Bar’s Judicial Commission Recommends 22 for Primary

by Jeff Lyons

A total of 22 candidates have received the rating of “Recommended” by the Association’s Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention for the Court of Common Pleas and Municipal Court in the May 17 primary election.

Chancellor Andrew A. Chirls said that the full list of “Recommended” and “Not Recommended” candidates is available on the Association’s Web site at www.philadelphiabar.org.

The Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention is independent and non-partisan and includes lawyers and non-lawyers. Among its members are the chief public defender, the president judges of the Common Pleas and Municipal Courts, and representatives from Asian, Hispanic and African-American legal groups.

The ratings by the 30-member Judicial Commission follow extensive

Dowd Lampoons DeLay, Politics in Washington

by Jeff Lyons

Maureen Dowd, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for The New York Times, took on the Bush administration and House Majority Leader Tom DeLay in biting remarks at the Association’s April 11 Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon.

The Association also honored Immediate-Past Chancellor Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua at the event. Chancellor Andrew A. Chirls presented Bevilacqua with a gold box, a replica of one presented to Andrew Hamilton for his successful defense of printer John Peter Zenger in 1735. The box, annually presented to the past Chancellor, carries the inscription, “Acquired not by money, but by character.”

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‘Honorable DeLay, you should be ashamed of yourself,” Dowd said. “And I do mean ashamed.”

She referred to DeLay’s fundraising activities that included a $250,000 contribution from Enron, a Texas energy company that was heavily involved in the energy crisis and whose stock dropped from $92 a share to $10 a share.

Dowd continued, “DeLay’s ethics problem is that he is bloated with money which he has no business having. He is bloated with power, which he has no business having. But, he’s bloated with smugness, which, yes, he has some business having.

‘The truth is, torture is not a matter of politics. It is a matter of human rights, of humanity, and of moral integrity. It is about being a man and a woman, about being a citizen of the world. It is about being able to vote and write about and talk about the laws of our land. It is about the moral fiber of the human spirit. It is about the human spirit. It is about the human spirit.

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Liturin is a Good Sign All Over the World
by Andrew A. Chirs

May is the month of Law Day - a time to honor and observe the importance of our laws and our justice system. Here in Philadelphia we don’t simply have Law Day, we have Law Week. We sponsor a whole week of public outreach activities.

Our Young Lawyers’ Division leads the way by arranging for visits to our schools, where we discuss law as a peaceful form of conflict resolution. This year, Law Day focuses on the value of the jury system.

But in truth the law is a part of our lives all the time. In a democracy, every day is Law Day.

Just ask the people of Poland, who are nurturing a new constitutional democracy. Recent thanks to the Jagiellonian Law Society, I had a chance to meet with members of the Polish Supreme Court and two Polish law professors who were visiting Philadelphia. They were here to learn about how to manage their growing legal system, and I also learned from them. What I heard was the story of how the rule of law becomes rooted in a society. The story demonstrates a thirst for the civilized and fair resolution of disputes through an independent justice system. This contrasts sharply with the absence of such approaches in many modern societies.

In Poland, the numbers bear witness to the dramatic changes that are taking place. The Polish Ministry of Justice reports that since 1990 there has been a constant growth of cases in Polish courts. Starting from 2 million cases a year in 1990, the caseload reached 9.7 million cases filed in 2004. That’s almost five times as many cases as when free enterprise and democracy were born anew in that land. And the courts in Poland are resolving cases at a healthy pace. The leaders of the justice system want to make the system go faster, and they were here to learn about how alternative dispute resolution systems work.

Article 45 of the 1997 Polish Constitution is just part of the explanation for this growth of litigation. That provision requires, “Everyone shall have the right to a fair and public hearing of his case, without undue delay, before a competent, impartial and independent court.” That’s not too different from what our own Constitution of Pennsylvania provides for us: “All courts shall be open; and every man for an injury done him in his lands, goods, persons or reputation shall have remedy by due course of law, and right and justice administered without sale, denial or delay.”

Neither we nor the Poles can take this kind of constitutional rule as a guarantee that our rights will be protected or that our courts will be up to the tasks given to them. It takes input from professionals, scholars and citizens to help make the courts function well, along with the hard work and dedication of judges and court personnel.

The growth of the Polish legal system is not just the product of constitutional guarantees making the judiciary independent. According to one professor I spoke with, this had started a few years earlier when free enterprise and free markets were introduced throughout the society. The doors to a new societal order were opened, and people lost no time in passing through those doors.

Dr. Tomasz Sieniow, a professor in the Department of European Union Law at the Catholic University of Lublin (just renamed John Paul II University), told me that Polish courts had been given some tasks purely administrative in their nature (e.g. land registration and company registry), and for many years judges were spending quite a lot of their time dealing with paperwork and not enough time judging. “There was not an office of Clerk of the Court until recently.”

And this is where the Polish Parliament stepped in. To reduce the backlog of cases, Parliament is now constantly increasing the number of judicial positions. As a result, the numbers of cases processed have reached 10,000 in 2004 compared to fewer than 5,000 in 1990. So now, judges in Poland are doing more of what they’re supposed to be doing.

Bar Unanimously Opposes Federal ID Law
by Genna Viozzi

Sending a clear message that the Philadelphia legal community is opposed to legislative action that would hinder the rights and safety of immigrants in the United States, Chancellor Andrew A. Chirs has asked Pennsylvania U.S. Senators Rick Santorum and Arlen Specter to vote against the Real ID Act of 2005 (H.R. 438).

The Real ID Act of 2005, passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on Feb. 10, proposes legislation that would make it exponentially harder, and often impossible, for immigrants and asylum seekers to receive drivers’ licenses, forcing them out of the country due to lack of proper identification.

At its March 31 meeting, the Bar’s Board of Governors unanimously passed a resolution opposing the Real ID Act of 2005, citing that it “threatens and undermines both the right to privacy of Americans, the right and ability of persons from other countries to apply for refuge in the United States when they are persecuted in their home countries, and the authority of our federal courts to review matters brought before them.”

In an April 4 letter to Sens. Santorum and Specter, Chirs stressed the Bar’s concerns that the Real ID Act will nullify current IRCA laws and regulations that govern drivers’ licenses, thus overriding the cooperative approach between federal and state governments called for in the Intelligence Reform Act of 2004. In addition, he points out that implementing the Real ID Act would be disregarding “decades of established law on burden of proof and standard of evidence in asylum and similar cases.”

Pointing out a less-publicized issue of the legislation, Chirs said Section 102 of the Real ID Act would allow the Secretary of Homeland Security to seize property within 100 miles of any U.S. border. “This includes a large swath of land in Pennsylvania,” Chirs wrote. “Seizure of land without regard to law and due process violates principles of judicial supremacy and due process.”

In other business at the March 31 meeting, Marla A. Joseph, Marsha Levick and Deborah Weinstein were unanimously approved as the newest members of the Association’s Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee seeks and recommends qualified candidates for elected Association positions.

