Military Assistance Program Expands Reach to Veterans

By Mark Tarasiewicz

As approximately 40,000 veterans nationwide prepared to celebrate their first Memorial Day since returning home from Iraq for the final time, leaders of the Philadelphia Bar Association and Philadelphia Veterans Court gathered May 21 to announce a citywide program in which volunteer lawyers will provide free legal assistance to Philadelphia veterans who cannot afford or do not have access to the legal services they need.

The pro bono services will be provided as part of the Association’s Military Assistance Program (MAP). Previously, volunteer lawyers assisted only active-duty military personnel and their families through the MAP. The new services expand assistance to include veterans, specifically in the areas of service-related compensation, discharge status and health care issues. The MAP will also benefit defendants who come into contact with the criminal justice system through Philadelphia Veterans Court who are in need of such civil legal assistance.

“For these military personnel and their families, resuming a normal, everyday life isn’t easy,” said Chancellor John E. Savoth. “For many, it is a constant struggle. As Philadelphia lawyers, who are distinguished by our pro bono service, we have a duty – an inherent responsibility – to help ease their burden.”

President Obama announced in October that 33,000 U.S. troops would also be withdrawn from Afghanistan by

Penn’s Berry to Speak; Honors for Jane Dalton

Dr. Mary Frances Berry, former chair of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, will deliver the Judge A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. Memorial Public Interest Lecture at the Tuesday, June 26 Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon. Jane Leslie Dalton, who has served as Chancellor, chair of the Board of Governors and co-chair of the Women in the Profession Committee, will receive the Sandra Day O’Connor Award at the event.

New members of the Association’s Year Clubs will also be introduced, with Louis W. Fryman speaking on their behalf.

The Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon is sponsored by PNC Wealth Management. The O’Connor Award honors a woman attorney who has demonstrated...
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Strong Arts Community Provides Personal Enrichment Opportunity

By John E. Savoth

Legend has it that after his arrival in Philadelphia from North Carolina, John Coltrane would practice for days on end in his cousin Mary's home on the edge of Fairmount Park, developing his unique style that later transformed into his "sheets of sound" which revolutionized the American art form of jazz. Moreover, it's been said that Miles Davis often grew frustrated waiting for Coltrane to finish practicing so they could play together that he would walk across the street to the driving range in the park and hit buckets of golf balls until Coltrane emerged from his seclusion. Right here in Philadelphia.

Decades later, into the now millenium, crowds of people yearning for a new, alternative sound pack the Unitarian Church on Chestnut Street, the Union Transfer on Spring Garden, Theater of the Living Arts on South, or the World Cafe Live on Walnut, among countless other venues, to hear bands from all over the world bring a dynamic sound to merge with the pulse and rhythm of our city. Again, here in Philadelphia.

Lawyers and the music and arts community have long enjoyed an important relationship. Our legal community supports artists both personally and professionally. We counsel artists on their careers, help protect their work and safeguard their business interests.

Whether through legal representation, or just buying a ticket to a concert or exhibit, there is personal enrichment to be gained from supporting the artists, performers and cultural institutions that distinguish Philadelphia as a world-class city.

Gaining greater knowledge about our arts community can help attorneys to become more well-rounded professionals. By supporting the arts, we become investors in Philadelphia's cultural economy. We become ambassadors of our vibrant city to visiting clients and colleagues. And we help generate positive publicity for our homegrown talent and tourism for our region.

If you haven't been a supporter of the arts before, there is no better time to put your best foot forward. That's because during no other time in recent memory has the arts scene in Philadelphia enjoyed such a widely heralded renaissance. In addition to the new music scene touched upon above, there is a wealth of artistic outlets adding to the overall culture of our city.

And such excitement isn't limited to local observers. The New York Times described the newly opened Barnes Foundation on the Ben Franklin Parkway as "still very much the old Barnes, only better."

"[The Barnes] is suddenly on the verge of becoming the prominent and influential national treasure that it has long deserved to be," wrote critic Roberta Smith. "It is also positioned to make an important contribution to the way we look at and think about art."

And this year, our own Philadelphia Bar Foundation is leading by example. The Barnes Foundation serves as the host venue for the legal community's premier social event, the Andrew Hamilton Gala, on Saturday, Nov. 3. This year's Gala will recognize those who contribute at a significant level to the Foundation's 2012 Access to Justice Campaign.

Philadelphia has also seen recent excitement on the arts scene on other major fronts, including the inaugural season of The Philadelphia Orchestra's new Music Director Yannick Nézet-Séguin; the opening of Lenfest Plaza at the Pennsylvanian; and the opening above, there is a wealth of artistic outlets adding to the overall culture of our city.

By John E. Savoth

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Earn 3.5 CLE Credits at June 8 Federal Bench-Bar

By Jeff Lyons

U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Marjorie O. Rendell will present “Oral Arguments – What the Court Wants to See and Hear” in her lunchtime remarks at the Friday, June 8 Federal Bench-Bar Conference presented by the Association’s Federal Courts Committee.

The conference will include six presentations and begins at 8:15 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom of The Rittenhouse Hotel, 210 W. Rittenhouse Square. A total of 3.5 CLE credits are available.

“This year’s Federal Bench-Bar is a must for federal court practitioners of all stripes,” said Federal Courts Committee Chair Ellen Meriwether. “Lawyers who concentrate their practices in large cases or small; civil or criminal; trial or appellate work, will all find something for them in the panel presentations we are planning for the conference. Throw in a little bit of history and 3½ CLE credits and we are sure you will find your Friday morning well spent at the conference.”

The conference opens with the presentation “Cost Shifting and Cost Reduction - E-Discovery and Beyond” featuring U.S. District Court Judge Joel Slomsky and Steven E. Bizar and Anthony J. Bolognese.

U.S. District Court Judge Mitchell S. Goldberg, Ronald H. Levine, Catherine M. Recker and Peter F. Schenck will discuss “Criminal Discovery in the Aftermath of United States v. Ted Stevens.” The Stevens case and the Department of Justice report on the “systematic concealment of significant exculpatory evidence” will be discussed for lessons learned and how the investigations and prosecutions of matters will be affected going forward.

In addition to a brief update of developments in civil law, a panel of judges and practitioners will discuss, among other things, proper preparation for case management conferences, should you really file a motion for summary judgment and how to make sure that newer attorneys get courtroom experience. The speakers for this program are U.S. District Court Judges Gene E.K. Pratter and Eduardo C. Robreno, along with Catherine B. Slavin and Matthew A. Taylor.

U.S. District Court Chief Judge J. Curtis Joyner and U.S. Bankruptcy Court Chief Judge Stephen Raslavich, along with Clerk of Court Michael E. Kunz, will present reports on the state of the court.

U.S. District Court Judge Harvey Bartle III and J. Dennis Faucher will present “Mortals with Tremendous Responsibilities: A History of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania” where they will discuss Judge Bartle’s book and the evolution of the court.

A lunch break follows and Judge Rendell’s remarks close out the conference. Tuition includes course book, breakfast and lunch. Registrations received three or more business days before the presentation qualify for the early registration discount.

To register for the June 8 Federal Bench-Bar Conference, visit pbi.org.
New Members to Join Year Clubs

A 75-year member, one past Chancellor and three judges are among the newest members of the Association’s Year Clubs who will be honored at the June 26 Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon at the Hyatt at The Bellevue.

The following is a list of Year Club honorees for 2012:

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Philadelphia Bar Association Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon

Tuesday, June 26 at 12 p.m. at the Hyatt at The Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets

• Presentation of the Judge A. Leon Higginbotham Memorial Public Interest Lecture by Dr. Mary Frances Berry

• Presentation of the Sandra Day O’Connor Award to Jane Leslie Dalton

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SOLO AND SMALL FIRM COMMITTEE

Taking the Fear Out of Networking

By Edward P. Kelly

For lawyers who cringe at the word “networking,” but realize that they need to get out there and meet other people in order to grow their practices, Sheri Desaretz presented “The Agony and Ecstasy of Business Development and Networking – Getting Past the Fear, Discomfort and Difficulty of Finding Clients” at the May 8 meeting of the Solo and Small Firm Committee. Desaretz is a business coach/consultant who founded Looking Forward Coaching, LLC after a 20-year legal career.

