague, Stephanie Resnick, recipient of the 2010 Sandra Day O’Connor Award, and we salute all the important contributions that women attorneys in Philadelphia have made to the legal profession.
In fact, Judge Rufe was turned away from school and graduated at age 40. When asked what obstacles women continue to face, the panelists provided valuable insight. Male counterparts still get credit for ideas that may be ignored when first raised by a woman. It is still difficult for a certain age group of male litigators and judges to accept a woman in authority. Although things have changed in the public sector, there is a perception of change in the private sector that is not yet tangible. While there is much progress to be made, nowadays, we see more men mentoring women, the panel noted.

**Women’s Rights Committee**

**Women Judges Share Journey to the Bench**

By Shereen N. Arthur

While their journeys to the judiciary differed, four women judges told members of the Women’s Rights Committee on May 14 that none of their paths to the bench was a walk in the park. Panelists included U.S. District Court Senior Judge Norma L. Shapiro, U.S. District Court Judge Cynthia M. Rufe and Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judges Sandra Mazer Moss and Angeles Roca.

This year marks the 31st year that Judge Shapiro has been on the federal bench. Judge Shapiro took attendees back to the 1970s to understand her path to the bench during what the judge called “an unusual time in our country.” That decade exemplified the struggles and challenges that Judge Shapiro came up against in her position on the judiciary, as she was just the 12th woman in U.S. history on the bench. For Judge Shapiro, it was about “being in the right place at the right time for the right or wrong reasons.”

Empowered by the likes of Nancy Drew and Perry Mason, Judge Rufe’s path was based on sheer persistence and a desire to take control of her own fate. Judge Rufe was a teacher, wife and mother before graduating from law school. Advancing her legal career was not easy. In fact, Judge Rufe was turned away from a position because the employer already had a woman attorney.

If there were a such thing as “judge school,” Judge Moss would have attended because she knew it was her destiny to become a judge. On her path to the bench, Judge Moss faced a law school professor who encouraged her to drop out of law school; a legal employer that fired her because of her political activities; and sexual harassment in the workplace. In spite of it all, Judge Moss met her destiny. She credits “grassroots politics” for her election to the bench.

Judge Roca deemed herself the “baby judge,” as she has been a member of the judiciary for just a year and a half. She attributes her position on the bench to perfect timing and her reputation in Family Court. Born and raised in Philadelphia, growing up with five siblings in a poor and underprivileged family, Judge Roca did not see the judiciary in her journey. She worked for 17 years at Wills Eye Hospital and then decided to attend law school and graduated at age 40.

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Editors Outline Guidelines for Publication

By Heather J. Austin

The submission of opinion pieces and letters to the editor is encouraged by a broad range of publications. However, the likelihood of publication is significantly increased when the author is familiar with the publication format, avoids duplication, abides by the rules, and writes a piece that is not submitted merely to sell one’s self.

Editors from a variety of Delaware Valley publications gathered at an April 22 program sponsored by the Bar-News Media Committee. Panelists discussed the rules for submitting opinion pieces.

The rules are relaxed for the Bucks County Courier Times according to Guy Petroziello, editorial page editor. Guest opinions are welcome on nearly any topic, except thank-you letters and consumer complaints. The Courier Times features a lively commentary section, providing an opportunity for debate and discussion of community issues. Trade and ethnic publications, however, are more limited in scope.

Commentaries are welcomed by Hank Grezlak, associate publisher and editor-in-chief of The Legal Intelligencer; however, the Intelligencer’s audience consists of legal professionals, and the submissions usually address recent court decisions and trends in the law. The Intelligencer is not only responsible for reporting the news but also serves as a sounding board within the community for readers to post non-defamatory opinion pieces.

The executive editor of the Jewish Exponent, Lisa Hostein, sought to liven up the op-ed pages of the paper when she assumed the position approximately 15 months ago. The Exponent serves as a forum for discussion and debate for issues that matter to the Jewish community and welcomes pieces on legal and non-legal issues.

Similarly, the Philadelphia Tribune’s primary audience is the African-American community. Irv Randolph, the Tribune’s managing editor, seeks submissions that concern issues relating to that community, including civil rights, race, and discrimination, as well as current events throughout the city and state. Commentary on issues in the news is always welcome.

Finally, the Philadelphia Business Journal also welcomes opinion pieces; however, it puts a high premium on this section of the publication, according to editor Bernard Dagenais. Submissions should be thought provoking, issue-oriented pieces that focuses on local business news issues. As a general rule, if the piece would be appropriate for The Wall Street Journal, it is not appropriate for the Philadelphia Business Journal. For example, while many sought to write pieces relating to health care, the Philadelphia Business Journal selected a column that addressed health care in Pennsylvania.

Each publication has guidelines, and those who comply with the guidelines are more likely to be published and avoid significant edits. Generally, “the sooner, the better” is the rule of thumb for opinion pieces submitted to the Intelligencer.

While it may take two to three weeks to digest the impact of a recent decision, an opinion piece (typically 700 to 1,500 words) should be submitted as soon as possible.

Letters to the editor of the Courier Times and longer “guest opinions” of approximately 700 words, however, may take two to three weeks to be published because the paper publishes much of what it receives that is in publishable form (not libelous and makes sense). The Exponent also prefers pieces limited to 600 to 700 words; however, it will also publish smaller letters to the editor if the letter responds to something reported within the paper. Likewise, commentary and letters submitted to the Tribune should be limited to 750 words and 150 words, respectively. Letters to the editor of the Philadelphia Business Journal should not exceed 250 words. However, opinion pieces may include 450 words and will be accompanied by a photograph and identification byline.

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Kim R. Jessum (left) and Rachel Kopp were among the members of the Association’s Green Ribbon Task Force who planted trees in the Graduate Hospital neighborhood on April 24. The volunteers worked in conjunction with Graduate Hospital Tree Tenders and Fairmount Tree Tenders. Jessum co-chairs the Task Force along with Michael B. Hayes. For more information on the Green Ribbon Task Force, visit philadelphiabar.org.
Young Lawyers Division Marks Law Week 2010

Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas President Judge Pamela Pryor Dembe (at left) welcomes school children to the Ceremonial Courtroom in City Hall for the trials of Jack Farmer and Goldilocks on April 30 as Judge Annette M. Rizzo looks on. Attorneys (above, from left) Ricky M. Guerra, Stephanie Mensing and La Wanda Dyson White meet with 12th-grade students at Friere Charter School on Chestnut Street as part of the Lawyer in the Classroom program during Law Week.

A young juror displays her summons for her day in court for the trial of Jack Farmer of “Jack and the Beanstalk” fame. Volunteer attorneys played the roles of characters in the story, as well as another case involving Goldilocks and the Three Little Pigs.

Attorney Jolanta M. Pekalska advises a visitor to “Legal Advice, Live!” on April 26 at the Main Branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia. Fourteen attorneys volunteered their time to answer questions from dozens of members of the public during this popular Law Week event.