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Many immigration laws in the United States are broken and need to be fixed, a pair of experts told an audience of nearly 100 people at a Chancellor’s Forum on immigration law on April 20.

“The Impact of Immigration Reform: What You Need to Know about Current Proposals No Matter What Kind of Law You Practice” featured panelists Michelle Waslin, senior immigration policy analyst for National Council of La Raza and Katherine Newell Bierman, senior staff attorney with the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium. The program was moderated by Chancellor Andrew A. Chirls and was co-sponsored by the Public Interest Section and the Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition.

“All sides of the immigration debate recognize the current system is broken. People are dying trying to get into this country and there are people living in fear trying to stay here,” said Waslin, who added that there are more than 11 million undocumented immigrant workers in the United States.

Waslin said some local governments have moved to accept immigrants, offering drivers licenses and in-state tuition at colleges. Other states have taken an opposite approach, Waslin said, as evidenced by groups of “minutemen” gathering on the U.S.-Mexico border to watch out for illegal immigrants.

“The federal government is the only body that can make changes to immigration law. But we see a lot of stagnation,” she said.

Bierman said the proposed Real ID Act was the reason she agreed to be a panelist at the event. “The Real ID Act suspends the writ of habeas corpus. The Real ID Act would allow people to be deported before a final decision on their status is reached in the courts,” she said.

Bierman said the USA Patriot Act, put into place after the terrorist attacks of 2001, have some parts that are “quite scary for immigrants and naturalized citizens. But some of the scariest things outside the Patriot Act are administrative decisions being made,” she said.

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Federal Bench-Bar Conference June 10

by Jeff Lyons

The Association's Federal Courts Committee and the Pennsylvania Bar Institute will present the annual Federal Bench-Bar Conference on Friday, June 10 at Ashbourne Country Club in Cheltenham, Pa.

The conference, which features 3 substantive CLE credits, begins with registration and breakfast at 7:45 a.m. and concludes at 11:55 a.m. with a reception and luncheon.

The program begins with remarks from Federal Courts Committee Chair Abbe F. Reiman, Committee Vice Chair and conference planner Steven E. Bizar and U.S. District Court Chief Judge James T. Giles.

"This will be a great opportunity for attorneys to socialize with district and magistrate judges who preside over our cases," Bizar said. "The program that we've assembled this year is absolutely fantastic. Each of the issues we've decided to address is current. The people we've asked to participate on the panels are leading lawyers and judges who have insights to share with the people who attend," he said. "And you get three substantive credits for learning and socializing," Bizar said.

Former Committee Chair Howard D. Scher will chair the first program, "The E-Trail from the Boardroom to the Courtroom: Electronic Discovery and Evidence" with panelists Elizabeth K. Ainslie, Larry Turner and Dorothy P. Watson and U.S. District Court

Golf Reservations

Tee times are available following the Federal Bench-Bar Conference for an additional charge. Contact Stephanie Krzywanski at skrzywanski@philabar.org or at (215) 208-6360 for more information.

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Reserve Your Place Now for 2005 Bench-Bar Conference

by Jeff Lyons

Members interested in attending the Association’s Bench-Bar Conference at the Quarter at Tropicana have until Aug. 15 to take advantage of discounted attendance rates.

Saidie J. Ladov, co-chair of the Sept. 30 to Oct. 1 Bench-Bar Conference along with Mitchell L. Bach, said a substantial discount for public interest and governments attorneys and young lawyers will be offered to make the Conference attractive and affordable.

Prices to attend the full conference are $395 for Association members, $245 for Association members who work for nonprofit or government agencies or are members of the Young Lawyers Division and $445 for nonmembers if registration is received before Aug. 15.

After Aug. 15, the prices increase by $50.

One-day Bench-Bar Conference packages are also available, as are tickets to the Friday, Sept. 30, Grand Reception. Hotel reservations must be made separately by calling 800-247-8767. Mention “Philadelphia Bar Association 2005 Bench-Bar Conference” to take advantage of the special rate of $185 per night plus taxes. Hotel reservations must be made by Friday, Sept. 9.

“The plans for the 2005 Bench-Bar are shaping up,” said Ladov. “The Committee has put out the call to the section and committee chairs of the Association seeking diverse CLE topics from litigation to tax to family and criminal law. A highlight of the CLE promises to offer something for everyone and at all levels of experience,” she said.

The Quarter opened last fall, adding more than 60 dining, entertainment, shopping and spa options to the Tropicana, and making it the largest hotel in New Jersey. The $280 million expansion project added the Havana Tower with 502 new guest rooms, 45,000 square feet of meeting space and 2,400 new parking spaces.

The Quarter’s restaurants include ADam Good Crab Shack & Sports Bar; Brüde: The Desert Experience; Corinne’s; Corky’s Ribs & BBQ; Cuba Libre Restaurant and Rum Bar; Golden Dynasty Restaurant; Hooters; The Palm; P.F. Chang’s China Bistro; Red Square; Ri-Ra Irish Restaurant Pub; The Sound of Philadelphia Restaurant; Il Verdi Italian Restaurant; and Welling-ton’s Steak & Seafood.

Shopping destinations include Baron’s Gentlemen; bluemercury apothecary and spa; Brandies Jewelers; Brooks Brothers; Caché; Chez Lingerie; Chico’s; Erwin Pearl; Hat Emporium; Houdini’s Magic Shop; Jake’s Dog House; Landau Jewelers; M’dionie de France; M ONDI; Old Farmer’s Almanac General Store; Panaderia dul Mundo; Perfect Accessories & Leather; Rittenhouse Gift & Home; Sala’s Niles; The Collection by Tahari; The Spy Store; Starbuck’s; Swarovski; The Tea & Coffee Shop; Tinder Box/Vino 100; White House/Back Market; Zephyr Gallery; Zeytinia Gourmet Food & Marketplace; and Zinman.

A Tribute to a Caring Colleague

by Joan C. Arnold

Standing five feet 2 inches, with eyes of blue, and a halo of strawberry blond curls, Barbara W. Freedman was not your stereotypical image of a tax lawyer, but for more than 25 years she exemplified the best that one could be. Barbara died in a plane crash on April 7 and the Philadelphia Bar community is leavened by her absence.

Physical impressions notwithstanding, Barbara was the quintessential tax lawyer. Evidencing a significant scholarly interest in the field, she also had a strong practical streak. She took seriously her role as a problem solver and excelled at it. Barbara enjoyed the jigsaw puzzle that a tax practice presents. She revelled in probing the issues, not only to reach a completed picture, but every time I spoke with Barbara, I came away a better lawyer.

