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This past month, Philadelphia lost its voice. When we said farewell to Harry Kalas, we said goodbye to a legend. Every time we turned on the radio or read a newspaper, we remembered how deeply Harry had touched our lives.

Which gives us pause to consider … how are you using your voice in the world? What is your impact, and how do you want to be remembered? What will be your legacy?

Harry Kalas was an icon in his industry. Who are the icons of our profession? As this Bar Association moves further along into its third century of existence, who will be remembered as the heroes of the Philadelphia legal community?

Is it enough to say that last year you made X number of dollars for your firm? Climbed the ladder? Expanded your book of business?

Or is it more important to say that you helped a client, provided service to your community and attempted to better balance your professional and personal life? Did you spend your time doing something that matters?

Philadelphia author and attorney Lisa Scottoline recently spoke at an event sponsored by the Workers’ Compensation Section that honored attorney Joe Bekelja for his quiet but honorable work as a role model, mentor and teacher to other attorneys.

At this luncheon, Scottoline talked about books and movies that reveal how the public’s perception of lawyers has changed over time. So ask yourself: Do you want to be remembered as Atticus Finch from “To Kill a Mockingbird,” or Al Pacino from “Devil’s Advocate?”

No doubt, most of us are somewhere in the middle between those two extremes.

While the loss of any beloved figure typically spurs some reflection, this is a particularly apt time to ponder these questions, for there is little doubt that the practice of law – and the large firm culture – is changing.

There is no question that we will look different, both as a profession and as a community, when this period of economic uncertainty comes to an end. Perhaps our value system will have changed.

Federal Bench-Bar June 12

The Federal Courts Committee’s annual Federal Bench-Bar Conference is set for Friday, June 12 at the Marriott Philadelphia Downtown, 1200 Market St. A total of 3 CLE credits are available for this program, including one ethics credit.

Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter has been invited to speak at the program, which includes five federal judges and a host of top practitioners. The program begins at 8:15 a.m.

Following introductions by Committee Chair Craig D. Mills and Vice Chair Grant S. Palmer, the conference begins with the session “How Not to Go to Jail with Your Clients – Handling Client Monies and Other Timely Issues.” Panelists for this session are U.S. District Court Judge Joel H. Slomsky, Ellen C. Brotman, Ian M. Comisky and Louis D. Lappen.

Perhaps the way that we both teach and practice law will undergo some seismic shifts.

In my opinion, some of these changes are long overdue, like the practice of paying first-year associates inflated salaries and passing those costs on to clients. The economic downturn has provided our profession with a rude wake-up call and is forcing some much-needed change.

But the change mantra must be embraced not only by bar associations, law firms and lawyers. Law schools must also change with the times and start providing more clinical programs for hands-on training. They must start teaching more soft skills, including client relations, management, networking and marketing.

In all frankness, I think that law
Effective appellate advocacy skills can substantially increase a practitioner’s chance of success, Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge Susan Peikes Gantman told members of the Family Law Section at an April 6 meeting where she offered tips and presented pitfalls to avoid.

Any Superior Court case actually begins on the first day of trial. If evidence is not included in the trial record, then it is not preserved and not available for use on appeal. One example is a motion in limine, which is sometimes presented to the trial judge on the first day of trial. Judge Gantman strongly recommended filing the motion in limine with the Clerk’s office to ensure its inclusion in the trial record.

Addressing the 1925(b) Statement of Errors Complained of On Appeal, Judge Gantman advised that most cases should have only two issues. As the Superior Court is an error-correcting court, practitioners must frame their issues accordingly. Judge Gantman reminded practitioners of the new Children’s Fast Track rules that require the 1925(b) Statement to be attached to the Notice of Appeal.

Prior to oral argument, Judge Gantman recommended making a visit to the courtroom. This will provide a level of familiarity with the surroundings and help avoid presentation of any exhibits that may not be visible to the judges as the bench is physically set up very high. The Superior Court hears oral arguments in Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Pittsburgh. Panels consist of three judges. During argument, the presiding judge, who is typically the most experienced, sits in the middle of the panel. Judge Gantman also recommended familiarization with the assigned Superior Court panelists for a variety of reasons. For example, some of the judges are strict with time constraints, while others are more liberal. In selecting a time frame for oral argument, Judge Gantman strongly recommended to avoid the expedited list, which allows only five minutes. By selecting the standard list, even if the practitioner does not use the allotted 15 minutes, time pressure to complete the argument will not be a factor.

Judge Gantman warned against citing cases decided by the judges on the panel, unless that case is directly on point. Citation of any case that is not pertinent to the issue on appeal will only undermine the overall case.

The Pennsylvania Superior Court is a “hot bench.” Although the judges do not meet in advance of argument to discuss the pending cases, they thoroughly review all the cases before taking the bench and each judge preliminarily knows how he or she will rule. Questions posed by one judge on the panel to practitioners during argument may actually be for the benefit of another panelist for the purpose of convincing him or her of a certain result. Also, Judge Gantman noted that objections are not permitted during oral argument. Judge Gantman makes a practice of checking for updated cases just before oral argument. Practitioners should do the same.