Philadelphia Flyers ambassador Bob Kelly, a member of the Stanley Cup winning teams of the 1970s, meets with YLD Vice Chair Carolyn M. Chopko at the Lawyer for a Day event on April 30. Kelly met with Philadelphia high school students and answered questions about his hockey career. He even handed out souvenirs to students (right) who asked questions during the session.
My dad once told me that all opportunities come from other people. He also told me that it is not the people you know who will be most important to your career, but the people who your contacts know.

I have been thinking about this a lot lately because several young lawyers have asked me about why they should network or how to go about doing so.

Forming a network is crucial to a legal career – actually, any career at all – because your network will provide professional and emotional support to you as well as offer services to your clients that are different from your own. Networking provides the opportunity to meet people and build relationships with individuals over a period of time.

As lawyers, we are not trained to be able to handle all issues that our clients face. Building professional partnerships with colleagues can offer you the opportunity to provide a more complete representation of your clients. Offering a more complete representation can also include providing referrals to your clients on issues such as their divorce, business reorganization or DUI representation.

This could be what keeps a client happy.

Many young lawyers say that they dislike networking, as it makes them feel uncomfortable or they are not good at it. Young lawyers also often feel that they are too busy to go to lunches with their contacts or invest time in cultivating meaningful relationships.

The truth is that I was not good at networking when I first started either. But, through networking, I made connections with people who had developed the skills to network and I learned from them.

As with everything, it helps to focus on the positive. One of the main things that I have grown to like about networking is that I often learn something new. I find that others who have been practicing longer, even just five years, are willing to share valuable tips about practice, client relations, firm life, work-life balance and all of the other issues we encounter. I try to listen and learn as much as possible. Just seeing how others interact with people can be a big help, but being open to what they are saying can ultimately make a huge difference.

Something that sounds benign may make a difference. At the YLD’s Boot-camp in February, one speaker said that she does not wear black because everyone wears black and she wants to be noticed. Setting yourself apart as a young lawyer is often very difficult. If this is something that helped another lawyer, I am grateful that she shared what worked for her.

My advice is to meet a lot of people. Go to events. Keep in touch with the people you meet. Find out what they do, what you can give or to whom you can introduce them. Be open to the opportunity to learn from others. It will be beneficial to you no matter what happens.

I invite you to practice networking at the YLD’s Diversity Summer Reception and Awards Ceremony at the Atrium at the Crystal Tea Room on Thursday, June 17 at 5:30 p.m. or even at the YLD’s Phillies Game Family Event on Thursday, July 29. What could be more laid back than meeting people at a Phillies game?

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YLD Comedy Night

Young Lawyers Division Vice Chair Carolyn M. Chopko (far left) joins YLD Chair Albertine DuFrayne and comedians Dan Cummins and Sidney Gantt at the Fifth Annual YLD Comedy Night and Silent Auction at the Franklin Institute on May 22. More than 150 people attended the event, which raised money for the Philadelphia Bar Foundation.

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**Use ‘Triple Play’ and Be Your Own Advocate**

By Julia Swain

Women need to take a “triple-play approach” to advance in the legal profession, a communications skills coach told members of the Women in the Profession Committee at a recent meeting.

Jezza Kaye discussed how women attorneys can be their own advocates of career success. Kaye discussed the challenges faced by women with self-promotion and provided tips to improve career prospects.

In seeking out advancement, Kaye suggests a triple-play approach as follows: make your main point; (I want to be lead attorney on this case); give support for your main point (I have been lead attorney in the past. I have worked on similar cases); and, make your main point again (That is why I should be lead attorney).

The triple-play leads to “the ask,” which many women find very challenging. One source found that men will ask for something if there is a 10 percent chance of getting it; while women will not ask for something if there is a 10 percent chance of straining a relationship. However, “the ask” is the last critical step in self-promotion. In the above example, “the ask” would be “So how do we make this happen?” or, “Will you appoint me lead counsel?”

A continuing challenge for women attorneys, Kaye explained, is the disparity with their male counterparts in compensation and advancement. Although women have made great strides in career growth within the legal field, attrition has resulted in about 60 percent of the women who attended law school to depart from the legal field when partnership advancement comes around. Kaye said women attorneys’ salaries were only 75 percent that of men in 2008.

Kaye explored some of the reasons behind this disparity between genders in the legal profession. She explained that a shift has occurred in the legal field from being profession oriented to being business oriented. With a focus on economic outcomes, Kaye explained that men have more channels and availability for rainmaking. According to Kaye, the shift, which required increased billable hours, less availability for family time and decreased quality of life, hit women disproportionally.

Kaye explained how certain implicit assumptions adversely impact women in the workplace. For example, a common implicit assumption is that the serious work of society must be done by people who put work first throughout their professional lives. As women are believed to prioritize family, such an implicit assumption favors male success.

Men are also more effective self-evaluators. A woman attorney, who was a member of her firm’s compensation committee, noted that men frequently seek out professional superiors and ask for and about promotions; while there was not one woman who did so. Self-promotion is key to actual promotion.

Kaye explored how women can effectively make statements of success. As business is outcome oriented, including an outcome in the personal success statement is important. For example, “Under my leadership, the department has been transformed.” Instead of “This department has been transformed.”

Lastly, to be an effective self-promoter, Kaye says do not apologize; emotionalize; hedge; preamble; or, under-sell yourself. Kaye supports the three Bs of being brief, bold and gone.

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**Practice Pointers in Bad Faith Cases**

By Nipa Patel

Two prominent attorneys who have negotiated and obtained settlements and verdicts in bad-faith cases provided practice pointers at the May 5 meeting of the Rules and Procedure Committee.

The panelists were Louis A. Bové, recognized for negotiating the largest Pennsylvania bad faith case, and Mark W. Tanner, credited with negotiating the largest Pennsylvania settlement in a bad-faith matter, and Mark W. Tanner, credited with negotiating the largest Pennsylvania settlement in a bad-faith matter.

Bové focused on the Pennsylvania bad faith statute and the Unfair Insurance Practices Act which, combined with case law, set forth the standards to establish bad faith and articulate the relief that courts will provide.

Bové suggests getting creative with ancillary state law claims as there is no right to a jury in state statutory bad faith cases. By asserting claims for breach of contract, unfair trade practices consumer protection violations, misrepresentation or removal to federal court, you ensure getting a jury trial in these cases.

Both presenters discussed obtaining assignments from an insured in order to proceed against their carrier. However, once the assignment is made, you give up the right to collect against the insured.

Tanner cautions attorneys to obtain affidavits from the insured, in advance of assignment, to avoid finding out too late that a legitimate bad faith claim did not exist in the underlying action.

Tanner also discussed the importance of engaging in aggressive discovery, especially in cases involving punitive damages claims. During discovery, he suggests requesting all cases in which a carrier is sued for bad faith and exploring evidence of emotional/physical distress of an insured. This evidence can prove or disprove a carrier’s repetitive or reprehensible behavior and can establish or negate requirements for punitive damages.


PSSJI §13.21 provides: “Failure to offer policy limits does not evidence bad faith where there was no possibility of settlement within the policy limits.” It also goes on to state that “[t]here must be an expressed willingness on the part of the third party … to accept and offer of policy limits.”