Challenges thrilled Barbara. She started her career as a clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Raymond Broderick and then moved into the tax department at Dechert. She was trained as a tax generalist, and developed a speciality in employee compensation. Continuing in her challenges, she opened her own law firm, as a tax boutique. It was the time of the savings and loan debacle, and Barbara was hired by the Resolution Trust Company to handle the termination of all of the benefits plans in the distressed banks. Her organizational skills, technical knowledge and incredible people skills made that task manageable. After mastering running her own firm, Barbara sought new challenges, and moved her practice to Duane Morris in the late 1990s.

Barbara’s commitment to the legal tax community was impressive. At the time of her death, she was the chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association Tax Section. She was the co-chair of the Philadelphia Tax Conference, and was actively engaged in planning for the fall conference.

She was a long-time member of the Real Estate Discussion Group, a group of tax professionals that meet regularly to discuss partnership and real estate tax issues. She was active in the ABA Tax Section, frequently attending the meetings, sometimes with her husband, Allan, and speaking on various technical panels. Barbara’s activities in the tax community and her excellence in practice were recognized and she was elected a Fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel.

But what will be missed most is the personal impact Barbara had on people. In the days after her death, her friends would meet and reminisce. I realized that whenever they thought about Barbara, a physical change that occurred. Their faces became more relaxed, their worry lines subsided, and a small smile played on their lips. To have known her was a joy. She was selfless, caring and giving. While others may see the pressures of responsibility in the tax profession as their due, she was honored to be elected.

That Barbara cared deeply about others was evident in all that she did. One colleague remembers Barbara in law school, bringing her then small children, Avi, Noam and Reena to the library during finals to hand out Hanukkah gelt. She continued this approach of well-thought-out explanation of why she was afraid, she provided a rational, well-thought-out explanation of why she should not be afraid. As always, focused and prepared.

Barbara’s funeral was very crowded, which was no surprise to the attendees. The size of the crowd probably would have been a surprise to Barbara, who would not have seen it as her due. But it was. We will miss her terribly.

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Appellate Courts Committee
Judge Discusses Issues Over Merit Selection

by Asima Panigrahi

Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge Correll F. Stevens observed observations on the proposed merit selection of appellate judges at the April 13 meeting of the Association’s Appellate Courts Committee.

Under a merit selection process, a committee would issue a list of approved nominees, and the governor would then decide which of these candidates are to be appointed as judges. The public would have the opportunity to vote for these candidates in subsequent retention elections.

“How representative will the appointments be under this system?” Judge Stevens asked, noting that there is a risk of undue influence by professional groups and various interest groups. He also said attempts to be politically correct by making appointments based on race and gender may go against the desires of the voters. He said that the voters should dictate the diversity of the judiciary. “Should our judges come from a small group of highly educated people chosen through the political process?” he asked.

The discussion also included the highly debated topic of the Superior Court’s practices regarding unpublished opinions. Judge Stevens noted that these opinions can generally not be relied upon. The panel can vote, however, to convert an opinion from unpublished to published, and attorneys should not hesitate to request this because panels will generally agree to do so.

Many at the meeting said they strongly oppose the idea of unpublished opinions due to the frustration of finding a case that is on point to their issue and then not being able to cite it. Judge Stevens then asked if the solution was to publish everything and if that was a practicable option. One attendee suggested that perhaps these opinions could be published online.

Asima Panigrahi, clerk to Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Denis P. Cohen, is an associate editor of the Philadelphia Bar Report.
Legal Clinic for Disabled Honors Volunteers
Bernadette Sparling (left) and Lisa Washington hold their White Hat Awards presented at the Legal Clinic for the Disabled’s Third Annual Spring Celebration and Silent Auction on April 7 at the Comisky Conference Center at Blank Rome LLP. Other White Hat Award winners included Ronald Fisher, Jeffrey Lichtman, Juliet Sarkessian and Joyce Collier.

Bar Foundation’s 17th Annual Golf Classic June 27
The Philadelphia Bar Foundation will hold its 17th Annual Golf Classic on Monday, June 27 at the Philadelphia Cricket Club in Flourtown, Pa.

Last year’s event raised more than $112,000. Proceeds from the event go directly to more than 25 public interest law agencies that help the area’s neediest residents.

The general fee for play is $375. A limited number of members of the Association’s Young Lawyers Division can play for a discounted cost of $295. The price includes greens fees, golf cart, lunch, refreshments and dinner and cocktails following the event.

Both of the Cricket Club’s courses (Militia Hill and Wissahickon) will be available for play. The Cricket Club requires all players to wear collared shirts. Mid-length Bermuda shorts are permitted and metal spikes are prohibited.

The event will feature a silent auction and raffle with prizes donated by prominent area retailers and restaurants. Raffle tickets are $10 each or six for $50. Raffle tickets may be purchased in advance or on the day of the event.

For more information, contact Melissa Engler at the Philadelphia Bar Foundation at (215) 238-6347 or by e-mail at mengler@philabar.org.

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The promise of an independent judiciary in a free society is just an aspiration until the people charged with making it happen get down to work. In Poland, a society based on law seems to be working. According to Professor Sieniow, “Litigation is a good sign.” Those five words provide not just a powerful Law Day message but also an apt answer to those who, bemoaning a “litigation explosion,” would curtail access to justice in our own country. Worried about living in a country with too much litigation? Think about the alternative. Let’s celebrate that it’s a free country, where wrongs are righted in our independent courts.

Andrew A. Chirls, a partner at WolfBlock, is Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association. His e-mail address is chirls@philabar.org.

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When I wrote this column last year, I told you about Donna. Donna was a 12-year-old who was being bounced around the foster care system so much that she ran away and spent five days by herself on the streets of Philadelphia. Donna’s mom was drug addicted and suffered from physical and mental illness. One of our grantee’s volunteer lawyers stood by Donna’s side when she went to court. She is now in a home with a family who loves her. Donna got what every child in this

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Renovations Complete at Jenkins Law Library

by Jeff Lyons

When it came time to renovate the Jenkins Law Library, library director Regina Smith had one thought in mind – make the library a destination for lawyers.

“We wanted to make the library a place where someone on their way to Federal Court could stop in and have a cup of coffee and relax,” she said of the facility at 833 Chestnut St.

The library has added more comfortable seating, a spacious reading room, more natural light and new wired carrels to provide easy access to the Internet. They’ve also raised the ceiling height to 12 feet, which allows the library to display more artwork.

The renovations, which cost $1.2 million, were included in the lease that Jenkins recently renewed at 833 Chestnut St. The project began last August and was completed in April.

One of the most noticeable differences is all the extra natural light that filters into the facility. There are large windows along the western and northern sides of the library. Smith said the library’s 41 employees now all have ready access to the brighter conditions, and the staff has been concentrated into one area.

The improvements also include wireless zones throughout the library, which will allow visitors to connect to the Internet with their laptop computers. Smith said there’s a new conference center that can accommodate as many as 50 people. “The computer learning center, where we hold our CLE seminars, has been increased in size to fit 20 people, where it used to hold 16,” said Smith.