Desaretz made the point that running a small practice is incredibly stressful, and there is no such thing as a “work/life balance.” Cash flow is always an issue, and lawyers need to look for ways to increase revenue while decreasing expenses. Businesses are supposed to be for profit; therefore, lawyers need to treat their practice as a business. Lawyers “sell law” and lawyers need to look for ways to increase revenue while decreasing expenses.

Businesses are supposed to be for profit; therefore, lawyers need to treat their practice as a business. Lawyers “sell law” and need to attract people who need their expertise. However, while lawyers may be well versed in the law, they are not taught the skills necessary to develop business.

Desaretz urged the lawyers in the room to deal with business development as if it was their most important client. She said you must plan how you are going to develop business with great discrimination, be consistent with scheduling business development, follow-up leads and contacts immediately and be vigilant about maintaining contact with your connections. She defined “networking” as letting people know what you do, how you do it and that those services are for sale. She views “time” as a moment of opportunity, and encouraged the group to be brave and more assertive while stretching outside their comfort zone.

It is vitally important to have a business development strategy and plan. Desaretz asked the following questions to help develop that plan: What do you do? What are your services? Who are your clients? Who do you want as a client? Who are your strategic alliances? What are the benefits of your services? What is your “USP” or Unique Selling Proposition?

Finally, what makes you different?

As far as networking venues, you need to know who you are and put yourself in a situation where you thrive. Lawyers need to find opportunities to present your expertise and services. Your personality will dictate whether you perform better in small, intimate groups or larger events. Other considerations include practice area and time of day. And while Desaretz believes that large, open networking groups are sometimes valuable, she gets a better return from small, closed groups where each industry is represented by one person. Desaretz encouraged the group to start their own small, networking groups or form a “mastermind group,” attend presentations, seminars and continuing education classes and improve their social media footprint. However, one-on-one meetings are still critical for new business.

When developing a 30-second commercial, include information about who you are, your practice area, what you do, and what differentiates you from everyone else. Also be sure to spend time on the benefit that the other person will receive. Remember the WIIFM principle – What’s In It For Me? Listen to prospective clients, stop selling and start servicing, speak to their needs, and be “interested” and not just “interesting.” And be clear about the difference between clients and strategic alliances. Strategic alliances are not necessarily clients, but are people who can help you obtain clients in that their contact base includes your clients.

Finally, make sure that you have a centralized master contact list. The list needs to be categorized and organized using a system that works for you. It must be updated at least once a week, and you must develop a tickler system for continual follow-up with your contacts.

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Faster Than ADR is Often

By Mary-Kate Breslin

When choosing to mediate a dispute, parties can choose their neutral, giving them the chance to select someone who has experience in the particular area of law, according to the co-chairs of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee. Committee Co-Chairs Judge Richard B. Klein of the Dispute Resolution Institute and Peter A. Dunn of Margolis Edelstein led the May 2 discussion.

In choosing a mediator, Judge Klein said the parties have more control over the temperament of the person with whom they will be working. Mediation is faster and less expensive than the litigation route, and the parties are able to reach a resolution much more quickly than if they were to go to trial. Deadlines and scheduling are usually more flexible than the “pressure” of the Day Forward and Day Backward programs. Another upside is that the parties are able to get an explanation regarding how the arbitrator decided upon the award, and arbitration can work for all cases, regardless of the dollar amount at issue.

“Mediation is the art of letting the ideas come up, take note, and take root,” said Dunn. Although mediation and arbitration both involve advocacy, they require different skills. Mediation is “the business of litigation” and requires more negotiation and strategy, while passion and emotion are more appropriate in arbitration.

Dunn described his personal approach to mediation, which involves sitting in the middle of the table, taking his jacket off and bringing down the emotions. Defendants, specifically claims representatives, are particularly good at managing risk and settling a case. Part of mediation is “staging the case” which involves considering the judge, the jurisdiction and the plaintiff. The parties should try to determine whether a jury will be likely to develop a connection to the plaintiff.

“If the jury likes the plaintiff, then they will believe what the plaintiff’s experts say,” Dunn said. Identifying whether a jury is likely to bond with a plaintiff is a critical part of this staging process. If this bond does not form, then the jury will be more likely to believe the defense experts.

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nia Academy of the Fine Arts; “Dead Sea Scrolls: Life and Faith in Ancient Times” at The Franklin Institute; and “From Asbury Park to the Promised Land: The Life and Music of Bruce Springsteen” at the National Constitution Center, just to name a few.

In our own legal community, the Philadelphia Bar Academy – now in its third year – continues to draw members to sold-out events by giving them exclusive entrée to the leaders of the arts community and behind-the-scenes access to a diverse range of cultural institutions.

Through the Academy, our members receive civic and cultural educational experiences that allow for enhanced business development opportunities. If you haven’t attended one of our many Bar Academy events, I promise you that you won’t be disappointed.

Historian Thomas Carlisle wrote: “Culture is the process by which a person becomes all that they were created capable of being.”

As lawyers, our support of the city’s cultural institutions helps them fulfill their mission and to further their important work. It strengthens the cultural fabric of our region and makes Philadelphia a better place to live and work – for all of us.

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This two-day conference will feature guests from the International Criminal Court, the U.S. Department of State, U.S. Supreme Court, Interpol, the FBI and international NGOs. The conference will celebrate the 225th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution and the 10th anniversary of the Rome Statute that established the International Criminal Court. Conference details and registration information will be available soon.

CONGRATULATIONS, JANE!

Duane Morris salutes our own Jane Dalton on being honored with the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Sandra Day O’Connor Award. Another great honor in Jane’s illustrious career at Duane Morris!
Women’s Rights Committee


By Suzanne Almeida

Inequities in Pennsylvania’s justice system and the work of the Interbranch Commission on Gender, Racial and Ethnic Fairness (also known as the Pennsylvania Commission for Justice) to correct them were the topics of a May 1 CLE program presented by the Women’s Rights Committee.

The program featured a panel of speakers from the Commission for Fairness: Lisette M. McCormick, the Commission’s executive director; Lynn A. Marks, executive director of Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts and co-chair of the Commission; and Kathleen D. Wilkinson, Chancellor-Elect of the Philadelphia Bar Association and a member of the Commission.

Panel members discussed a variety of topics, including sex trafficking, jury diversification, the availability of interpreters and second parent adoptions for GLBT couples.

Marks gave a brief overview of the Commission’s work combating sex trafficking of women and children. Unfortunately, the law enforcement response is often to prosecute the victim rather than the traffickers or pimps. This exists partly because police and prosecutors are unaware of laws that can be used to prosecute the real offenders. To combat this problem, the Commission held a comprehensive training on trafficking laws and works in coalition with other groups across Pennsylvania.

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The blueprint for its work is the 2003 Report of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Committee on Gender and Racial Bias in the Justice System. The final report included 173 recommendations to the Supreme Court, the executive and/or legislative branches. In 2005, the three branches created the Interbranch Commission to work on implementing the Report’s recommendations. Each branch appoints eight members who meet quarterly. Its substantive work is conducted through Committees in six program areas.

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Mc Cormick also discussed several Criminal Justice Committee projects including juvenile life without parole; a study of the death penalty; and follow-up on a 2011 Commission report on the critical problems of indigent defense. Pennsylvania is the only state that spends no state money on the defense of low-income people in criminal cases.

The Commission’s chair of the GLBT Committee, Helen E. Casale, discussed its primary focus of normalizing procedures for second parent adoptions for same-sex couples and has submitted a proposed rule to the Orphan’s Court Rules Committee. It is also working to make Family Courts the sole venue for all litigation related to the dissolution of same-sex marriages.