Despite the instruction, this bright-line rule does not appear to reflect Pennsylvania law or the realities of settlement negotiations. Tanner criticized PSSJI §14.00, which instructs juries: to consider defendant’s wealth when determining an award; and that a punitive damage award need not bear any relationship to the compensatory award. This language is facially inconsistent with Pennsylvania cases, which discuss the constitutional-ity of punitive damage awards and limit awards to a 1-1 or 2-1 ratio of punitive to compensatory awards. In support, Tanner relies on *Campbell*, 538 U.S. 408 (2003) and *Jurinko*, 305 Fed. Appx 13 (3d Cir. PA 2008). Tanner cautioned not to accept the instructions as law and he urges attorneys to work on changing this.

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“There were two children, one was 15 and the other was 17. Although it may seem inappropriate to call two boys at that age “children,” they were physically and psychologically young. Each was about four feet tall, hardly spoke a word, and couldn’t walk far without help. I first met them at the border between Thailand and Laos. At that time, I was on a field trip to observe the escape route of North Korean defectors. . . . These two brothers had long suffered from congenital heart defects . . . they had crossed into China with their mother in search of food and medical treatment. However, due to malnutrition and ill-treatment while hiding in China, their development was severely delayed.”

So begins the essay that Misung Lee, a first-year law student at Rutgers University School of Law-Camden submitted, explaining in her Marutani Fellowship Application why she wanted to become a children’s rights lawyer. It was also the essay that convinced the Bar Foundation and the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Pennsylvania (APABAPA) to award her the 2010 Judge William M. Marutani Fellowship. This is one of the honors the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, either alone or in partnership with other entities, bestows each year.

Established in 2003 by the APABAPA and the Bar Foundation, the Marutani Fellowship honors Judge Marutani, the first Asian-American judge in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a distinguished jurist, who served both the Asian American community and the community at large for many years. With funds contributed by APABAPA and others and managed by the Bar Foundation, the Marutani Fellowship provides scholarships to first-year Asian-American law students from area law schools, enabling them to take summer internships with public interest organizations, government agencies, or the judiciary. Misung will be spending her summer at the Montgomery County Public Defender’s office.

Brian Wang, currently an Independence Foundation Fellow and staff attorney at Nationalities Service Center, was a Marutani Fellow in 2006 and is a great example of the effect that this kind of support can have. “The Marutani Fellowship was a constant reminder that my summer internship was not only about building work experience and practical skills, but also a continuation of Judge Marutani’s legacy of public service; this awareness inspired me to pursue immigration law as a career, and two years later I was back at NSC as an attorney serving the local immigrant community,” said Wang.

So, how does Misung’s story end? Misung, who at the time was a volunteer teacher for the children of North Korean defectors in Seoul, crossed paths with the boys months later after they had come to Seoul for surgery to repair their hearts.

“From a distance, I saw someone running toward me and call my name,” Misung continued. “It was the younger brother. He still looked like a small child and wasn’t a fully developed 15-year-old boy. However, he already showed significant differences from the child I had met in Thailand. Six years later, he now dreams of being a doctor like the one who gave him his new life. It was because of this experience, and countless others like it, that I made the decision to pursue law and help the cause of children’s rights. Using my legal skills . . . I want to help children enjoy the rights they deserve and secure the critical periods in their childhood in which survival and development is key . . . Pursuing a legal education in a foreign country is a big challenge to me, too; however, my firm commitment to children’s rights, and more importantly, the lessons that I’ve learned from my students helps me muster the courage to take another step toward my dream. I feel their passion and courage will stay with me in every moment at law school and will always do so in the future.”

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1,600 Runners Race to Aid Support Center

The overall winner of the 31st Annual Bar Association 5K was Geoffrey Wainaina (left) of Lancaster, who finished in 15 minutes, 54 seconds. Neill W. Clark (center) won the legal competition in 16:47. It was the 12th consecutive legal competition for Clark. Jessa Stevens (right) was the first woman across the line in 17:55. More than 1,600 registered runners and walkers participated in the May 16 event, raising funds for the Support Center for Child Advocates. Complete race results are available at philadelphiabar.org.
In a rousing meeting of the Criminal Justice Section, filed with both levity and contentiousness, Jules Epstein (former public defender and now a professor at Wiedener Law School) and Mark F. Gilson (chief of Major Trials Unit at the Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office) addressed various ethical issues in representing and prosecuting criminal defendants.

Epstein began the presentation by playing a clip from “Anatomy of a Murder.” The first question addressed was whether it is permissible for an attorney to inform their client of the possible defenses to the crime for which he is charged before the client interview. Epstein seemed vexed by the latitude several attendees seemed willing to allow themselves in this regard. He then reversed courses by asking whether it would be permissible for a prosecutor to relate to a police officer which methods of search techniques are legal and which illegal, before asking the officer which method he used.

In a crowd that seemed skewed toward the defense bar, several attendees at the meeting seemed to feel that the defense attorney's conduct was less suspect as a criminal defendant is not obligated to testify. Gilson was emphatic that both of these vignettes were unethical examples of attorneys molding their clients' testimony.

One of the attorneys in attendance argued that there was a difference, based on the different duties of the two attorneys: the duty of the prosecutor to promote the interests of justice, and the duty of the defense counsel to zealously defend their client. Epstein added that it was also a defense attorney's duty “not to suborn perjury.”

The meeting then turned to the issue of witness safety and the ethical questions involved in an attorney withholding the identity of a witness from her defendant client, where there is a legitimate concern for the witness' safety. A rather macabre suggestion was made, that if a defendant client appeared to be the type of individual from whom a witness might find themselves endangered, then perhaps it would be better for his attorney to keep the identity of the witness to herself, so as to preserve the basis for a valid defense for the client, should anything happen to the witness.

Continuing in this tone a vignette was discussed wherein a criminal defendant tells his attorney not to worry about a certain witness, because "it’s taken care of." Two questions were raised -- what an attorney must do, and what an attorney should do. When one attorney suggested the appropriate response would be "I didn't hear you say that," because if you said that someone was being taken care of, then I'd have a duty to report that, so I know you didn't say that," the meeting erupted with responses, exclamations, and even a little laughter. Another attendee pointed out that the rules of ethics do not require a defense attorney to reveal his client's planned future crimes, they only allow for the attorney to do so.

Gilson was appalled and stated as much. "This particular example brought up the conflict that many defense attorneys face between their obligation to zealously represent their clients and their obligation to be a faithful officer of the court."

The meeting was rousing, at times contentious, and very informative, primarily because the ethical dilemmas discussed here are not mere law school hypotheticals, but real-life ethical dilemmas faced by Philadelphia prosecutors and defense attorneys every day.

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Retired Federal Circuit Chief Judge Paul R. Michel will be the speaker for "Unplugged: First Thoughts Post-Retirement," at a Tuesday, June 8 event presented by the Association’s Intellectual Property Committee.

The event will be held at The Union League of Philadelphia, 140 S. Broad St., beginning at 5:30 p.m. and is co-sponsored by the Philadelphia Intellectual Property Law Association.