“We replaced all the furniture. Everything’s new but the stacks,” she said, adding that the idea of renovation was to get more public space.

Another new feature is a leisure reading area with a lending collection of fiction donated by Harold Cramer, former Chancellor of the Bar Association and chair of the Board at Jenkins.

The 38,000-square-foot library occupies most of the building’s 12th floor. The library also has added 1,700 square feet in the concourse of the building’s basement, which contains older treatises and items from before 1950.

The library also has a coffee bar, and visitors are permitted to bring their coffee out into the public areas.

Smith says the library had about 20,000 live visitors last year and approximately 100,000 virtual visitors to its Web site, www.jenkinslaw.org. She said the library has about 9,000 dues-paying members.

Library director Regina Smith says the renovations at Jenkins Law Library cost $1.2 million.
Bike-a-Thon Team Seeks Riders, Volunteers

by Jeffrey Abramowitz

If you know someone who has cancer or has lost his or her fight against cancer there is no better way to honor their continued courage or memory than by becoming a sponsor of the American Cancer Society’s Bike-a-Thon and making a dedication in your loved one’s honor or memory. The theme for this year’s event, set for Sunday, July 10, is “Who Are You Riding For?” We all know someone touched by this disease, and now it is time to act.

In January, the Association’s Board of Governors unanimously passed a resolution authorizing the continuation of the Philadelphia Bar Association Bike-a-Thon Team for 2005. In our first year as a formal team we had more than 170 riders and raised more than $80,000. But in 2005, many in our Philadelphia Bar family lost their lives to this dreaded disease and many more bravely continued their battle against cancer. Despite all of our efforts, one thing is clear: We all need to do more.

Spring is here and Sunday morning training rides have begun. Cyclists of all ages and ability are welcome to join us starting at SEPTA’s Spring Mill Station in Whitemarsh Township at 8 a.m. The Bar Association Team will be hosting a night at the Camden RiverSharks on Friday, May 13. All registered riders or volunteers will be entitled to four complimentary tickets for the game. Tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Anyone interested should e-mail requests to WKALAW@aol.com. Volunteers are also needed to assist at the Bike-a-Thon Expo scheduled for Saturday, July 9, at Dave & Busters on Columbus Boulevard and on the day of the event. The ride begins at 7 a.m. at the Ben Franklin Bridge in Philadelphia and stretches 62.5 miles to Lenape Park in Mays Landing, N.J. There are also starting points at Cherry Hill High School East and Mazzaro’s restaurant in Hammonton, N.J.

Rest stops along the route in New Jersey are at Cherry Hill East, Indian Mills Deer Club, South Egg Harbor Fire Station and the Estell Manor School. Volunteer mechanics from local bike shops, SAG wagons, repair/first aid patrols and safe return transportation are also part of the event.

For More Information

It’s not too late for your firm to have its name and logo on the Philadelphia Bar Association Bike-a-Thon Team jersey. For information call Jeffrey Abramowitz at (215) 568-4980 or e-mail WKALAW@aol.com.

Save May 15 for 26th Annual Charity Run

by Manny D. Pokotilow

The 26th Annual Philadelphia Bar Association 5K (3.1 mile) Charity Run and Walk will take place on Sunday, May 15 to provide an annual incentive for getting back in shape after a long winter. The net proceeds for the event will benefit the Support Center for Child Advocates.

The Bar Association is being joined by Wawa, First Trust, Iron Mountain, The Legal Intelligencer, JuristAff, Inc., and USI Colburn Insurance Service as sponsors. In addition, this year the law firms of Akim Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, Anapol, Schwartz, Weiss, Cohen, Feldman and Smalley, PC, Bennett, Bricklin & Saltzburg, LLP, Caesar, Rivise, Bernstein, Cohen & Pokotilow, Ltd., Marshell, Denney, Warner, Coleman & Goggin; Neil A. Morris Associates, PC; Pepper Hamilton LLP; Rattner Prestia; Raynes, McCarty, Binder, Ross & Murray; Reed Smith LLP; Sandors & Associates, P.C.; Semanoff, Ormsby, Greenberg & Torchia, LLC; WolfBlock; and Woodcock Washburn LLP are joining the Run as legal sponsors. Buchanan Ingersoll PC, Cozen O’Connor, DrinkelBird d’ito, Fox Rothschild LLP and Pelino and Lentz are supporting the Run as legal supporters.

In its 26th year, the event attracts all ages and ability are welcome to join the 26th Annual Charity Run and Walk is one of the oldest and most respected run/walks in the city. The event concludes with an awards ceremony that takes place at the finish line after the run with post-run activities featuring a variety of refreshments and giveaways that are fun for the entire family.

For more information about the event, contact Eric S. M. Arzuffi at (215) 567-2010, extension 130 or by e-mail at mberkowitz@rcbc.org. The deadline for team registration is May 7.

The event has team competition with awards being made in age groups from 13 and under to 80 and over. The event has team competition for both law firms and companies. Information about the team competition can be obtained from Michael Berkowitz at (215) 567-2100, extension 132, by e-mail at mberkowitz@rcbc.org.

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by Shira J. Goodman

The need to raise large sums of money for campaign purposes, sparse media coverage of judicial races and low turnout for judicial races work to limit public discourse about real issues and confine judicial campaign dialogue to sound bites on controversial issues, a panel of experts said at an April 6 forum on communicating with judicial candidates.

The forum, sponsored by Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts, featured panelists Judge Anne E. Lazarus, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas and Ethics Committee Chair of the Pennsylvania State Conference of Trial Judges, pollster G. Terry Madonna; Zach Stalberg, CEO of the political watchdog group Committee of Seventy and former executive editor of the Philadelphia Daily News; Bilal Abdul Qayyum, co-chair of Men United for a Better Philadelphia; and Carrie Budoff, a political reporter for The Philadelphia Inquirer.

PMC hoped to provoke discussion about how to improve campaign discourse so that voters would have meaningful information to use when selecting candidates for the bench. A standing-room-only crowd attended the forum, held at Temple University’s Center City Campus, which transformed into a resounding critique of judicial elections. The panelists provided important insights into the state of judicial elections and the challenges voters face in the voting booth.

Judge Lazarus pointed out the dangers in resorting to sound-bite campaigning, explaining that the Code of Judicial Conduct, which regulates the behavior of judges and candidates for judicial office, imposes limits on candidate speech. Candidates must be wary of the prohibition against committing an act of communication or appearing to commit themselves with regard to matters more likely to come before the court.

“They must be prepared to address their impartiality into question,” Lazarus said.

“Candidates about matters more relevant to service on the bench, such as their experience in the legal world, matters of judicial administration; how to eliminate bias from the justice system; and whether the candidate would consider recusing from cases in which statements about controversial issues”

YLD Hosts ‘Meet the Candidates’ Event

District attorney candidates (from left) Lynne Abraham, Louis Schwartz and Seth Williams appeared at the Young Lawyers Division’s Meet the Candidates Networking Event on April 20 at the Public House. Abraham and Williams are running in the Democratic primary on May 17. Schwartz, a Republican, is running unopposed. Candidates for the Court of Common Pleas, Municipal Court and City Council also attended the event, which was cosponsored by the Young American PAC.