McCormick explained that the focus of the Interpreter Services Committee is increasing access to interpreter services for litigants with limited proficiency. The three main initiatives include a Shadow Program that allows fledgling interpreters to shadow certified interpreters, a focus on primary language court interpreters, and a comprehensive training program for interpreters.

The Women’s Rights Committee Co-Chair Maria A. Feeley (from left) joins Lynn A. Marks, Lisette M. McCormick, Chancellor-Elect Kathleen D. Wilkinson and Committee Co-Chair Marilyn Heffley before the committee’s May 1 CLE program.

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Returning to Law? Better Bring Some Business

By Thomas L. Bryan

With the economy still anemic and scores of lawyers having difficulty finding employment, the Women in the Profession Committee addressed making transitions to and from (and within) the legal profession at a recent meeting.

The panel for this meeting was made up of three attorneys with a variety of jobs and backgrounds. Melissa R. Margulies, client service counsel at Ballard Spahr LLP, had been a senior corporate counsel at a Fortune 500 company, a trial lawyer at a major law firm and a partner at a mid-sized firm. Sandra G. Mannix, a legal recruiter and prior director of admissions at Villanova University School of Law, has nearly 20 years of experience in recruiting. Martha B. Chovanes is an attorney in Fox Rothschild LLP’s business reorganization and bankruptcy department. Though their career paths have varied, the speakers all shared one thing in common. They had either successfully moved within, or successfully re-entered the legal profession at one time in their careers.

Margulies started at the Philadelphia District Attorney’s office. After a few brief transitions she moved to an in-house position overseeing litigation at Quest Diagnostics. By this time Margulies had three children under the age of five, and valued the more relaxed hours of an in-house position. She credits good luck and timing in finding this job. After seven years at Quest, Margulies became a shareholder at a Philadelphia firm that handled Quest diagnostics work in the Mid-Atlantic region. Most recently, she moved to her current (non-practicing) position at Ballard Spahr. This last move was driven by her belief that in the current legal landscape, having your own book of business is essential to long-term survival at a law firm.

Chovanes started at Fox Rothschild in 1988. She had her first child three years later and came back to work part-time after maternity leave. She stayed for the next seven years (through the birth of her second child). When she became pregnant with her third child, Chovanes decided to take a break from practicing law to focus on her children and other interests. She planned to come back to the firm, and did after an 11-year hiatus. Chovanes’ experience mirrored Margulies’ in that she credits luck and good timing to her smooth transition back to Fox Rothschild. She also echoed the premise that in today’s legal market, lawyers need to develop their own book of business in order to stay relevant in large firms.

Mannix has been a legal recruiter for almost 20 years. In her position she is all too familiar with the difficulties in the current job market, which she believes are especially challenging for women attempting to re-enter the job market after an extended break. Mannix likened women who have re-entered the legal field to canaries in coal mines – they’re the first to go when times get tough. She also believes this is based in part on the fact that they are often the least likely to have their own books of business. Mannix did point out that she sees similar barriers for men who have taken time off of their careers for family concerns.

Although the challenges of re-entering the profession after a substantial break in practice seem formidable, the panel members did offer some suggestions. First and foremost, maintain and develop a professional network. When working, do exceptional work and establish yourself as indispensable. Know exactly what you are looking for in a job to help eliminate openings that aren’t right for you. When returning to Fox Rothschild, Chovanes sold herself not only as a seasoned attorney, but as a working mother – highlighting her ability to handle stress, multi-task, understand deadlines and manage time efficiently.

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In 1991, the nation watched an amateur video of a car stop involving several Los Angeles police officers and King. The encounter escalated into a brutal beating. The officers taxed King twice, kicked him, and struck him on the head and back with metal batons more than 50 times before finally handcuffing him. Four of the officers were later arrested for participating in the assault.

Because of the media attention that the case had received, the trial was moved to nearby Simi Valley, a less racially and ethnically diverse suburb of L.A. In April 1992, the jury—composed of 10 white people, one Hispanic and one Asian—essentially acquitted the officers of all the charges. Supposedly to avenge King, immediately after the verdict came down, South Central Los Angeles erupted into violence.

Yet, Hall had made a strong point. When the jury failed to return convictions, according to Hall, people concluded that it had to be because the jury was racist. People in Los Angeles rioted to show their outrage.

Twenty years later, as a prosecutor who has handled dozens of legal sufficiency claims, I knew that Hall’s assumption about the jury’s motives had likely oversimplified the issue. And regardless, there was no justification of the violence that followed, which left even me, watching events unfold from Ohio, terrified.

Yet, Hall had made a strong point. Black people felt that, despite the tape, the case had already been decided when a jury with no black people on it was empanelled for a trial involving four white defendants and a black victim. Given the history of racial bias in this country, the perceived lack of fairness in the process tainted their faith that the outcome was just.

Two decades after King, America still struggles with this same issue. Only instead of watching a trial play out, in the Trayvon Martin case, we are scrutinizing a police investigation. I hope to never see again the type of brutality that I saw watching the Rodney King video, or the riots that followed. Fortunately, Martin’s family has done a good job of holding law enforcement’s feet to the fire in seeking answers about their son’s death. Thus, regardless of the outcome, hopefully people will feel that justice was done.

I raise the King and Martin cases in the context of the Young Lawyers Division’s upcoming Diversity Scholarship Reception. I strongly believe that, as the King and Martin case both demonstrate, a minority voice contributes to our
Young Lawyers Mark Law Week with Service

Chancellor John E. Savoth greeted new citizens May 1 as did Temple University Beasley School of Law Dean JoAnne A. Epps and U.S. District Court Judge John R. Padova. The ceremony was sponsored by the Philadelphia Bar Association.

The actors for the trial of Jack and the Beanstalk included (from left) Stacy Forchetti (prosecutor), Margot Smith (Jack’s mother), Tanesha Readom (the giant’s wife), Zachary Hicks (the giant), Judge Sandra Mazer Moss, Daniel Gillin (Jack) and Simona Polyakov (Jack’s lawyer). Children from Philadelphia schools served as jurors in the case, heard in Judge Moss’ courtroom in City Hall. The young jurors found Jack guilty of stealing the singing harp and golden goose, but not guilty of stealing the coins and assaulting the giant.

Former Chancellor Edward F. Chacker congratulates Essay Contest winner Gerald Van Buskirk of Father Judge High School. Van Buskirk read his essay at a May 1 naturalization ceremony.

YLD Chair Melanie Taylor (from left), Chancellor-Elect Kathleen D. Wilkinson and City Solicitor Shelley R. Smith meet before the Lawyer for a Day luncheon on May 4. Students followed attorneys into city courtrooms and later had lunch at the Bar Association, where Smith spoke to them about careers in the law.
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The State Civil Litigation Section will present "Oyeh, Oyeh New Order in the Court." Judges from the Court of Common Pleas will provide an overview on everything from new procedures in place in the civil program, complex litigation program, commerce court program and day forward programs, including changes made with discovery court. This will be a "must-attend" program for all civil attorneys. Panelists for this program are Administrative Judge John W. Herron; Supervising Judge Allan L. Tershesko; Commerce Court Judge Arnold L. New; Judge Jacqueline F. Allere; Judge Marlene F. Lichman; and Judge Nitza I. Quinones Alejandro. The course planners are Judge Sandra Mazer Moss and Chancellor-Elect Kathleen D. Wilkinson.

The Family Law Section will present "Crossing the Legal Custody Line" from course planners Julia Swain and Megan Watson. When parent style clashes with legal custody, the court must decide. We will address which decisions rise to the legal custody threshold; which subset of legal custody decisions bear upon parental fitness; how determinations are made when parents conflict on a legal custody decision; and, an overview of contemporary legal custody issues such as nutrition, cell phones, Internet and social media. Panelists will be announced at a later date.