Sponsors for the program (as of May 20) include Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP; Ballard Spahr LLP; Benjamin Franklin American Inn of Court; Caesar Rivise Bernstein Cohen & Pokotilow, Ltd.; Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz LLP; Cozen O’Connor; Dechert LLP; Dilworth Paxson; Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP; Duane Morris LLP; Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC; Feldman Gale, P.A.; Fish & Richardson, P.C.; Flaster Greenberg P.C.; Fox Rothschild LLP; Harding, Earley, Follmer & Frailey P.C.; Mannino Law Firm; Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP; Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP; Pepper Hamilton LLP; Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP; Ratner-Prestia; Saul Ewing LLP; Schrader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP; Volpe and Koenig, P.C.; Woodcock Washburn LLP; and Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP.


Admission is free, but registration is required. To register, visit philadelphiabar.org.

U.S. COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE MARJORIE O. RENDELL will deliver keynote remarks at the Third Annual Women in the Profession Summit “21st Century Issues for the 21st Century Woman Lawyer” on Wednesday, June 16. The program is co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Women in the Profession Committee.

The program begins at 12 p.m. at The CLE Conference Center on the 10th floor of the Wanamaker Building, Market and Juniper streets. A reception follows from 5 to 6 p.m. Two substantive and two ethics CLE credits are available. The co-chairs of the Women in the Profession Committee are Nikki Johnson-Huston and Kimberly Ruch-Alegant.

The first panel, “Women Lawyers and Social Media (Ethics, Privacy, and Social Media),” will feature a discussion of the various ways to use social media to your professional advantage, legal issues related to social media, significant case law, best practices for law firms about how to handle employees’ use of social media and the privacy issues that may be raised. Panelists include moderator Gina Furia Rubel, president/CEO, Furia Rubel Communications, Inc.; Albertine DuFrayne, Petrelli Law, P.C.; Nicole Galli, Feldman Gale, P.A.; Danille Banks, partner, Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP; and Shannon Mayforth, senior marketing manager for Citrin Cooperman.

The second panel, “The Women of E-Discovery,” is a discussion of the ethical challenges related to e-discovery including confidentiality of client information, the management and storing of client information, compliance, and best practices for managing discovery and litigation. Panelists include moderator Wanda Flowers, Sunoco Inc.; Stephanie Resnick, partner, Fox Rothschild LLP; Lana Schell, co-founder and national executive director, Women in eDiscovery; Bridget Logue, information technology specialist in the litigation support department of the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Eastern District of Pennsylvania; and Christa Iannone, director, practice support, Cozen O’Connor.

The summit resumes after a break with “Ethical Challenges Facing Judges – Do they Differ for Women?” The panel of judges will focus on some ethical challenges of being on the bench and being in practice. This is timely because of Pennsylvania’s recent focus on judicial ethics and judicial discipline. The panel will examine ethical questions that arise for lawyers, and the unique issues that arise when one moves onto the bench. It would also cover how relationships between judges and lawyers — through prior business relationships, bar association involvement, etc. — can contribute to these challenges.

The canons of judicial conduct will be discussed and explored, as will issues related to recusal. The moderators and course planners for this panel are Lynn A. Marks and Shira Goodman of Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts and panelists U.S. District Court Senior Judge Norma L. Shapiro, Judge Phyllis W. Beck, retired from Pennsylvania Superior Court; and Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judges Renee C. Hughes and Ida K. Chen.

To register for the Third Annual Women in the Profession Summit, visit www.pbi.org.

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The State Civil Litigation Section will present three programs. “Technology in the Courtroom,” an overview of the different ways technology can be used in trial and how it can affect your trial. Panelists include Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Sandra Mazzer Moss, Karlheinz M. Wilkinson (moderator and course planner), Donna Lee Jones, Timothy R. Lawn and Scott W. Reid.

“Trial Advocacy: The Power of Ideas” will feature legendary trial attorneys Gerald A. McHugh and Robert Mongeluzzi, who will discuss the means by which attorneys can conceptualize and present arguments in the most effective way. The course planner and moderator is Board of Governors Vice Chair Regina Foley.

“The Philadelphia Judge Pro Tem Program: A Fresh Perspective on What it Takes to Be and Appear Before a JPT.” The course planner and moderator is Robert T. Szostak. Panelists include Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judges D. Webster Keogh, William J. Manfredi, Sandra Mazzer Moss, Allan L. Tereshko, Jacqueline F. Allen and Howland W. Abramson, along with Deputy Court Administrator Charles A. Mapp Sr. and Dispute Resolution Center manager Peter J. Dixon.

The Young Lawyers Division will present a program on discovery in the Criminal Division of Philadelphia Municipal Court and the Court of Common Pleas. The course will provide an update on recent discovery issues and the new discovery court. The course planner is Jill Holden.

The Family Law Section plans a program on the ethical dilemmas faced daily by family law practitioners. The course planners are Julia Swain, Mark Momjian and Megan Watson.

“Diversification Programs: What to Do as an Advocate” is a Public Interest Section attorney exchange program with the Bar Association of Lyon. The Committee also encourages participation of corporate legal departments in its activities. Those interested in nominating a Philadelphia lawyer for a French internship—or who would like additional information concerning the program and how to apply—should contact Michael E. Scullin at (215) 557-2900.

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ing this critical meeting to Philadelphia. This will allow us to further promote our efforts and expand our vital relationships with our international colleagues and allow them to experience first-hand the talent, breadth and vibrancy of the Philadelphia legal community.

In 2007, Philadelphia Bar leaders, led by then-Chancellor Jane L. Dalton, traveled to Israel on the invitation of the Israel Bar Association. The delegation met with the Chief Justice of the State of Israel, Dorit Beinish, exchanging views on shifting interpretations of “judicial activism.” The delegation also met with members of the Kneseet’s Constitution, Law and Justice Committee, and were invited to sit at the table with the Committee to discuss legislation it was considering to provide for public reporting of political contributions in primary elections.

Many foreign officials visit Philadelphia to study our rule of law and accomplishments within our courts. Earlier this year, I met with a representative of Lyon, France. Philadelphia has enjoyed a sister-city agreement with Lyon since 1997. High-level meetings have taken place between French attorneys and our former Chancellors for years. Notably, many major U.S. city bar associations have large numbers of sister-city and friendship agreements with international cities. This makes it easier for attorneys to help clients in those parts of the world, learn foreign legal practices and meet members of the judiciary. The leader of the Bar Association of Lyon is currently reviewing whether she can attend our Bench-Bar Conference this October.

Many of our efforts in these respects, ironically, require no travel. At its meeting last month, our Association’s new International Business Initiative, an outgrowth of our International Law Committee, welcomed Karen Randall, director of Business Attraction and Retention for the Philadelphia Department of Commerce.

Randall presented and led a discussion on specific steps the Committee can take toward making Philadelphia more of a site for international business, bringing jobs to the Philadelphia area, increasing business in other countries, helping clients here expand internationally and building and expanding relationships around the world.

The Initiative meets with regional leaders to get ideas as to what it can accomplish, and will also track ongoing international business case law. For more information or to become involved in this effort, I encourage you to contact Initiative Chair J. Michael Considine Jr., at (610) 431-3288.