Jewish Law Day Celebration May 18

The Louis D. Brandeis Law Society will sponsor the 22nd Annual Jewish Law Day on Wednesday, May 18 at the Jewish Community Services Building, 2100 Arch St. from 5:15 to 7 p.m.

A group of 30 Jewish women judges will be honored at the event, which will also include remarks by Professor Suzanne Last Stone of the Cardozo School of Law. She will discuss “Jewish Law and the Death Penalty: A reception will follow. Admission is free, but please RSVP to mlg@disputeRI.com.

Panelists at the April 6 forum on communicating with judicial candidates included (seated, from left) Judge Anne E. Lazarus, G. Terry Madonna, Carrie Budoff and (standing, from left) Zach Stalberg, moderator Lynn A. Marks and Bilal Abdul Qayyum.

Photo by Genna Viozzi

RATINGS

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study and investigation by the Commission’s 120 member investigative division that includes 40 non-lawyer members. Candidates found “Recommended” satisfied a cumulative review of criteria including qualifications such as legal ability and training, trial experience, character and integrity, judicial temperament, mental and physical capacity and community involvement. The following candidates, listed alphabetically, were found “Recommended” for election to the Court of Common Pleas:

Judge Glenn B. Bronson
Ann M. Butchart
Linda A. Carpenter
Robert P. Coleman
Judge Charles J. Cunningham
Joyce Webb Eubanks
Ellen Green-Casler
Marilyn Hilfiger
Sharon Williams Loser
Thomas Martin
Judge Bradley K. Moss

and even general statements about crime, for example, could later call their impartiality into question.

The audience of citizens, lawyers and representatives of diverse interest groups challenged the panelists to solve the problems of the influence of money in judicial elections and the lack of real information for the voters.

Criminals pleaded for more detailed media coverage of judicial elections and better and earlier evaluations of judicial candidates by the Bar Association, and an end to the system of buying a position on the bench through contributions to political parties and officers.

Chancellor Andrew A. Chirls told the audience that the Commission had released the majority of its ratings much earlier than in previous years and in time for the political parties to have the information as they made their endorsements. “We were delighted that the citizens of Philadelphia are so concerned about the judicial selection process and pleased that PMC’s concerns about the influence of money and the lack of information available in judicial elections are shared by the public. We will work together in the future to continue the education process and reform Pennsylvania’s judicial selection system,” Marks said.

Thomas Noell (from left) Judge Susan J. Schulman; Meredith Seigle DiClaudio; Ira B. Shrage; David C. Shuter; Leon W. Tucker; Sandi Weaver; Marvin L. Williams.

The following candidates, listed alphabetically, were found “Not Recommended” for election to the Municipal Court: Judge Charles J. Cunningham; Joyce Webb Eubanks; Judge Noreen J. McMenamin; Sharon Williams Loser; Beverly N. Muldrow; Judge Bradley K. Moss; Thomas Noell; David C. Shuter; Karen Y. Simmons.

The following candidates were found “Not Recommended” for election to the Court of Common Pleas: Christine H. Clemente; Vivienne A. Crawford; Catherine R. McCabe; Michael L. Nix; Judge Walter J. Olazwski; Joseph J. O’Neill; Judge Frank Palumbo; Lissette Shindan-Harris.
Spring in Full Swing With Law Week, YLD Auction

by Natalie Klyashtorny

One of the things that the YLD has always prided itself on is our commitment to public interest and community service. This month, we highlight that commitment with two of our biggest events of the year.

We are kicking off the month of May with our annual award-winning program, Law Week, taking place during the week of May 2. Law Week features a series of programs designed to celebrate the American legal system and to educate the public about their rights and responsibilities as citizens. This year’s theme is “The American Jury: We the People in Action.”

Law Week will feature programs such as “Lawyer in the Classroom,” during which attorneys will travel to area schools to discuss with students the legal profession and importance of jury service. To volunteer, contact John Papianou at jpapianou@mmwr.com or Andrew Duffy at ar Duffy@ambk.com. Volunteers are also needed for LegalLine on Wednesday, May 4. Contact Scott Mayer, Damon Roberts at damon.roberts@phila.gov or Bonnie Richards at brichards-jefm.net.

Law Week will culminate on Friday, May 6 with the “Lawyer for a Day” program, where attorneys escort groups of high school students to observe proceedings in City Hall and the Criminal Justice Center. Contact Scott Sigman at scott.sigman@philagov or May Mon Post at may_mon.post@phila.gov.

To further contribute and give back to our community, I invite all of you to join the YLD on Wednesday, May 11, for the Spring Fling cocktail party and live and silent auction. This event will take place on the 33rd Floor of the Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market St., which has one of the best 360-degree views of the city. Tickets for the event, which runs from 6 to 9 p.m., are $35.

Not only will you be able to enjoy great food, a three-hour open bar and music while enjoying breathtaking views of Philadelphia, you will also be able to bid on great prizes such as art and photography pieces, sports memorabilia, gift certificates to spas and restaurants and other unique prizes.

As members of the legal profession, we are privileged to have blessings and resources that most other members of our society do not and, as such, it is our duty to give back and assist those without hope. You can make a difference by supporting the Bar Foundation and joining us for a great time at the Spring Fling on May 11.

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Attorneys seeking careers other than traditional law firm practice need to look inside themselves and follow their hearts, a panel of experts told members of the Women in the Profession Committee.

Lynn A. Marks, executive director of Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts; Karen Jackson Vaughn, diversity program manager at Saul Ewing LLP; and Committee Co-Chair Molly Peckman, director of associate development at Pepper Hamilton LLP, each described their paths, their current positions and offered advice on alternative legal careers at the Committee's March 22 meeting.

Marks described her life-long desire to work for social change and how she decided she would have more clout in her efforts with a law degree. Marks said lawyers need not leave the practice to do such work and that there were many great opportunities to volunteer for organizations and causes. She cautioned attendees that when looking to make a move, they should sell their skills and interests and not sell themselves according to their job titles.

Vaughn explained that her approach to the practice was informed by her background, which included growing up in the segregated South and being in college during the Civil Rights, Black empowerment and women’s liberation movements. She said her quest for justice led her to work in legal services. Prior to joining Saul Ewing, Vaughn worked in career services at Temple University Beasley School of Law and she said her new position brings all of her experiences together. Vaughn told the group that when she is asked if she really considers herself an attorney, she answers “yes” because she continues to think like a lawyer and always will.

Peckman, who also moderated the panel, advised the audience to make sure they didn’t have any “practice” left in them before considering a switch from traditional to non-traditional legal work. She suggested switching firms, firm sizes or even practice areas before opting to give up time sheets.