Included in Judge Gantman’s top 10 list of tips for appellate advocacy were the following: timely file the 1925(b) Statement, with particular attention to the new Children’s Fast Track rules; protect the record with timely, specific objections; avoid hyperbole and misrepresenting case holdings; Shepardize cases; present two, but no more than four, issues for appeal; do not rehash facts of the case during oral argument; and, use only the time requested for oral argument.

Julia Swain, an associate with Fox Rothschild LLP, is treasurer of the Family Law Section.
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We all have seen the newspaper articles and television reports about the economy and we’ve heard about the rampant layoffs and firm closings. Many of us have had to adjust our spending habits and lifestyles as a result. What we do not hear much about, and what many people do not think about, is the trickle-down effect that this has had and continues to have on the public interest community and community outreach in Philadelphia in general.

As you are reading this article, the YLD is on the eve of our Fourth Annual Comedy Night Fundraiser to benefit the Philadelphia Bar Foundation. The mission of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation is to empower those less fortunate and to promote access to justice in the legal system. I can tell you first-hand how challenging it has been to raise money this year. That challenge is what made me want to write this article. I recently was talking to a friend about Comedy Night. She explained that, even though she has a shelter or preparing dinner for families at the Ronald McDonald House.

Every organization needs our help. I urge you, if you are not in a position to make time for those less fortunate than we could ever imagine for our community service. Community service includes serving as a Big Brother or a Big Sister. It includes coaching a local baseball or soccer team. It includes volunteering at a homeless shelter or preparing dinner for families

An organization’s “Page” works much the same way an individual’s profile works on Facebook — there’s some basic profile information and areas to add news, events and photos. Rather than creating a network of “friends,” as an individual would do on Facebook, an organization collects “fans.”

The difference is that anyone who has a Facebook account can become a fan of the organization — they don’t need approval, as they do to become a friend of an individual. The other key difference is that Facebook Pages can be viewed without a Facebook account.

On the YLD’s Facebook page, readers can find the latest YLD news, details on upcoming events and links to posts from the Young Lawyers Division blog, philAWdelphia. Readers who are not already Facebook members can join easily and quickly become a fan of the Young Lawyers Division.

Gerry Dee Headlines Comedy Night May 9

Laugh away the night while supporting a worthy cause at the Young Lawyers Division’s Fourth Annual Comedy Night, Saturday, May 9 from 7 to 11:30 p.m. at The Franklin, 222 N. 20th St.

Gerry Dee of NBC’s “Last Comic Standing” will headline the event, which will include an open bar, hors d’oeuvres, a silent auction and a DJ. Comedian William Chiang will also perform. Tickets are $65 in advance and $80 at the door.

All proceeds benefit the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, which provides funding to approximately 30 local legal services organizations. For sponsorship information, please contact contact Brian Chacker at bchacker@gaybakermitzin.net. To donate silent auction items, contact Abbie DuFrayne at adufrayne@
Cloud Computing Stores Data in Cyberspace

By Edward P. Kelly

Technology and lawyers aren’t always the best of friends. Dan Giancaterino, the Internet librarian at the Jenkins Law Library, attempted to bring the two closer together with an April 16 presentation to a joint meeting of the Law Practice Management Division’s Technology Committee and the Solo and Small Firm Committee.

Giancaterino focused on two major points—the move to “cloud computing,” where everything is stored on the web, and the increase of those who do not have land lines and rely solely on their cell phone. Both have an impact on how clients find their lawyers (and vice versa), and how lawyers then perform work for the client.

The desktop computer has become less important as more work is being done via web-based applications. Through “cloud computing,” documents (and music, pictures, bookmarks, etc.) are prepared, revised, stored and shared on the web. Applications such as Google Docs and Zoho allow you to access documents from any PC or smartphone, and you can share these documents with anyone you choose. Instead of storing the documents locally, they are stored online on “the cloud” (the web). Another helpful tool is Windows Live SkyDrive, which provides 25 gigabytes of free storage. This is one of many such services that can be used to remotely back-up your hard drive.

Can’t remember all those passwords? No problem! Just use KeePass (keepass.info), free software that stores all your passwords in one database and is locked with one master password. And, if you are worried about the “footprints” you leave behind when using computers other than your own, there is Eraser which securely deletes files so they are unable to be recovered, and CleanAfterMe which deals with browser files, Windows Registry, recycle bin, and more.

The recent trend, especially among the younger demographic, is the preference for cell phones instead of land lines. This changes how lawyers reach clients, and how clients are finding their lawyers. These folks do not use the Yellow Pages anymore. Instead they are reaching their peers through social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter. In a nutshell, Facebook users create a personal profile, add friends and send their friends messages while users of Twitter send “microblogs” of a maximum 140 characters. Giancaterino advised that today’s lawyers need a presence on these sites as a marketing tool to the younger demographic. You need to determine what your presence is on the web and think about ways to improve it. Keep in mind that some people get their information solely through Facebook or Twitter, as e-mail is seen as too archaic for their tastes. One useful tip is to prepare a short YouTube presentation, embed it on your web site, include a mention in your blog and then link to the blog through Twitter and Facebook. That gives you exposure on multiple platforms with one production. This is just one example of how law firm marketing is changing.