"Linsanity, Linguistics and the Law," presented by the Diversity in the Profession Committee, features panelists Cynthia Gouw, Mary Catherine Roper and Kay Yu along with moderator Stella Tsai. While most civilized people may be persuaded to refrain from the use of racial slurs in public discourse and can appreciate the injury they can cause, there remains substantial disagreement about how society ought to respond to the use of such offensive language and whether laws and regulations are an effective means of regulating such behavior. This panel will examine the etymology of racial slurs; a survey of laws and regulations that are designed to combat the use of racial slurs and other forms of hate speech in commerce; the protections afforded by the First Amendment to those who profit or have no compunction about the use of such speech and the limitations of the First Amendment; and a review of alternative measures, such as boycotts and pickets or "more speech," that have been deployed to fight hate speech.

"When Constitutional Law Meets Flash Mobs – A Practical Method to Inform Juveniles About First Amendment Rights and Limitations" will be presented by the Advancing Civics Education Committee with panelists Elvin Ross, Jenimae Akinsiut, Renee Bergmann and David Tresaskis. Social media networks and mobile devices have made it easier for juveniles to exercise their rights of assembly and free speech. But what exactly are these rights and what are the limitations? This course explores how members of the legal community can effectively convey to juveniles some of the most important principles of a civil society while encouraging them to critically think about their responsibilities as members of such a society. Selected cases will be reviewed and applied to contemporary juvenile topics such as the phenomenon of flash mobs, cyber bullying and mass protests like the one where juveniles gathered across the country to wear hoodies in memory of Trayvon Martin, a 17-year-old who was recently killed in Florida.

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"The Young Lawyers Division and Criminal Justice Section are co-sponsoring Alternatives in Sentencing: Philadelphia Municipal Court and the Court of Common Pleas – Criminal." In general, the aims of sentencing in a criminal case are divided into six different categories: retribution, deterrence, denunciation, incapacitation, rehabilitation and reparation. Over the past decade a shift in mentality has led Philadelphia Municipal Court and the Court of Common Pleas to shift its attitude and policies to a theory of rehabilitation over punishment in non-violent offenses, for persons suffering from drug or alcohol addiction or for first-time offenders. This has led to the creation of multiple programs including but not limited to DUI Treatment Court, Drug Treatment Court, the Do-It Program, Marijuana Court, and the ARD Program. Knowing which alternative sentencing Court or program your client may be eligible for is complicated and constantly changing. This course aims to provide an overview of the various forms of alternative sentencing options. Panelists are Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Sheila Woods-Skipper and attorneys Byron Cotter and Denise Spadaccini. The course planners are Troy H. Wilson and Jill J. Holden, who will also be the moderator.

The program "What Personal Injury and Defense Lawyers Should Know About SSI Insurance and SSD Claims" will be presented by the Social Security Disability Benefits Committee with Committee Co-Chairs Jeffrey S. Lichman and Sanjuanita Gonzalez serving as panelists and course planners. The importance of personal injury and continued on page 15

ABC News’ Compton to Give Keynote

Ann Compton, the first woman network television reporter assigned to cover the White House, will provide election insights as the keynote speaker at the opening plenary session of the Bench-Bar & Annual Conference on Friday, Oct. 5.

The Bench-Bar & Annual Conference will be held at Revel in Atlantic City, N.J., the new $2.6 billion beachfront casino resort, on Oct. 5 and 6. The Bench-Bar & Annual Conference provides attendees with the opportunity to earn CLE credit while networking with colleagues and members of the bench. Hundreds of attorneys and judges are expected to attend. Twenty seminars and 6 CLE credits will be available.

Compton, now covering her seventh president for ABC News, was the only broadcast reporter allowed to remain on Air Force One on Sept. 11, 2001 during the hours when President Bush was unable to return to Washington.

Reporting for all ABC News broadcasts, Compton has traveled around the globe and through all 50 states with presidents, vice presidents and first ladies. Twice during campaigns she was invited to serve as a panelist for presidential debates (1988 and 1992) and she was assigned as a floor reporter at the 1976 Republican and Democratic National Conventions.

In 2000, as the age of five video streaming dawned on the Internet, Compton became chief Washington correspondent for ABCNEWS.com where she wrote and anchored a daily political column, “On Background.”

Compton began her broadcasting career in Virginia, where an internship at Hollins College (now University) led to a full-time job reporting to WDBJ TV, a CBS affiliate in Roanoke. She established a State Capitol Bureau in Richmond for the station. In 1973, ABC News hired her and she reported from New York for one year and then she was assigned to the White House.

Compton was part of the team awarded the prestigious Silver Baton Alfred I. duPont Columbia University Award for the network’s coverage of Sept. 11, 2001. Her coverage of Sept. 11 was also recognized in ABC News’ Emmy and Peabody awards.

In June 2000, she was inducted into the Journalism Hall of Fame by the Society of Professional Journalists. She was voted into the national Radio Hall of Fame in 2004.

She was president of the White House Correspondents’ Association in 2007 and the Radio Television Correspondents Association in 1987-88.
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reckless? While courts avoid scrutinizing financial transactions that occur during marriage, pre-separation spending can significantly impact the value of the marital estate, often to the benefit of one spouse. The Family Law Section panel for this program, “Pre-Separation Dissipation of the Marital Estate,” will address what can be done after-the-fact to deal with pre-separation spending and dissipation and also raise awareness of the many ways in which spouses engage in pre-divorce planning. This course is worth 1 ethics CLE credit.

The Appellate Courts Committee will present “Effective Oral Argument” with panelists to be announced.

Whether you are “swimming” as a solo practitioner or practicing at a small firm or large firm, “Catch a Wave! Treading Water, Staying Afloat and Swimming to Shore” will help prepare you for the ebbs and flows of your practice’s uncertainties including managing multiple stressors, maximizing technology and minimizing expenses, all while protecting your clients’ interests and maintaining your professional and personal standards. The last few years have been unchartered waters for all of us. A panel of experienced lawyers will offer their practical advice and review best practices for law firm, law practice and career management, all while trying to figure out what the next wave will bring. Molly Peckman is the course planner.

The Bench-Bar & Annual Conference wraps up with a luncheon program on the State of the Courts, with reports from the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, Commonwealth Court, Superior Court, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas and Philadelphia Municipal Court. Please note that all programs and speakers are subject to change.
SeniorLAW Center Fights Unscrupulous Contractors

By Joseph A. Sullivan

Low-income elders are perhaps the most vulnerable homeowners in any community, and in Philadelphia, this is especially true. We are home to the highest percentage of older persons among the nation’s 10 largest cities, with nearly one in five seniors living in poverty. One painful manifestation of the recent economic downturn is the rise in the number of unscrupulous contractors who deceive low-income senior homeowners into signing contracts for essential home repairs and then walk out on the seniors without performing or completing the work or performing it shoddily. These seniors, often widowed and living on low fixed incomes, include many grandparents and older veterans. They are desperately in need of plumbing, electrical and other repairs, or in some cases, an entirely new roof, sink or bathroom installation.

Many seniors have used their modest savings for these repairs, and are left worse off than they were before they began.

To combat this form of exploitation, SeniorLAW Center has created a novel partnership with Pepper Hamilton LLP in a project called the Fighting Contractor Fraud project, co-chaired by Pepper partners Laurence Shiekman and Gay Parks Rainville, vice chair of SeniorLAW Center’s Board of Directors. SeniorLAW attorneys train and advise pro bono teams of Pepper partners and associates who represent victimized seniors in redressing the wrongs. “Homelessness is an imminent reality for many of our community’s poor elders,” notes SeniorLAW Executive Director Karen Buck. “For most of our elderly clients, their home is their only significant asset. Contractor fraud and exploitation are devastating to these clients, many facing poverty, diverse challenges of aging, and fighting to remain independent. Addressing the legal needs of older homeowners enables them to age in place, in their own homes and communities, where most of us want to age, rather than being forced into a care facility or into homelessness.”