“...you need to decide what makes you happy and what you enjoy doing and then pursue it. You also need to be honest with yourself. If you are unhapp-...”

“...you need to honestly assess whether you will still be a workaholic at a nontraditional legal career,” she said. Peckman, who spent 10 years as a trial attorney in Philadelphia before joining Pepper Hamilton, shared her passion for her work as the director of associate development.

Several members of the audience shared their experiences in alternative legal careers, including Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Annette M. Rizzo, who talked about working as counsel at an insurance company prior to her election, and several legal recruiters.

Women in the Profession Committee meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month in the Association’s Board Room on the 10th Floor. The May 24 program will feature a presentation on stress management by psychologist and life coach Pamela J. Ginsburg, Ph.D. The June 28 meeting topic is effective communication skills and the July 26 meeting will feature a panel of women lawyers of distinction.

Gina F. Rubel is a member of the Women in Profession Committee and is founder and president of Furia Rubel Communications, a public relations firm serving the legal industry.
Career Corner

Recruiting an Alternative to Practicing Law

by James LaRosa and Gary Mintz

Question: I am a 6th year associate at a large Philadelphia firm. I am considering a career in legal recruitment. Can you tell me what a career in legal recruiting is like? What type of skills and personality traits are important to being a good legal recruiter? How can I become a recruiter? With what type of candidates will I be working? How much money can I make?

Answer: For the right person, legal recruiting can be a good career alternative to the practice of law. Many legal recruiters (particularly attorney recruiters) are former practicing attorneys, in-house counsel, and former supervising attorneys. Legal recruiting allows attorneys to stay involved and up-to-date with the legal community while at the same time not having the rigors involved in the everyday practice of law. As recruiters deal on a daily basis with both law firms and candidates, it is very important for a legal recruiter to be aware of what is happening not only locally but also nationally in the legal community.

Legal recruiting can involve the recruiting of legal secretaries, paralegals, associate attorneys, in-house attorneys and partners. There are also permanent and temporary recruiting. Most attorneys starting out in legal recruiting will generally begin recruiting associate attorneys either on a permanent or temporary basis. Legal recruiting can be an exciting career, but it is not for everyone. Generally, there are two main aspects to a recruiter’s job: finding open positions and finding qualified candidates to fill those open positions. Finding open positions is the sales aspect of legal recruiting. On a daily basis a recruiter will call on and meet with law firms and corporations to find orders for the recruiter to work on. A recruiter is constantly on the lookout for new clients and new opportunities.

The other part of the job involves finding candidates to fill the positions they are working on. Recruiters find qualified candidates either through cold calling, referrals from other candidates or contacts and responses to advertising of open positions.

From the large number of cold calls you probably receive on a weekly basis, I am sure you can guess that one of the most important skills necessary for being a good legal recruiter is being comfortable with people and talking on the phone. A good recruiter must deal with rejection. Along with making all those phone calls comes the inevitable candidate rejection. Even the best recruiters must deal with rejection on a daily basis. Good recruiters do not shy away from rejection because they know that eventually they will find a candidate who is both interested and qualified for the position they are trying to fill. Another important quality is persistence. Candidates who are not interested in opportunities in January may very well change his or her mind in April. Legal recruiting can be a very lucrative field. Your first year may be difficult as you are learning a new profession and new skills. But after a few years, good recruiters can make as much, in some cases more, than he or she made as attorneys. The difficult part is that a substantial majority, if not all, of a recruiter’s salary is commission based. There can be months where you are making placements every week and bringing home very large commission checks. On the other hand, there can be months with no placements and no commissions. As a recruiter, you must be able to handle (mentally and financially) the good months as well as the bad.

There are a number of legal recruitment agencies in Philadelphia. If you are truly interested in becoming a legal recruiter, you may want to call a number of these agencies and inquire about potential openings. Even if there is not an opening at the moment, the job market appears to be heating up and as a result, there should be plenty of opportunities for new recruiters.

Career questions?
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SeniorLAW Center Executive Director Karen F. Buck (second from left) is joined by (from left) Albert Pizzi, Edward Field, Shari Odenheimer and Joseph Meade at a Down Under Wine Tasting Party on March 29 at the Comisky Conference Center at Blank Rome LLP. The event helped raise funds for the SeniorLAW Center’s work protecting the rights of senior citizens.

Pro Bono Corner
Help Someone Else by Helping Yourself to a VIP Case

by Jeffrey L. Dashevsky

There are several ways to feel good about yourself. You can exercise 5,000 hours per year and lose weight. Or, you can follow the American Bar Association’s Model Rule 6.1 and perform 50 hours of pro bono service and feel good in that way. But one of the best ways to feel good is to accept a client through Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program. What’s in it for you? How about simply helping someone and getting a sense of satisfaction at the same time? Who among us “heartless and greedy” lawyers (note facetious use of public perception) hasn’t watched ABC’s “Extreme Makeover Home Edition” and not been moved to reach out and assist another in need? Philadelphia VIP was created to help the economically disadvantaged gain equal access to justice. For almost 25 years, VIP volunteers have given free legal advice and counsel to thousands of low-income people in civil matters. Remember, justice is not only for those who can afford it! Our volunteers consist of trial to transactional attorneys and paralegals from big firms to solo practitioners. Our clients consist of qualifying low-income Philadelphia residents or out-of-county residents who have a case pending in Philadelphia. Clients are often referred by other legal services organizations, and VIP is often the last resort for many of them. VIP cases consist of (but certainly are not limited to) consumer litigation, custody disputes, bankruptcies, name changes, Social Security hearings, landlord/tenant disputes, estate planning, real estate, probate, and tax matters, as well as incorporation and other assistance to nonprofit organizations and small businesses.

VIP has the cooperation of many business resources that also provide their services pro bono to our volunteers (i.e. court reporters, process servers, title searchers, translation services, etc.).

Unlike your other clients, cases you can choose a pro bono case that actually interests you. VIP is your “outlet” to let you work on political and social issues and causes that you find important. Equally important, VIP’s cases can provide the opportunity to broaden your experience as well as nurture and hone skills that will benefit all of your clients.

VIP provides sample forms as well as various training seminars with CLE credit incentives. Litigators will find they are able to spend more time in court and less time in the library doing research or reviewing documents. Transactional lawyers will find they are able to lead negotiations and make important decisions about the strategy of a transaction. These are opportunities to “fast track” your experience and responsibility.

Though it is a reality that associates often avoid pro bono work for fear that it would detract from their paying clients’ matters, it is also a reality that firms are increasingly recognizing pro bono efforts and even calculating time expended to yearly billable hours at review time. Further, your firm probably expects you to be able to efficiently multitask matters. Your star will only shine brighter if you can successfully demonstrate your ability to handle your other work and still participate in pro bono matters. The partners at your firm will see you working with more responsibility and learn that you are ready to handle more responsibility. They will also note the inevitable positive contribution to the firm’s public image – it’s one of the rare situations in which all interested parties will benefit.