Our International Law Committee, chaired by Jeremy Heep, co-sponsors an international law exchange student program; organizes an annual reception for international LL.M students of area law schools; maintains relationships with members of the foreign consular corps in the Philadelphia area; and develops the “twinning” relationship and international legal departments in its activities. Those interested in nominating a Philadelphia lawyer for a French internship—or who would like additional information concerning the program and how to apply—should contact Michael E. Scullin at (215) 557-2900.

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Judge Mirarchi a Beloved Figure in Philadelphia

By Daniel A. Cirucci

With the passing of Judge Charles P. Mirarchi Jr., Philadelphia has lost one of its warmest, most human, most revered members of the bench and bar.

These days it’s hard to describe many public figures as “beloved.” But Judge Mirarchi was truly beloved not just within his own family but also throughout the legal community and among many friends, neighbors and associates.

When I went to work for the Philadelphia Bar Association so many years ago, Judge Mirarchi was one of the first judges that I met. He invited me to his chambers – an open, loving, demonstrative man with an easy smile, an unselfish devotion to the law and a willingness to share all that he knew. Instantly, I felt that I knew this man and that I could talk to him about almost anything. Over the years, that feeling never changed. Never looking out for himself, Judge Mirarchi always asked me how I was doing and showed an interest in my career, my family and me. I soon discovered that when it came to Judge Mirarchi, countless others shared the same experience.

Incredibly, Judge Mirarchi’s career as a judge and lawyer spanned seven decades and he served on the Common Pleas bench and later on the Commonwealth Court bench. He also served as the president of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges. Both Judge Mirarchi, and his father, Charles P. Mirarchi Sr., were trailblazers in the Italian-American community. His father, an Italian immigrant, was sworn in at 48 as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in 1941 as the 16-year-old future judge watched from the front row.

Judge Mirarchi never remembered wanting to be anything other than a lawyer and a judge. That was his life. That was his work. That was who he was.

But the judge never became haughty with the aura of the black robe. If anything, as a jurist, Judge Mirarchi exuded humility. He retained his common sense and his gentle touch. We knew him as the “kissing judge” because he always greeted the ladies (and even a few gentlemen) with a kiss.

Chancellor Scott F. Cooper has rightly observed, “Judge Mirarchi brought people together. He was a natural born leader who remembered Abraham Lincoln’s admonition that ‘as a peacemaker the lawyer has a superior opportunity of being a good man.’ Judge Mirarchi was a peacemaker.”

Indeed, Judge Mirarchi was known to call litigants into his chambers to arrange many fair and equitable settlements prior to trial.

“We’ve all shared so many rich and wonderful moments with Judge Mirarchi over the years.” Justinian Society Chancellor Gina Furia Rubel said. “In many ways, he will never leave us, he will always be with us because he taught us so much and shared so much with us.”

On a personal note, Furia Rubel spoke of her family’s long association with the judge. “Judge Mirarchi was a close friend of my family long before I was born,” she explained. “And when I was admitted as a member of the bar he gifted me with my grandfather’s gavel that he used when he served on the bench. I’ll never forget that.”

Furia Rubel’s father, Richard F. Furia, said, “Judge Mirarchi was a wonderful friend, neighbor and member of the legal community for as long as I can remember. He was always a model member of the bench and bar. A patient, respectful and honest judge, he and his kind words will be greatly missed by so many.”

Furia noted that all three members of Judge Mirarchi’s old law firm, Mirarchi, Coppolino and DeFino, became judges of the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia – all were from South Philadelphia and all were Justinians.

“My father also said that his father, Judge Edward Furia, was more of a mentor to Judge Mirarchi and when Judge Mirarchi became a lawyer – they had offices adjacent to one another on Broad Street.”

William P. Fedullo said he still thinks of Judge Mirarchi “as the standard by which I rate all judges.” Fedullo, who clerked for the judge, said, “Judge Mirarchi’s wise counsel then and throughout the years sustained me.”

Fedullo remembered the judge’s selfless work for Delaware Law School of Widener University (now Widener University School of Law) and the Judge’s many charitable endeavors. “He created opportunities and careers for so many people. He was so kind and generous. We all loved this man,” Fedullo said.

Another former law clerk to Judge Mirarchi, Annette Ferrara, said, “It takes a man with the utmost self confidence to focus on other people besides himself. It takes a man who truly knows himself who can be completely genuine and unpretentious with everyone, whether they are a judge, a file clerk or anyone in between. And it takes a man of great character who will let other people shine. Judge Mirarchi is that man.”

Sometimes, early on weekday mornings I would see Judge Mirarchi at Mass at St. John’s Roman Catholic Church near 13th and Chestnut streets. Since 1973 Judge Mirarchi served as a member of the Knights of Malta, one of the highest designations that can be bestowed upon Catholic laity. But Judge Mirarchi never wore his faith on his sleeve. So, if and when he saw me arriving or leaving St. John’s he simply smiled that knowing smile of his and we went our separate ways like “ships passing in the night” as he used to say.

Judge Mirarchi needn’t have worried about passing in the night. Darkness was not his milieu. In fact, it’s a safe bet that he’s probably in a far brighter and more luminous place than any we’ve ever experienced here on Earth.

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Reception Celebrates Judicial Education

The First Judicial District Education Committee thanked teachers and presenters who gave their time in 2009 to educate Philadelphia judges at nearly 60 different programs covering criminal, civil and family court topics during an April 28 reception at City Hall.

All the courses are voluntary and attended by judges, during lunch hours or in late afternoon. The reception was organized by Court of Common Pleas Judge Rosalyn K. Robinson, the Education Committee co-chair.

Court of Common Pleas President Judge Pamela Pryor Dembe welcomed 75 judges, lawyers, administrators, probation officers, court reporters, social workers and professors to the event. Administrative Judges D. Webster Keogh and Joseph D. O’Keefe were among the attendees.

Judge Lisa M. Rau, immediate past chair of the Judicial Education Committee, formally handed Judge Dembe a bound copy of the Committee’s 2009 Annual Report that Judge Rau compiled. Chancellor Scott F. Cooper gave remarks pledging continued support for the judiciary’s education programming.

Judge Robinson thanked the teachers and presenters and awarded them special First Judicial District tote bags as tokens of appreciation. Judge Ramy I. Djerassi, the other committee co-chair, closed the proceedings by recognizing Judge Dembe for her longtime dedication to the cause of continuing judicial education, and thanking Judges Rau and Robinson for their hard work leading the 2009 Judicial Education Committee.
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Chiefs Kim and Edgar Alvarez opened Avenida just before winter last year, in the spot where Creoleheim Cottage Café had resided. The adventurous husband-and-wife chefs are at the top of their Latino culinary skills in this venerable 18th-century Mount Airy locale. Who would have guessed that Guatemalan cuisine could migrate so cordially to the cobbled streets of Germantown?

If your cartographic eyes happened to be heading toward the Panama Canal from the Gulf of Mexico, yowd pass by Belize and Honduras into the Caribbean. Those countries abut Guatemala on its eastern border, with Mexico and the Pacific Ocean at its northern and western edges. The DNA of most Central Americans is hinged with strings of ancient Mayan and Spanish conquerors’ configurations. Therefore it is customary to envision meals punctuated with what geneticists expect: enchiladas, guacamole, tamales, empanadas and tortillas. The Alvarezes have crested with added styling to make wonders from a maze of maize.