To avoid this, Pepper pro bono teams file complaints in Municipal Court, and engage in investigations, negotiations and court hearings in order to generate refunds, invalidate unfair contracts or contract provisions, and obtain proper repair work for their elderly clients. In one case, a Pepper team represented a 68-year-old veteran who selected a roofing contractor from the phone book to locate and patch a leak. The contractor made three visits to the home, collected $2,500 from the client, and then stopped working and did not return the client’s calls. After a letter-writing campaign by Pepper lawyers and extensive negotiations, the contractor agreed to install an entirely new roof on the client’s home at no additional cost. The Pepper team also enlisted the Department of Licenses and Inspections to assess repairs made to a common wall by the client’s neighbor, who then agreed to retain a licensed contractor to correct any future damage. In another case, the Pepper team discovered that a contractor not only failed to properly renovate a senior’s bathroom, but may have negligently damaged other parts of the home. Using a reputable local contractor to analyze the actual construction damage and cost of repairs, the Pepper team is finalizing a complaint in the Court of Common Pleas against the original contractor, and investigating a possible homeowner’s insurance claim. “Fixing problems that contractors leave behind is a cost-effective way of redressing the wrongs that have been inflicted.”

One of the truly heartening things about the work of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation is hearing from our grantees organizations about their victories, both large and small, in their ongoing work to provide legal services to those in need. For example, we recently received an email from the Juvenile Law Center about SB 815 — the statute that will give kids in delinquency cases a virtually unwaivable right to counsel. Gov. Tom Corbett was joined at the signing ceremony by Juvenile Law Center staff as well as by Hillary Transeau and her mother, Laurene. Hillary was the girl who unknowingly waived her right to counsel and then was ordered into three months detention by a Luzerne County judge for mocking her high school principal on her MySpace page. It was Laurene Transeau’s call to the Juvenile Law Center that started its work on behalf of the victims of the “kids for cash” scandal in Luzerne County. We have also been hearing from several of our grantees about their work on behalf of their clients who do not have identification documents. Without ID they are precluded from participating fully in society. For example, the Homeless Advocacy Project (HAP) shared a success story about a 69-year-old client, Mr. JC. He was born at home in the Bronx and New York has no record of his birth. Without a birth record he was unable to get any kind of valid ID. Other records that could have helped him — such as baptismal or school or marriage records — were not available. For example, the only school Mr. JC could remember going to had burned down with all its records.

Lisa Whiteley, a Ballard Spahr LLP partner, continued the story of her firm’s work to provide legal services to those in need. “It’s heartening to hear from our grantee organizations about their victories, both large and small, in their ongoing work to provide legal services to those in need.”

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volunteer for HAP, stepped in to help. Knowing that Mr. JC’s parents had probably requested a Social Security number for their son from the Social Security Administration at his birth, she filed a FOIA request with the SSA asking for their records. She was right. The SSA had the file. She was told that if Mr. JC could verify some information in the file, such as his mother’s maiden name, the SSA would help him get social security benefits. Working through his social workers, Lisa was able to get the SSA the information it needed. Once she did, the SSA determined that he should be collecting a monthly Social Security check and was owed a significant sum in back benefits. The letter from Social Security awarding him benefits will serve as a verifiable record that can be submitted to finally get him a birth certificate.

As I said, victories big and small – policy changes for the entire state of Pennsylvania juvenile court system and one person getting Social Security benefits positioning him to get the ID he needs for so many aspects of his life. And all because of a firm’s commitment to pro bono work and a legal organization’s untiring efforts to make things right when they had turned so drastically wrong.

Needless to say, when I hear these stories, I am proud of the nearly 50 years of support that the Foundation has provided to Philadelphia’s public interest community.

A big part of our ability to sustain but also to grow that support is the funds we raise from events like the Foundation’s Golf Classic presented for the second year in a row by Kessler Topaz Melcher and Check, LLP. Coming from our firm, so between that and my love of golf, it’s a pretty easy ‘yes’ for me.” We thank Carl and Saul Ewing for their loyal support of this event.

At the event this year, we’ve added a round-robin tennis tournament as well. So, while some of your colleagues from the bench, bar and business community are out on the course competing for the LexisNexis/Reed Technology Cup or the Women’s Longest Drive competition, others will be in their tennis whites serving up aces or driving a shot down the line.

Golfers and tennis players will come together at the end of the day for an open bar reception and surf and turf dinner. Every year we hold a silent auction around cocktail time. And, each year we have some pretty fabulous items on the block. This year, however, our golf committee has outdone itself. For the first time in 30 years, the Merion Golf Club in Ardmore is hosting the 2013 U.S. Open. Tickets are like gold nuggets. But we have several lanyard passes to the event that we’ll be handing off to the highest bidder! We’ll also be auctioning off a chance to play at the Lexus Champions for Charity golf tournament at Pebble Beach courtesy of Willie Lusex. And, there’s a one-week stay at Mas Talaya, a stunning six-bedroom villa in Spain that is at the foot of the Pyrenees and 20 minutes from the Mediterranean; a stay at the Four Seasons Resort in San Diego; weekends at the shore; dinners at wonderful local restaurants, and more.

I have just heard from our new director of development, Elizabeth Macoretta, that she has set herself a challenging goal for this event – smash through past sponsorship goals and raise more than ever at the auction this year. Help her meet that goal to help the Foundation. Whether you play golf, tennis or would just like to hang out over dinner, join us on June 25. And, by the way, it’s my understanding that Carl is one of the people to beat in the skills’ competitions. No pressure, Carl!

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September 2012, further underscoring the need for legal services for the hundreds of service men and women in the Philadelphia region who are transitioning back to everyday life, Savoth added.

In addition to Savoth, Pennsylvania Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald D. Castille and Justice Seamus P. McCaffery, both of whom are decorated Marine Corps veterans, spoke at the event. Justice McCaffery is the Supreme Court’s liaison to the state’s problem-solving courts program and has been a leading force in establishing Veterans Courts throughout the commonwealth. Philadelphia veterans and active-duty military personnel and their families in need of assistance can contact the MAP Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 215-238-6536. Lawyers who are interested in volunteering to provide pro bono services as part of the MAP can contact Charlie Klitsch, the Association’s director of Public and Legal Services at 215-238-6526.

MAP is co-chaired by Michael Taub, staff attorney for the Homeless Advocacy Project, and Wesley R. Payne IV, assistant treasurer of the Bar Association and a partner at White and Williams LLP, and is being coordinated by Jennifer Segal Cozworth, an associate at Margolis Edelstein.
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Reviewed by Scott P. Sigman

“Justice Hunter” is Harper Dimmerman’s debut novel in the Hunter Gray series. The second installment, Die Before We Wake, is set for release this fall. He is also hard at work completing the third in the series. For those of you not familiar with Harper, he is a Philadelphia lawyer, former member of the Young Lawyers Division (YLD), a close friend and a prolific writer, having penned a column in The Legal Intelligencer since about 2004, somehow managing to bring something as linear as real estate law into full relief. He has also been an adjunct law professor at Temple University for the past few years, where he has been teaching real estate and general law topics. Justice Hunter was just published in April and within a matter of days was selected by Amazon as one of its hottest new legal thrillers.