It is basic business philosophy that everyone you meet is a new business opportunity. A VIP client is no different. Though our clients earn a low income, they can still be active members in their communities. Our clients are members of numerous religious organizations, various ethnic social clubs, bipartisan political committees, neighborhood establishments’ athletic teams and scholastic organizations. They are potential referral sources of their family, friends and co-workers. I can attest from personal experience that a satisfied client whom you have helped solve a legal problem without charging a fee can be so grateful that they will be eager to refer you a paying client to show his or her appreciation.

Philadelphia VIP’s mission is to promote equal justice for poor people by providing legal services not otherwise available, collaborating with other legal services organizations and promoting a culture of volunteerism, by educating and exposing attorneys and law students to issues of poverty. At VIP’s Web site (www.phillyvip.org), you will find information concerning the work that we do, descriptions of cases that we have for referral to volunteers, our training programs, our volunteer support services and various upcoming VIP events.

VIP is here to help you help others.

For More Information

Donations Sought for Judge Blake Portrait

A Committee has been formed to commission an oil portrait of the late President Judge of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, Edward J. Blake. Judge Blake was instrumental in modernizing and consolidating the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas system. He began the installation of the computerized system now in existence. He was a graduate of St. Joseph’s College and the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Committee members include: Common Pleas Court Judges Pamela Pryor Dembe and Eugene Mazer; Stanley Bluestein; Gerald Ginley; Edward J. O’Halloran; and Peter V. Marks Sr.

Contributions should be made payable to the Hon. Edward J. Blake Portrait Committee, and sent to: Shack and Shack, P.C., 1600 Locust St., Philadelphia, Pa., 19103. For more information, contact Michael J. Shack at (215) 735-4500.

Bored with the same CLE classes? Give this a shot.

Donations are needed to help fund the needed portrait commission for Judge Edward J. Blake, a former president judge of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. The portrait is being created by artists from the Wilma Theater Studio School.

The portraits will be unveiled in May and will be available for viewing at the Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program’s VIP office.

Donations can be sent to the VIP office at 1005 Arch St., Philadelphia, PA 19107, or online at www.phillyvip.org.

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Legislators Meet with Committee

Pennsylvania lawmakers (seat-

ed from left) Josh Shapiro, Kathy

Mandero and Mark B. Coten met with members of the

Delivery of Legal Services

Committee on March 23. Also at
the meeting were (standing,

from left) Larry Frankel, legisla-
tive director of the ACLU of
Pennsylvania; state Rep. Daylin
Leach; Chancellor Andrew A.
Chiril; and state Rep. Greg S.
Josephs also attended the event.

The meeting presented an

opportunity for legislators to

learn about the work of public

interest organizations and how
the organizations might help in
the legislative process.

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The library was operated by the Bar Associa-
tion until July 1, 1963, when the Theodore F.
Jenkins Memorial Law Library was established
with court approval to carry out the provisions
of the will of the late Madeleine Hart Jenkins. It
was her wish that her late husband, Theodore
Finley Jenkins, be memorialized in a manner
that would benefit the Bar and the public.

Smith, who has been at Jenkins for 22 years,
is pleased with the renovations. "The idea was to
get more open space. Since we're a nonprofit,
we can't look like the Taj Mahal. But we can still
look nice, and we do," she said.

"At the time, I wrote that Cheney
was an 'avuncular Tom DeLay,' but now
that I've gotten to know Tom DeLay, I
realize I may have been too hard on
him. DeLay and other hard-liners have been itching to take on the third
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judges around the country on the hot
seat at a time when judges are already
endangered species, with so much
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Dowd said DeLay was a harsh critic of the deci-
sions by judges not to intervene in the
case of Terri Schiavo. She said DeLay
spoke up as a champion of Schiavo's
cause at the same time he was under a
seige of bad publicity. DeLay was
scolded by the House Ethics Committee
several times in the past year.

Dowd said DeLay and other hard-
lines Republican senators have been demanding the
impeachment and punishment of
judges who make decisions that go
against the President and the congres-
sional majority.

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charming affectation and have a simi-
lar view when it comes to evolution," she
said.

Angered over some fellow Repub-
licans' decision to cut the budget for
veterans' programs, Dowd said DeLay
got so "bug stampin' mad" that he refuted to bring the bill up for a vote
until the money was restored. "And only after nearly every other federal
program was forced to take a slight
across-the-board cut so the money
could be shuttled back to NASA did he relent.
And this year, he's making darn
sure it won't happen again. He forced
an entire reorganization of the dec-
ades-old appropriations system to pre-
vent a repeat. He may appear to be a
crackpot at times but he's not a man to
be underestimated by any means," she
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Barclay Prime

237 S. 18th Street
(215) 732-7560

by Skinny D. Bockol

It was opening night just last year, a glorious October evening on Rittenhouse Square. “May I offer you folks a celebratory glass of champagne?” a waiter asks, with his first words. We, as offerees, accept. Later, our check includes a $20 charge per flute.

Since its debut, the restaurant’s neon name has added a glow to otherwise bland building’s facade. Inside, moreover, is a spectacular lime green, “liberal-college-dorm-roomy” for me. Each eatery has indelible personality of its own. Since my first visit, the staff is less glib and more genuinely gallant. Neither jaws nor teeth have hardly moved. I could blivate about Barclay Prime’s bovine at length. These cows’ parts jump over the moon.

Stephen Starr’s Barclay Prime Stakes a Claim

The menu is extensive. Only the most audacious and most prosperous could survive a complex meal including inter alia, drinks, appetizers, sides and sauces.

Make things simple for yourself, and only relatively costly. For two, order the Gachot & Gachot 20-ounce, 21-day-aged rib-eye “medium rare” ($44) and the 12 ounce filet mignon “medium rare” ($33), with sides of whipped potatoes ($9) and a Caesar salad ($10), all to be served together. The “sides” are super-family sized and should be shared.

I prefer beer here (served elegantly in tall Pilsner glasses) at about $6 per bottle. The prices for wine will astound you. There is no nickel-and-dime-ing. This is outright “windfall theft.” Beer is a humble, but fine beverage for what’s to come.

Forgo all sauces ($3 per tub), as they detract. Let me reiterate. The best prime beef, whose tenderness is paramount. The quality brings genuine satin chunks of beef, whose tenderness is paramount. Forkfuls of mashed potatoes add light fluffy flurries to one’s tongue, while garlic from the salad’s soaked crunchy lettuce and croutons culminates in superb, breathlessly aromatic swallows.

Engulf your mouth. The steak slowly sinks feeling” in one’s stomach as said belly plumpums well below the surface of the aforementioned candle and table.