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In another matter, Sachs represented an 80-year-old client who suffers from arthritis and multiple sclerosis. The client was hospitalized and later discharged to a rehabilitation center. She believed that her insurance was providing continuous coverage until she received a bill for her stay at the facility. The nursing home sued VIP’s client for months of retroactive charges but did not communicate to the client that the insurance coverage had been dropped. With Sachs’ help, the case against her was discontinued.

Because of his legal expertise and persistence against nursing homes, VIP clients avoid judgments for thousands of dollars and maintain what little family income they have to care for themselves or their disabled loved ones. For his commitment and dedication to VIP clients, Philadelphia VIP offers its heartfelt appreciation to Robert Sachs.

Robert Sachs is VIP’s Volunteer of the Month

Feasts to Famine

By Skinny D’Bockal

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Entrées are superlative. Roasted chicken misothe ($16) is served on a dark plate where the mahogany tones of the roasted chicken thighs are highlighted by exuberant well-oiled greens, reds and yellows of sliced leeks, peppers and yellow squash. And in a pink bowl on the same plate is a mound of gleaming white rice. The thighs’ skins are laden with spice and softly rounded underneath charred chunkiness. The flesh melts from the bones and melds in your mouth with the soothing vegetables and starchy parcels of rice (con arroz).

Duck whenever you can. At Avenida, “ducking” will become a habit. A hearty, thickly sliced succulent breast is dusted with ancho chili powder, and creatively carved amongst scored canela sweet potatoes and sautéed emerald-colored watercress ($18). The results are startlingly flavorful, richly engorged, then sweet, then verdant.

Achiote grilled shrimp and scallops ($19) are served between and on top of chayote and ivory white grains of quinoa, upon a plate artfully displayed as a Mayan headdress with drizzles of sauce and lime wedges. The chayote squash lubricates your upper palate while the achiote flavors provide a virtual sense of underlying Yucatan surprises upon it. The shrimp

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I am privileged and honored to again serve as chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention. Although I have served on many committees of the Bar Association over the years, my participation in the Judicial Commission remains my passion. That is why I have agreed to chair the Commission for the fourth time.

The current Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention was organized in 1977 as the successor to the previous ad hoc Commission on Merit Retention and the Judiciary Committee. The duties and the composition of the Commission remained unchanged for several years until 1981 when the 45-person Investigative Division was established. Today, the Investigative Division is comprised of 120 persons, one-quarter of whom must be non-lawyers.

The Commission evaluates candidates for local judicial office. From time to time, the Commission evaluates candidates for statewide appellate judicial office or for a federal court appointment.

Although merit selection has not become the manner by which judges are selected in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Commission employs the same level of scrutiny and assessment that embodies a merit-based system. Consequently, the Commission remains one of the most valuable resources for the public in considering the experience and qualifications of judicial candidates. Given the neutrality and value of the Commission’s process and conclusions, my predecessors have attempted to secure agreements with the leaders of the Democratic and Republican parties in Philadelphia that the parties would only endorse judicial candidates who were rated “Recommended.” To date, we have not been able to achieve that goal. However, I am proud that in the 2009 judicial elections, 16 of the 17 elected judges were rated “Recommended.”

Since there are no judicial elections taking place this year, the Commission is focused on internal matters. The Commission is seeking a bylaw change to address the qualifications of future chairpersons and a revision of the guidelines clarifying the ban on participation in and contributions to judicial candidates.

Finally, I salute the members who tirelessly serve on the Commission and the Investigative Division. During a judicial election year, the members of the Commission devote substantial time from January until the spring conducting interviews, conducting background investigations, reviewing opinions, tracking down references and engaging in countless other tasks so that the voters of Philadelphia have the information necessary to make an informed decision as to how to cast their votes. I strongly encourage anyone who is planning to run for judge to contact Charles Klitsch, the Association’s director of public and legal services, at (215) 238-6326 to obtain a candidate questionnaire. The earlier a completed questionnaire is submitted, the earlier an investigation can be completed and the recommendation of the Commission can be reported to party officials and the voters.

Given the importance of ensuring a vibrant, diverse and competent bench, I am proud to serve again on the Commission that is committed to supporting our effective judicial system.

A. Harold Datz (ahd@wgdlegal.com), of counsel to Weitz Garfinkle Datz, LLC, is chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention.

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As Sequels Go, ‘Iron Man 2’ is Wonderful

By Marc W. Reuben

The summer and the sequels are upon us, and it is useless to ask for originality. This is America, for God’s sake. And so we go for summer action. And this summer is full of it.

The first of the summer sequels is the wonderful (yes wonderful) “Iron Man 2,” starring the truly wonderful Robert Downey Jr. The film is directed by the talented Jon Favreau, and was written by Justin Theroux, who has a knack for witty dialogue. I like Favreau very much. He directed the best kid-fantasy film ever made (the much underappreciated “Zathura” of 2005). There are a lot of other recent films, fills the screen and sometimes Downey himself, were not in top form. I have never seen him less intelligent dialogue.

Downey, a complex actor, manages to convey the enui of a pampered playboy and the edge bravado of the action hero with effortless ease. His face reflects raffish humor and his words are delivered with spring like staccato. It is as though he were looking into a mirror and expecting someone equally as interesting to answer him. His ability to deliver intelligent dialogue has been a hallmark of his style even in times when the dialogue, and sometimes Downey himself, were not in top form. I have never seen him less than interesting. His appearance in this, and other recent films, fills the screen and plays on the ear. He is, simply put, one of the great ones. Good health to him.

Supporting characters include Mickey Rourke (Ivan Vanke/Whiplash) who is a demented nemesis and who steals every scene in which he appears. Sam Rockwell is the dopey villain (Justin Hammer) who reminds me of hapless Wile E. Coyote. Samuel L. Jackson and Garry Shandling are welcome intervenors. The ladies, Scarlett Johansson and Gwyneth Paltrow, bless them, are counterpart to Downey’s narcissist do-gooder hero. They are all wonderful, and the film is lots of fun and I have no doubt Rourke will be nominated for an Oscar to make up for his loss last year.

The story of Robin Hood never lacks for enablers. Robin is the popular hero who laughs in the face of evil. The remarkable 1938 film “The Adventures of Robin Hood” was perfect New Deal entertainment. In Errol Flynn was the idealized FDR, ready to fight the reactionaries for the people. The film was right for the time. The Kevin Costner film, a romance released in 1994, was a solemn bore. I thought the legend was best dispatched by Mel Brooks in his “2000-Year-Old Man” routine when he was asked (by Carl Reiner) if he knew Robin Hood in his long life. “Yeah. He robbed everyone and kept everything.” What more? Well, there is a new movie with Russell Crowe. Directed by Ridley Scott, it is an attempt to make Robin more contemporary. The film starts with the death of the Lion Heart, a bid to establish how truly depressing times — then and now — can get. As if we needed to understand the frustrations of the era before indoor plumbing.