“Justice Hunter” represents the first installment in a series of legal thrillers set in the City of Brotherly Love, devoted to the precious exploits of the Chicago plant, the “dashing and cerebral” Hunter Gray, Esq. The underpinnings of the story were inspired by Harper’s own experience as counsel to the City of Philadelphia, where he played a key role in one of the most racially and politically charged cases in the city’s history, a case that gripped the nation for its first amendment implications. Hunter’s plight is disproving the pithy pearls of wisdom, someone who also has a talent for injecting himself into the political discourse, always pervasive in this tallking head nation of ours, especially around presidential election time. This first in the series is set around the time of Barack Obama’s bid for president, when English as a first language was a hot button issue. Hunter’s decision to proceed, even against his better judgment, sets off a virtual tornado of destruction. For instance, one of his colleagues and closet friends, Andy Smith, always kind and genteel, is nearly beaten to death in what is made to appear like a random subway attack. On another ominous afternoon, Stephanie Diaz, the dazzling associate, who or she needs to seal the doors in Hunter’s death chamber. Everyone should read “Justice Hunter,” even if it is to appreciate Harper’s unique style and his remarkable ability to paint a moving picture through words and innovative descriptions. To say that the passages and characters come to life is an understatement. I can easily envision motion pictures. But in addition to being cinematic in nature, “Justice Hunter” is a compelling, easy read, with intriguing First Amendment implications for lawyers and non-lawyers alike.

Hunter Gray, a senior associate at Whitman Packer & Zimolong, LLC. (one of the city’s power firms), is handed the toughest case of his career by the firm’s egomaniacal, high-flying chairman. The assignment, one Hunter is understandably reluctant to accept at first because of its inherent complexity and the lighting-fast timeline, involves the city’s discrimination suit against the owner of one of the nation’s most successful pizza joints, Vito Armani. Allegedly, the South Philly mogul’s sign forcing everyone to order in English only violates local public accommodation laws, although admittedly the surrounding firestorm underscores the controversial nature of the supposed infringement.

The city takes a shot at this celebrated icon, trying to silence the otherwise outspoken and savvy businessman, someone who also has a talent for injecting himself into the political discourse, always pervasive in this tallking head nation of ours, especially around presidential election time. This first in the series is set around the time of Barack Obama’s bid for president, when English as a first language was a hot button issue. Hunter’s decision to proceed, even against his better judgment, sets off a virtual tornado of destruction. For instance, one of his colleagues and closet friends, Andy Smith, always kind and genteel, is nearly beaten to death in what is made to appear like a random subway attack. On another ominous afternoon, Stephanie Diaz, the dazzling associate, assigned to second chair him on the case, is nearly run over in the heart of South Philly’s Italian market. Even the otherwise outspoken and savvy businessman, someone who also has a talent for injecting himself into the political discourse, always pervasive in this tallking head nation of ours, especially around presidential election time. This first in the series is set around the time of Barack Obama’s bid for president, when English as a first language was a hot button issue. Hunter’s decision to proceed, even against his better judgment, sets off a virtual tornado of destruction. For instance, one of his colleagues and closet friends, Andy Smith, always kind and genteel, is nearly beaten to death in what is made to appear like a random subway attack. On another ominous afternoon, Stephanie Diaz, the dazzling associate, assigned to second chair him on the case, is nearly run over in the heart of South Philly’s Italian market. Even the distinguished member of the Philadelphia Common Pleas bench is murdered in cold blood, sending shock waves throughout the legal community. No one was safe as this case reached a crescendo and the most insidious elements of the profession were excavated.

Hunter’s plight unfortunately becomes to pull off a minor miracle and score a win on the case, salvaging his partnership dream in the process, even as he becomes a prime suspect in the investigation into the judge’s murder. His relationship with the sexy divorcee judge, Sheila Primeau, which began while he was litigating a case in front of her months earlier, gives the mastermind all the ammo he or she needs to seal the doors in Hunter’s death chamber.

One top mystery editor has said that Harper’s work is “easily on par with John Grisham and Scott Turow” and I would certainly have to concur. His writing style is bold, aggressive and smart. It is no-holds barred and compelling. “Justice Hunter” is the perfect summer read and is available in mass-market trade-size paperback as well as on Kindle and other e-readers.

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Chancellor Presents Temple Law Gideon Award

Temple University Beasley School of Law Dean JoAnne A. Epps (from left), Christine E. Pierce, Federal Defender Leigh Skipper, U.S. District Court Judge Joel H. Slomsky and Chancellor John E. Savoth gather at the law school’s Awards Ceremony on May 17. Pierce was presented with the Gideon Award, presented to a graduating student who plans to pursue a career as a public defender and who exhibits overall academic achievement. At each Awards Ceremony, the school also honors a lawyer or judge whose commitment to the law exemplifies the principles associated with the Gideon decision. This year, Skipper was honored for his ongoing commitment to justice.
More than 1,600 Hit Road for Bar 5K Run/Walk

Carmon M. Harvey (546), a partner with Montgomery McCracker Walker & Rhoads LLP, won the women’s division of the 33rd annual 5K.

Neill W. Clark (1) of Faruqi & Faruqi, LLP won the Bar division of the May 20 5K for a record 14th consecutive year. Tim Pagano was first overall.

The Gulang family – Edward, Aileen, Jacqueline and Eddie.

Amy McKlindon (from left), Katayun Jaffari, Support Center for Child Advocates Executive Director Frank Cervone Nicole Ismael and Haeley Horan. The Annual 5K Run/Walk raises funds for the Support Center.

Randi L. Rubin, Michael D. Shaffer and David J. Steerman prepare for the race.

Photos by Jeff Lyons
New Fee Requirement for Health Plans

By Brian McLaughlin

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) created a new fee on health plans to fund a Patient-Centered Outcome Research Trust Fund program, which was established to fund research of the clinical effectiveness of medical treatments, procedures and drugs. For insured plans, insurance carriers will pay a fee that equals $1 in the first year ($2 in the following years) multiplied by the average number of lives insured under a group health plan policy. For self-funded plans, the employer will pay a fee that equals $1 in the first year ($2 in the following years) multiplied by the average number of lives covered by the group health plan.

On April 17, the Internal Revenue Service issued a proposed rule on this new fee. As the carrier is responsible for the fee with respect to insured plans, the following provides detail with respect to self-funded plans, implicating employer obligations.

Plan sponsors must comply with respect to plan years beginning on or after Nov. 1, 2011 (for calendar-year plans, that means the 2012 plan year). Plan sponsors will file Form 720 “Quarterly Federal Excise Tax Return.” Despite the title, the form should be filed annually for purposes of this program fee. The return is filed by July 31 of the calendar year immediately following the last day of the plan year. A return for the year ending on Dec. 31, 2012 must be filed by July 31, 2013; this is the first potential due date.

The “plan sponsor” is responsible for paying the fee. The term generally means the employer and is usually designated in the plan documents. Where there is a controlled group of companies sharing a plan and no indication of the plan sponsor, the term generally means each separate employer. It is important to note that third-party administrators (TPAs) will not be paying this fee on behalf of the self-insured plan. It is the employer’s/plan sponsor’s responsibility.

The fee and reporting requirement applies to an “applicable self-insured health plan” which is an employer plan that provides for health coverage other than through an insurance policy. This includes a self-insured medical plan, a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) and, in some limited cases, a health flexible spending account (unless it qualifies for the exception).

Two or more self-funded arrangements established or maintained by the same plan sponsor that provides for health coverage that have the same plan year may be treated as a single applicable self-insured health plan for purposes of calculating the fee.

If a plan sponsor does not maintain an applicable self-insured health plan other than an HRA or non-exempted health FSA, the plan sponsor may treat each participant’s health FSA or HRA as covering a single covered life (and therefore the plan sponsor is not required to include as covered lives any spouse, dependent or other beneficiary of the individual participant in the health FSA or HRA, as applicable). This may apply in cases where the employer offers an insured health plan and an HRA.

However, this special counting rule applies only for purposes of the health FSA or HRA and, therefore, applies only for purposes of the participants in the health FSA or HRA that do not participate in the other applicable self-insured health plan.

The amount of the fee for a plan year is equal to the “average number of lives covered under the plan” for the plan year multiplied by the “applicable dollar amount.” A plan sponsor must use the same method of calculating the average number of lives covered under the plan consistently for the duration of the plan year. However, a plan sponsor may use a different method from one plan year to the next.