I’m not going to kid you about the noise. If you’re over 40 in either age or IQ, I don’t think you’ll take calmly to it. The sounds make “thinking” an effort. Loud, pounding it. The sounds make “thinking” an effort. If you’re over 40 in either age or IQ, I don’t think you’ll take calmly to it. The sounds make “thinking” an effort. If you’re over 40 in either age or IQ, I don’t think you’ll take calmly to it. The sounds make “thinking” an effort. If you’re over 40 in either age or IQ, I don’t think you’ll take calmly to it. The sounds make “thinking” an effort. If you’re over 40 in either age or IQ, I don’t think you’ll take calmly to it. The sounds make “thinking” an effort. If you’re over 40 in either age or IQ, I don’t think you’ll take calmly to it. The sounds make “thinking” an effort. If you’re over 40 in either age or IQ, I don’t think you’ll take calmly to it. The sounds make “thinking” an effort.
by Marc W. Reuben

Reality television, as it is embraced by the ruling unwashed, consists of people who have too much time on their hands and too little imagination watching their reflections on a screen. The affairs of the local shopkeeper, stuck on an island with a variety of barbers and counter clerks, is interesting to those who like to gawk at their images in shiny glass. There is little, if any, value in the snippets of human nature seen on millions of screens by millions of Babbitts. Those who profess an interest in this vacuous nonsense are disposed to misinterpret gossip for news and piddling for eventfulness.

Recently television provided us with a recollection ("Ring Of Fire") of an event that caught reality in a manner not comprehended by modern viewers. Emile Griffith was a boxer in the age of the Friday Night Fights (or was it Saturday-so many years have passed) and black-and-white television. He was an immigrant from the Virgin Islands who had fought his way to a championship bout against Benny "Kid" Paret in March 1962. His fight with Paret marked the nadir of professional boxing for the masses, which had been followed by radio and television for decades by 1960 and had been emblazoned in the short prose of immortals like Red Smith.

Boxing had been a major source of competition from ancient days, and it was a particularly bloody form of combat, in which footwork played a major role in the protection of a good fighter. He who could out-dodge and outweave his opponent frequently landed the necessary blows while suffering relatively little damage himself. This was understood by even the most limited intellects. The ability to emerge from a good fight with few bruises was the mark of a fine boxer.

Red Smith, perhaps the greatest writer of American short prose after H.L. Mencken, glorified the soul and peculiarities of boxing and boxers with his humanizing pieces for the numerous newspapers he graced in his career. Fighters, in the era of shared affections, were characters in a human comedy. Smith saw their vulnerable side as well as their skill in the ring. He made heroes of palookas who punched and drank their way through life, and often ended out of the spotlight. To Smith, the life in the ring was a source of endless legend, told with a highly developed human insight. His prose was the kind of affectionate respect that Americans had for fighters, the kind that brought millions of ordinary men and women to the sport. It had a cache that made it appealing to all sorts of fans. Tuxes and evening gowns at ringside were not unheard of.

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Griffith was, in addition to being a scrappy fighter, a gay man – so we are told in the film. He was fighting in an era when homosexuality was openly reviled, and especially so in sporting circles. At the weigh-in before the fight, Paret had made a disparaging comment about Griffith’s sexual orientation. This information comes years after the fact, but it colors the vivid events of that March evening more than 40 years ago.

The fight itself was unforgettable. Not even the slow motion re-telling of the fight provides the shock that viewers felt as the punches landed on the unconscious Paret, who remained on his feet and against the ropes as Griffith delivered blow after brutal blow. People at ringside were screaming for the referee to stop the fight, and after what seemed like an eternity, the bout was ended and the unconscious Paret was laid on a stretcher and removed. He never woke up. The bout was ended and the unconscious Paret was laid on a stretcher and removed. He never woke up. The act of violence for the referee to stop the fight, and after what seemed like an eternity, the bout was ended and the unconscious Paret was laid on a stretcher and removed. He never woke up. The act of violence for the other and the sporting element of the fight is missing.

What viewers saw that eventful night was a well-matched bout, in which one fighter - high on hype and slighted by a glancing phrase - ended up pulverizing his opponent. The actual event was seen as a lesson in bad refereeing skills, and even today it seems that way. Some safeguards were adopted by various state boxing commissions and the sport reinvented itself after TV networks shunned regular broadcasts. With the exception of wonderful local boxing matches the sport is, for the most part, no longer the province of commoners. The shock of Paret’s death set the sport to a different ring among spectators.

The lasting effects of the Griffith-Paret fight marked a decided turn for the worse in boxing lore. Writers still seize upon boxing as an eventful contrast worthy of romantic reporting, although nothing is as it was and audiences have drifted away from regular bouts. If you want to see real boxing, you are well advised to see it in local venues where it still is practiced by those who still feel the romance of the sport.

Reality television just about began that night in 1962. The only thing televising had broadcast that had as much real drama was the Army-McCarthy hearings, which turned out to be a staged series of hysterical rantings. Griffith-Paret was real. The stakes turned out to be life and death, and the results have touched sport ever since.

Man has died in sporting competitions for centuries. Death has its romantic attributes. But the events of that frightful night in Madison Square Garden unintentionally touched all of us, for good and ill, and became a part of history more than entertainment or sport alone. That is reality.

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.

Wednesday, May 11

Philadelphia Bar Association Charity Run – 8:30 a.m., West River Drive. Registration: www.philadelphiabar.org.

Monday, May 16

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

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

Tuesday, May 17

Board of Governors Cabinet – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

Wednesday, May 18

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

Workers’ Compensation Section – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

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

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

Thursday, May 19

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

Professional Responsibility Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

Friday, May 20

Mid-Sized Firm Committee – meeting, 8 a.m., 11th floor Conference Center.

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

Monday, May 23

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

Minorities in the Profession Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.

Tuesday, May 24

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

Wednesday, May 25

Medical Legal Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Committee on the Legal Rights of Persons with Disabilities – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room.

Thursday, May 26

Lawyer Referral and Information Service Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Committee Room South.

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

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day – Bar Association offices closed.

Tuesday, May 31

Criminal Justice Section – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.
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Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Procedural Rules Committee by the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, has been reappointed to a three-year term as a judge of the Family Division of the

Philadelphia region who have five to 15 years of experience in their chosen career.

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George Martin, a partner at Martin, Banks, Pond, Lehowsky & Wilson, served on the faculty for the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association’s 23rd Annual Auto Law Seminar on April 8 in Pittsburgh.

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William R. Sasso, chairman of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP, has been presented with LaSalle University’s Charter Award for his civic contributions.

Robert A. Korn and William D. Auxer of Kaplin Stewart Meloff Reiter & Stein, PC, were presenters at the Middle Atlantic Hardscaping Trade Show in Atlantic City, N.J., on Feb. 16. Their presentation, “Contract Writing & Legal Issues for the Hardscape Professional,” covered inclusion and exclusion clauses in contracts, insurance and bonding issues, project documentation and the legal ramifications of failure to honor contracts and/or guarantees.

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