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bounces joyfully from cheek to cheek while the scallops, in lime and in limine, add tartness. Lime is of the essence. Grilled salmon ($18) is cross-hatched to perfection and coupled with glistening steamed white rice. Sidekicks of watercress and stewed veggies abound. Flavorful and like satin, the salmon seems to flake wetly at the tip of your fork. Trembling, it reaches your mouth, dissenting therein. Many patrons even press the salmon upon the face of a round warm tortilla (supplied gratis in heated towels at all tables), smothering the fish with rice and greens. They fold and swirl the melange into a veritable wrap for ecstatic devouring. By the way, never, ever hold the tortilla towels above the omnipresent votive candles: squirting canisters of fire extinguisher hoses are the only antidote.

Vegetarians and all others “oooh” and “aaah” at the vegetarian tamale ($15), a cupcake of jellied racey-ricey ingredients superbly surrounded by a saber of vibrantly colored slices of seasoned eggplant, zucchini, tomatillo olive recado and assorted sautéed carrots, peppers and beans (fríjoles). By just gazing upon the planter, you get that “Dorothy feeling” that you’re not in Kansas anymore. The vegetarian concoction is out of this world.

I won’t mention Avenida’s dessert menu except to say that authentic Guatemalan coffee ($3.50, regular and de-caf) is enhanced in geometric progression by bites from an ancho brownie sundae ($6) melting in marshmallow sauce and chocolate ice cream, or by spoonfuls of caramel pudding ($6) in which whole Mexican wedding cookies have been embedded. Annie and I devoured 45 of such lovely, loving cookies to celebrate our latest wedding anniversary.

Judges, Chancellors Welcome New Citizens

U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Marjorie O. Rendell (above, from left), listens as U.S. District Court Judge Louis H. Pollak greets new citizens gathered for a May 3 naturalization ceremony at the U.S. Courthouse. Chancellor-Elect Rudolph Garcia (right) was a speaker for the event, sponsored by the Philadelphia Bar Association. Vice Chancellor John E. Savoth (right photo) welcomes the new citizens at a May 12 naturalization ceremony presided over by U.S. District Court Judge Joel H. Slomsky.

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JUNE QUARTERLY MEETING AND LUNCHEON

61 to Receive Year Club Honors at June Quarterly Meeting

RAYMOND L. SHAPIRO, senior counsel to Blank Rome LLP, will be the featured speaker as members of the Association’s 50-, 60-, 65- and 70-Year Clubs are inducted at the Monday, June 28 Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon.

Shapiro is a 1959 graduate of the Temple University Beasley School of Law. The following is a list of Year Club honorees for 2010:

50-Year Club

60-Year Club

65-Year Club
Joseph Bak and Daniel M. Rendine.

70-Year Club
Arnold R. Ginsburg.

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She graduated magna cum laude from Virginia Union University and earned a master's degree in health services administration from George Washington University, an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, and a Master of Divinity degree from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University.

A committed community advocate who works on behalf of vulnerable populations, Brock has served on the boards of community mental health, family and children's services, senior services and faith-based community ministries. She has been a volunteer elementary school instructor for Junior Achievement and host of Community Voices, a cable access program.

Brock has received numerous health-care, community service and leadership awards. Her leadership skills have been recognized by several national publications and organizations, including The Network Journal’s 40 Under Forty Achievement Award (2004); Ebony magazine’s Future Leader Award (1989), and Good Housekeeping magazine’s 100 Young Women of Promise Award (1987). She received the Martin Luther King Jr. Medal for Human Rights from George Washington University, and was voted outstanding alumna of Virginia Union University.

She has served as a young leaders fellow for the National Committee on United States-China Relations (2003-05) and honorary chair of the National Black Family Summit.

Brock created the Leadership 500 Summit in 2005 with several other young adult members of the NAACP. The Summit’s goal is to recruit, train and retain a new generation for the NAACP. Since its inception, Leadership 500 has contributed more than $800,000 to the NAACP National Treasury to support 2009 centennial activities.

She is a member of several professional and civic organizations, including the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy, American Public Health Association, American College of Healthcare Executives, National Black MBA Association, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and The Links, Incorporated.

Brock’s goal in life is embodied in an African proverb: “Care more than others think is wise, risk more than others think is safe, dream more than others think is practical and expect more than others think is possible.”

The O’Connor 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 Women in the Profession Committee established the award in 1993 to recognize the important contributions that women attorneys in Philadelphia have made to the legal profession.

Resnick has dedicated herself to the Philadelphia Bar Association for more than 25 years. In addition to serving as chair of the Board of Governors, she has also chaired the Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention.

Philadelphia Bar Association Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon
Monday, June 28 at 12 p.m. at the Hyatt at The Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets

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• Presentation of the Sandra Day O’Connor Award to Stephanie Resnick
• Honoring the new members of the Association’s Year’s Clubs

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TUESdaY, JUNE 8
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ing, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
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TEE: MEETING, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center.
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MEETING, 1 p.m., 10th floor CABINet Room.
TUESdaY, JUNE 10
BAR-NEWS MEDIA COMMITTEE: MEETING,
12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center.
LUNCH: $8.
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12:30 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
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FRIDay, JUNE 11
FEDERAL BENCH-BAR CONFERENCE: 8 a.m.,
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house Square. Information: www.pbi.
LAW SCHOOL OUTREACH COMMITTEE:
MEETING, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center.
MONday, JUNE 14
BUSINESS LAW SECTION EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE: MEETING, 12 p.m., 10th floor
BOARD ROOM.
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11th floor Conference Center. Information:
TUESdaY, JUNE 15
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BOARD Room.
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5:30 p.m., Davio’s Northern Italian Steak-
house, 111 S. 17th St. Tickets:
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MEETING, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee
Room South. LUNCH: $8.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16
BAR ASSOCIATION ACADEMY COMMITTEE:
MEETING, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.
WORKERS’ COMPENSATION SECTION EXECU-
TIVE COMMITTEE: MEETING, 10:30 a.m.,
11th floor Committee Room South.
WORKERS’ COMPENSATION SECTION:
MEETING, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center.
LUNCH: $8.
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OFFICES.
TUESdaY, JUNE 17
FAMILY LAW SECTION EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE: MEETING, 12 p.m., 11th floor
Committee Room South.
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5:30 p.m., Crystal Tea Room Atrium,
Wanamaker Building.
FRIDay, JUNE 18
SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY BENEFITS
COMMITTEE: MEETING, 12 p.m., 11th floor
Conference Center. Lunch: $8.
LAW SCHOOL OUTREACH COMMITTEE:
MEETING, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
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torial Board: MEETING, 12:30 p.m., 11th
floor Committee Room South.
MONday, JUNE 21
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COMMITTEE: MEETING, 12 p.m., 10th floor
BOARD Room.
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p.m., 11th floor Conference Center.
LUNCH: $8.
LANGUAGE ACCESS TASK FORCE: MEETING,
12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room.
THURSDAY, JUNE 24
LAWYER REFERRAL AND INFORMATION SERVICE
COMMITTEE: MEETING, 12 p.m., 11th floor
Committee Room South.
ELDER LAW COMMITTEE: MEETING, 1 p.m.,
10th floor Board Room.
DELIVERY OF LEGAL SERVICES INTAKE
COMMITTEE: MEETING, 3 p.m., 11th floor
Committee Room South.
BOARD OF GOVERNORS: MEETING, 4 p.m.,
10th floor Board Room.
FRIDay, JUNE 25
LAW SCHOOL OUTREACH COMMITTEE:
MEETING, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center.
MONday, JUNE 28
QUARTERLY MEETING AND LUNCHEON: 12 p.m.,
HYATT AT THE BELLEVUE, BROAD AND
WALnut STREETS. TiCkets: $55, philadel-
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YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE: MEETING, 12 p.m., 10th floor
BOARD Room.
GREEN RIBBON TASK FORCE: MEETING,
12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room
South. LUNCH: $8.
TUESDAY, JUNE 29
WOMEN IN THE PROFESSION COMMITTEE:
MEETING, 12 p.m., 10th Floor Board Room.
LUNCH: $8.
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SECTION: MEETING,
12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center.
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If depressing means death, then there is addi-
tional death to this film. I like
CROWE very much and the film is worth
watching. It lacks the internal playfulness
that inhabits “Iron Man 2,” and revels
in the primitive air of feudal England. A
rather more interesting treatment of the
era came from the Python’s in “Jabber-
wocky,” in which dirt-stained bucklers
sold rats-on-a-stick to spectators at
beheadings.
Crowe, a wonderful actor, seems a bit
mature for the role. He would be perfect
as a hulking detective. Cate Blanchett
plays a reluctant Joan-of-Arc – as Maid
Marian. Evil King John is Oscar Isaac, a
flavorful actor who would be a perfectly
Mr. Hyde.
But “Robin Hood” is the template for
merriment, this film attempts to take us
to the time before Robin Hood became a
celebrity. Eh! Complexity can be created
without deflecting buoyancy. This movie
inadvertently turns Ty’E Uelsingspiegel into
Mr. Hyde.
The winners and still champions, Errol
and Olivia.
Marc W. Ruben (marcwubenh@yahoo.com),
a sole practitioner, is an advisory editor of the
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ing about the arts and media since 1973.