For plan years beginning before July 11, 2012 and ending on or after Oct. 1, 2012, a plan sponsor may determine the average number of lives covered under the plan for the plan year using any reasonable method.

For later years, “average number of lives covered under an applicable self-insured health plan” is determined under one of the following three methods:

The actual count method: The employer add the totals of lives covered for each day of the plan year and divides by the number of days in the plan year.

The snapshot dates method: A plan sponsor may add the totals of lives covered on one date in each quarter, or more dates if an equal number of dates are used for each quarter, and divide that total by the number of dates on which a count was made.

The Form 5500 Method: A plan sponsor with a Form 5500 reporting requirement may determine the average number of lives covered under a plan for a plan year based on the number of reportable participants for the Form 5500 that is filed for the applicable self-insured health plan for that plan year.

Penalties may apply for filing a return late, depositing taxes late, paying taxes late, willfully failing to collect and pay tax or file a return, negligence and fraud. These penalties are in addition to the interest charged on late payments.

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Parman is VIP’s Volunteer of the Month

Philadelphia VIP recognizes Donald F. Parman for his outstanding volunteer assistance to VIP clients.

“I no longer have the excuse of work to keep me from volunteering,” Parman laughs. “I am now able to take more cases, follow up and generally have more time to help my clients with VIP!” he said about his recent retirement. He served in the corporate legal group at GlaxoSmithKline for 27 years. In his last two years there, he chaired GSK’s pro bono engagement committee, where he persuaded fellow attorneys to do pro bono work.

For the past seven years, Parman has participated in a series of annual small business clinics offered to low-income city residents through Philadelphia VIP. He provides legal advice to low-income microentrepreneurs.

“Don is a regular volunteer at VIP’s one-on-one small business legal clinics, and his experience makes him an invaluable asset. He always provides the client with the best care, consideration, and counsel they need,” says VIP’s Sylvia Joo.

In addition to his work with microentrepreneurs, he enjoys working on mortgage foreclosure cases. The case that stands out for him involved a elderly couple in their 80s who were victims of a door-to-door home repair man. This man falsified documents on a mortgage loan for the couple. The payments were paid using the husband’s Social Security income until he passed away. His widow then fell into default on the loan payments. Parman took on the case and negotiated a 30-year payment plan, allowing the woman to live in the house the remainder of her life. “It was a moving experience; even the lender wanted to do all they could to help her once they understood the situation,” he explained.

“Good lawyers can do a lot of good. I want to encourage people who may be hesitant because they think their skill set may not be appropriate for pro bono work to take a case pro bono with VIP. You can do more than you think, so try it!” he urges. He says he volunteers with VIP because of the extensive support VIP provides its volunteer attorneys. “VIP makes it easy to be successful,” Parman said.

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on recruiting interpreters outside Philadelphia, and working with the Language Access Task Force of the Philadelphia Bar Association.

Wilkinson spoke on the work of the Equal Opportunity and Diversity Committee, which is focused on ensuring that diversity is a consideration in court appointments and employment. The Committee has submitted proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania Code of Judicial Conduct prohibiting discrimination and harassment by judges and court employees.

Lastly, Marks spoke about the efforts of the Jury Service Committee to increase diversity on juries and encouraging people to serve. The Committee is conducting meetings across the state to collect data on the racial and ethnic makeup of juries since little data is available.

Suzanne Almeida is a law clerk with Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts, a non-partisan, nonprofit organization.
We believe natural gas is playing a key role in this rebirth. Manufacturing industries generally benefit from added natural gas production, for example, through lower production and energy costs that benefit chemical companies and incremental demand for input products to extract the gas that benefits the steel industry and manufacturers of drilling equipment. Chemical and metals companies could potentially see the biggest positive impact.

Can you explain both the realized and projected effects that natural gas will have on the economic landscape?

The growth of the natural gas industry is already having positive effects on the economy both directly and indirectly. In an economy that has seen a slow recovery, this is not a near-term story from a thematic perspective, but rather a reinvestment in the United States for the long term. The U.S. oil and gas extraction sector grew 4.5 percent in 2011. This is faster than the 1.7 percent rate of GDP growth for the year. In 2010, the shale industry supported more than 600,000 jobs. This figure is expected to rise to above 1.6 million by 2035. In terms of value add to GDP, in 2010 the estimated contribution was $77 billion, expected to rise to $231 billion in 2035. Clearly, the part natural gas plays in a potential rebirth of manufacturing within the United States could have positive implications for the economy for years to come.

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In this interview with E. William Stone CFA®, CMT, senior vice president and chief investment strategist for PNC Wealth Management and Institutional Investments, we discussed the developments in natural gas and the potential implications for the U.S. economy.

Jackie Lessman: The United States is in the middle of a long and slow economic recovery facing several issues, including energy prices, fiscal problems and the looming federal election process. For this conversation I would like to focus on the topic of energy since it’s such a hot topic. With natural gas prices at record lows and oil prices skyrocketing, how will natural gas impact the economic recovery?

Bill Stone: Although not new, natural gas has gained attention as new methods of extraction have been developed and put to use. The advancements in hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling have made natural gas more economical to extract over the past few decades. As a result, natural gas is used as an important energy source for industrial, commercial and electrical generation as well as for residential heating. All told, according to energy sources, 84 percent of natural gas consumed in the United States is U.S.-produced and 97 percent is produced in North America. Importantly, we feel this helps mitigate worries about unstable foreign country exports. Without domestic shale gas production, the United States would become more reliant on imports, competing for resources with increasing demand worldwide.

We believe growth of this industry is having a positive impact on U.S. manufacturing and the broader economy, through lower energy costs, demand for input products, and the creation of jobs.

You mentioned the impact on U.S. manufacturing. Can you elaborate on how U.S. manufacturing is seemingly gaining some momentum and how natural gas has contributed?

Currently only about 15 percent of the U.S. economy is in manufacturing. Some of this U.S. manufacturing resurgence can already be seen; many foreign firms have begun to move factories to the United States. U.S. companies are also re-investing in the United States. We believe this is an important long-term reinvestment cycle within the United States – it is estimated that every manufacturing job creates additional three jobs in either directly or indirectly related sectors. This multiplier effect is bigger than that for other industries.

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By Jackie B. Lessman
Living in the Moment and Loving Every Minute

By Heather J. Austin

Many people struggle with trying to balance their responsibilities at work and at home. As a working mother, I know the challenge seems insurmountable at times. However, I know from speaking to my husband, who is also a lawyer, that the challenge is daunting to men, and I suppose to non-lawyers, as well.

Almost a year ago, I walked out of a day care center, leaving my then three-month old son (from whom I had never been separated) with a relative stranger. I had to return to work, so I had no choice. But, I could not answer the nagging question that stayed on my mind: how will I be able to remain an integral part of my son’s life while simultaneously concentrating on my work?

It took some time, but after several months, I freed myself of that nagging question when I accepted the fact that I cannot do both. No, I did not quit my job, and no, I did not give the little one away. But, I realized that I cannot be all things at any given moment. I thank my son for teaching me this lesson.

According to my friends who have young children and who have experienced the turmoil of the “first day of day-care drop-off,” I am truly blessed because my son did not shed a tear on his first day of “school.” Admittedly, he was only three months old then; however, he has not shed a tear on any day since. Each day he walks (…OK, is carried) into day care with a smile on his face and he immediately immerses himself fully in the tasks at hand (eating, sleeping, story time, blocks, crawling and practicing his walking). At the end of each day, he greets me and/or my husband with a huge smile and is clearly ready to immerse himself in the joys (and pains) of the adventures of family time. He effortlessly balances the many (albeit not yet challenging) aspects of his life.

Borrowing a page from my son’s playbook, I decided that I need to truly focus on submerging myself in the task before me at any given time, to the extent possible. There are times, admittedly, when I cheat and sneak an extended peak at the digital photo frame in my office that constantly scrolls pictures of my son when I am supposed to be working. Or sometimes I sneak a peak at the Blackberry when I am supposed to be caring for or enjoying time with my son. However, for the most part, I try to be fully aware and to live consciously in the moment so that I maximize my time in the office, at home, with friends and with colleagues, in an effort not to short-change anyone or anything. If you have tried to call me lately and I was not available, I apologize, but I promise that when I am living in the moment with you, you will have my full and complete attention.

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perceptions that the legal system is fair. However, this issue extends far beyond how an individual case is investigated and tried. It also goes to the way we make and interpret our laws.

The YLD will host its annual Diversity Scholarship Reception on Thursday, June 14 at Estia from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This year’s scholarship recipients include Joel Clymer and Nishana Weerasooriya from the Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law; Geneva Campbell from the University of Pennsylvania Law School; Elisa Kim from the Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel University; and Tran Che at the Villanova University Law School.

Melanie J. Taylor (Melanie.Taylor@philbar.org), an assistant district attorney with the Office of the Philadelphia District Attorney, is chair of the Young Lawyers Division.

IP Committee Reception

The Intellectual Property Committee held an April 25 networking event for law students interested in a career in intellectual property law and attorneys who currently practice intellectual property law. Speakers for the program included (from left) Prof. Kari Okamoto of Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law, Committee Co-chair Michael J. Berkowitz, Andrew L. Salvatore, John J. O’Malley, Chancellor-Elect Kathleen D. Wilkinson and M. Kelly Tillery.
SeniorLAW

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behind are frequently beyond the means of many seniors,” says Pepper associate Jeffrey Vagle. “It’s gratifying to me as an attorney to be able to help someone in this situation.” In another case where the elderly home owner client obtained substantial relief, Pepper associate Matthew Chiachetti said, “It was personally rewarding to witness our client become empowered, over the course of just a few weeks, as he realized that his situation was not beyond hope and that he would be able to regain control over his house.”

“I believe I can speak on behalf of all of our practice group members when I say that the work we are doing in partnership with SeniorLAW Center has been immensely gratifying,” adds Rainville. “Discovering how dishonest and incompetent contractors try to take advantage of vulnerable seniors has been an eye-opening experience for us all. It’s been a privilege to represent these clients in fighting contractor fraud and to have a positive impact on their lives.”

The impact of these efforts is powerful — enabling elders to maintain their homes and address their most important rights and needs, and making homes safe, healthy and dignified places to live. May is National Older Americans Month, and an especially appropriate time for sharing our resources with the generations who built this country and the opportunities we enjoy today. To stand up for seniors in difficulty is as rewarding as it gets.

SeniorLAW Center is a nonprofit organization, founded in 1978, that protects the rights of more than 8,000 older Pennsylvanians each year through legal representation, education and advocacy. To learn more about volunteering or supporting SeniorLAW Center’s work for elders facing a diverse array of civil legal problems, contact Karen C. Buck, SeniorLAW Center’s executive director, at kbuck@seniorlawcenter.org or visit www.seniorlawcenter.org.

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

Friday, June 1
LGBT Rights Committee: meeting, 8:30 a.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.
Workers’ Compensation Section Executive Committee: meeting, 10:30 a.m., 11th floor Committee Room.
Workers’ Compensation Section: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Lunch: $8.
Law School Outreach Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Monday, June 4
Family Law Section: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.
Civil Rights Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Women’s Rights Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.

Tuesday, June 5
Committee on the Legal Rights of Persons with Disabilities: meeting, 9 a.m., 11th floor Committee Room.
Civil Gideon Housing Group: meeting, 9 a.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.
Philadelphia Bar Foundation Board of Trustees: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Women’s Rights Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.

Wednesday, June 6
Delivery of Legal Services Committee: meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.
State Civil Litigation Section: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.
Intellectual Property Committee: meeting, 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $8.
ADR Subcommittee of the Family Law Section: meeting, 4 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.

Workers’ Compensation Section Spring Reception: 6 p.m., Manayunk Brewing Company, 4120 Main St. Tickets: philadelphiabar.org.

Thursday, June 7
Law School Outreach Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center.

Friday, June 8
Federal Bench-Bar Conference: 8:15 a.m., Rittenhouse Hotel, 210 W. Rittenhouse Square.
Young Lawyers Division Live Lunch & Learn: 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.

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

Tuesday, June 12
Criminal Justice Section Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Real Property Section Executive Committee: meeting, Brandywine Construction & Management, Inc., 1521 Locust St., Suite 400.
Solo and Small Firm Management Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.

Wednesday, June 13
Section & Committee Chairs: meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Law Practice Management Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.

Thursday, June 14
International Business Initiative Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $8.
Legislative Liaison Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Lunch: $8.
Law School Outreach Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center.

Friday, June 15
Social Security Disability Benefits Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.

Monday, June 18
Public Interest Section Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Tuesday, June 19
Cabinet: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Appellate Courts Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.

Monday, June 25
Criminal Justice Section: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.
Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Tuesday, June 26
Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon: 12 p.m., Hyatt at The Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets. Tickets: philadelphiabar.org.

Wednesday, June 27
Medical Legal Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.

Thursday, June 28
Elder Law and Guardianship Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $8.
Lawyer Referral and Information Service Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center South.
Law School Outreach Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Room South.
Philadelphia Bar Reporter Editorial Board: meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Cabinet Room.
Board of Governors: meeting, 4 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Judge Susan Peikes, an associate with Fox Rothschild LLP, was recently installed as a member of the Board of Directors for the Pennsylvania Bar Association for 2012-2013.

Christine Soares, an associate with Fox Rothschild LLP, was recently installed as a member of the Board of Directors for the Professional Women’s Roundtable for 2012-2013.

Teresa N. Cavenagh, a partner with Duane Morris LLP, served as event chair for Senior.LAW Center’s SeniorProm on May 4. The organization’s annual fundraiser, benefits the center and helps raise awareness of its work on behalf of more than 8,000 Pennsylvania seniors each year.

R. Bruce Morrison, a shareholder with Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin was a panelist at the Pennsylvania Association of Workers’ Compensation. He also participated in the Women in the Profession’s 16th Annual Insur & Goggin was a panelist at the Pennsylvania Association of Workers’ Compensation. He also attended the Pennsylvania Association of Workers’ Compensation, as well as the Pennsylvania Bar Association task force that will review the existing Pennsylvania Code of Judicial Conduct and recommend updates.

Thomas J. Giordano Jr., a partner with Pond Lehocky Stern Giordano, recently addressed several unions including the Teamsters, Gas Workers, and the Painters and Allied Trades on the topic of workers’ compensation. He also published three articles in the Law Department, City of Philadelphia
ty, and has been selected as one of the 2012 Nation’s Best Advocates: 40 Lawyers Under 40 by The National Bar Association.

Abraham C. Reich, co-chair of Fox Rothschild LLP and a former Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association, has been elected to co-chair a Pennsylvania Bar Association task force that will review the existing Pennsylvania Code of Judicial Conduct and recommend updates.

John M. Dodig and Mark W. Tanner of Feldman Shepherd Wohlgelernter Tanner Weinstock & Dodig LLP recently presented “Trial Strategy: Building Blocks of Persuasion” to students of Temple University Beasley School of Law LLM, Trial Advocacy program.

Samuel H. Pond, managing partner of Pond Lehocky Stern Giordano, recently addressed several unions including the Teamsters, Gas Workers, and the Painters and Allied Trades on the topic of workers’ compensation. He also published three articles in the Pennsylvania Law Weekly regarding the potential difficulties that the proposed workers’ compensation reforms could cause claimants.

Christopher M. Brubaker, an associate with Thorp Reed & Armstrong, LLP, was a presenter at the Reinsurance Association of America Re Basics Conference in Chicago May 16-17 where he discussed “Contract Required for Reinsurance Credit.”

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