Abraham C. Reich, co-chair of Fox Rothschild LLP and a past Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association, has been re-appointed to serve on the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board.

Robert B. McKinstry Jr., a partner at Ballard Spahr LLP, received the Pennsylvania Bar Association Environment and Energy Law Section’s 2010 Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession at the Environmental Law Forum in Harrisburg.

Stephen J. Galati, a shareholder with Mattioni, Ltd., has been designated a Proctor in Admiralty by the Maritime Law Association of the United States.

Theodore Simon, principal in the Law Offices of Theodore Simon in Philadelphia, appeared on ABC’s “Good Morning America” and CBS’s “Early Show” on April 19 to discuss the filing of an appeal regarding his client, Amanda Knox, the American student convicted in Italy of the murder of her British roommate, Meredith Kercher.

Lynne M. Abraham, a partner with Archer & Greiner, P.C., has been re-appointed to the Board of Directors of the Reading Terminal Market Preservation Fund.

Jeffrey P. Bodle, a partner with Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, moderated a panel on financing strategies at the 2010 How to Start Up 101 conference held in Philadelphia on April 8.

Katherine L. Vaccaro, an attorney with Manolo, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, was a speaker at the McIlvaine Company’s weekly hot topic forum where she discussed “Impact of Ambient Air Rules for Fine Particulate Matter and Ozone on Fossil Fuel Power Plants” on April 22.

Deborah Epstein Henry, founder and president of Flex-Time Lawyers LLC, was a speaker at an University of Pennsylvania School of Law Women’s Association program “Women in Law: Where are We, Where We Want to Be and How to Get There” on March 24. She was a speaker at a Capital District Women’s Bar Association program “The Business Case for Flexibility: How to Make Flexible and Reduced Hours a Win/Win for Lawyers, Clients and Employers” in Albany, N.Y. on April 14.

Andrea M. Bartko, a partner with Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspani, LLP, presented at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s “Piercing the Corporate Veil” program on April 8.

Lila G. Roomburg, a retired partner with Ballard Spahr LLP, received the first-ever Lifetime Achievement Award from the Pennsylvania Bar Association Women’s Bar Association on May 12 at the commission’s annual conference in Hershey, Pa.

Marc S. Raspani, a partner with Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspani, LLP, presented at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s “Defending White Collar Cases” on April 19.

Nadeem A. Bezar, a partner with Kolby, Gordon, Robin, Shore & Bezar, spoke to Temple South Asian Law Student Association about legal opportunities and summer positions for law students on April 15. He was the keynote speaker at the Earl Mack School of Law at Drexel University Accepted Students Day Brunch on April 17.

James A.A. Pabarue, a shareholder at Christie, Pabarue, Mortensen and Young, was a co-presenter for “Superstar or Black Hole: Are Experts Shielding Light or Just Sucking Money Out of Your Case?” at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s 16th Annual Employment Law Institute.


Stewart L. Cohen of Cohen, Plactiella & Roth, P.C., has been re-appointed to his second, three-year term with the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Eugene Mattioni, a shareholder with Segal, McCamly & Tangney, was named as a speaker at the Maritime Academy Charter High School of Philadelphia.


Steven K. Mignozza, a partner with Archer & Greiner, P.C., was a presenter at the 21st Annual Spring Symposium of the American Bar Association Section of Real Property, Trust & Estate Law on May 6-7.

George Martin and Matthew L. Wilson of Martin, Banko, Fond, Lehocky & Wilson were presenters of the 2010 Workers Compensation Practice and Procedure CLE program throughout Pennsylvania during May.

Robert C. Liebenberg, a partner at Fine, Kaplan and Black, P.C., has been named one of Pennsylvania’s “Women of Distinction” by The Legal Intelligencer.

Gerald E. Burns, a shareholder with Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, P.C., was recently appointed as a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America.

Emmanuel O. Iheukwure, principal in the Emmanuel Law Firm, LLC, moderated the panel “Practicing Beyond Your Area of Expertise: Ethical Considerations” at the 22nd Annual Minority Attorney Conference of the Pennsylvania Bar Association on March 18-19.

Sharon N. Humble, managing partner of Linebarger Goggin Blair & Sampson, LLP, was a panelist for Commercial Real Estate Women—Philadelphia’s presentation “Business and Philanthropy” on March 18.

Jonathan Spiegel, a partner with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, spoke at the 15th Annual Business of Brownfields Conference in Pittsburgh on April 20.

Enid H. Adler, a sole practitioner, visited Kampala, Uganda for the International Criminal Court’s first Review Conference since the 1998 Treaty Conference in Rome. Her participation in the NGO Coalition for the ICC includes representing the Philadelphia Bar Association and, currently, the ABA Center for Human Rights and the ABA 2010 Task Force for the Review Conference.

Evan A. Idman, a sole practitioner, co-presented CLE seminars for The Institute for Jewish Law and Ethics. On April 13, he presented “Comparative Negligence/Assumption of Risk” and on May 4, he presented “Invasion of Privacy: A Comparative American Legal/Talmudic Perspective In Light of the Lower Merion School District Spy-Cam Class Action.”

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