Edward P. Kelly, a partner with Astor Weiss Kaplan & Mandel, LLP, is an associate editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.
Scottoline Speaks at Workers’ Comp Section Event

Joseph Bekelja (left) accepts the inaugural Workers’ Compensation Lifetime Achievement Award at an April 15 luncheon at the Crystal Tea Room. Bekelja, a partner with Margolis Edelstein, was honored for his work as a "teacher, leader, mentor and role model not just for workers’ compensation attorneys but for all attorneys." The event also featured keynote remarks by author and Philadelphia lawyer Lisa Scottoline (above), who autographed copies of her latest book, Look Again.

Podcast Spotlight
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Photos by Jeff Lyons
Drexel University’s Earle Mack School of Law celebrates its inaugural Commencement May 27, 2009 and congratulates the Class of 2009: Superb students and partners in realizing a vibrant path forward in legal education.
When Next Best Use Is Best Possible Use

By Amy Ginensky

Although dim in memory, you probably recall *cy pres* as a term heard in law school, studied for the bar exam, and unless you are an estates lawyer, promptly forgotten. Or if remembered, you probably recall it as the magic wand waived to transform a gift that a donor made for a specific purpose to another closely related purpose, when the original one can no longer be accomplished.

*Well, cy pres, derived from the Norman French phrase *cy pres comme possible*—“as near as possible”—has an important meaning outside the trust and estates’ world. In a class action or mass tort settlement, when it becomes impractical, impossible, or inappropriate to directly distribute all of the monies to the class, a *cy pres* distribution of the remainder of the settlement fund to a nonprofit organization whose work advances the public interest and indirectly benefits the class members has been accepted as the next best use of the funds. It also has been used for the entirety of a statutory damage award, when the amount of damages to each class member is too small to warrant distribution.

*This *cy pres* meaning is very meaningful to the Bar Foundation and its grantees. With its mission of promoting access to justice for all people in the community and its support of an integrated network of more than 30 public interest legal organizations that provide no-cost or low-cost legal services to various constituencies, the Philadelphia Bar Foundation has been fortunate to be the recipient of *cy pres* awards.

Unclaimed funds from class action suits when contributed to the Bar Foundation make a significant difference. Because of the Bar Foundation’s unique relationships with the private bar and the pro bono providers in Philadelphia, it gains special insights on trends and issues affecting access to justice. Its position allows it to identify new or changing needs and direct funds to appropriate local legal services that support access to justice and fairness in health care, education, children’s rights, housing and services to the elderly and disabled.

Recently, in *In Re Linerboard* antitrust litigation, the court designated the Philadelphia Bar Foundation as the recipient of a *cy pres* award from the remaining settlement funds, remarking: “The Bar Foundation gives grants to legal service organizations...that are dedicated to protecting the rights of the poor and indigent in the Philadelphia area. As the Bar Foundation itself explains, ‘[g]iven the Foundation’s quest to provide equal justice for all, as well as its ability to gauge and respond to local needs by funding beneficial projects...the Foundation can put unclaimed funds to good use.’ The Court agrees and deems the Bar Foundation an appropriate and most deserving recipient of the remaining funds...[T]he Court concludes that a *cy pres* distribution...to the Philadelphia Bar Foundation furthers the underlying litigation goals of this case and approves such a distribution without any specific allocation.’

Over the years, a number of other *cy pres* awards have been made to the Foundation. We have received awards from our Philadelphia, state and federal courts. Another recent award came through the U.S. District Court of Massachusetts, a class action lawsuit filed against Ibis Technology Corporation and its senior executive officer and chairman charging defendants violated the federal securities laws. The plaintiff’s attorney in the case made a motion for final distribution of the residual settlement funds to go to both the Boston Bar Foundation and the Philadelphia Bar Foundation.

To further the Philadelphia legal community’s understanding about *cy pres* and to advance it beyond what we all learned in law school, the Bar Foundation is offering a CLE program in conjunction with the Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law. On Friday, May 15, this one-hour program will provide an overview of *cy pres* including the history of the development of the *cy pres* doctrine, the legal basis for *cy pres*, a review of the current state of class action funds and a discussion of recent judges’ orders regarding *cy pres* distributions. Call the Bar Foundation at 215-238-6347 for more information or if you would like to attend in the 11th floor Conference Center of Bar Association headquarters at 1101 Market St. The program is free and lunch will be sponsored by Citizens Bank. For each *cy pres* award, the Foundation is appreciative to the court, counsel and the parties, who through this award, allow the Foundation to wave a magic wand, and assist our legal community in fulfilling its commitment to provide justice for all. Rest assured that while the funds may not be able to advance the original purpose of the funds, they surely will be put to the best possible use.

Amy G. Ginensky, a partner at Pepper Hamilton LLP, is president of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation.

Bar Foundation Golf Classic June 22

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation’s 21st Annual Golf Classic is moving to a new location.

The event will be held Monday, June 22 at Huntington Valley Country Club in Huntington Valley, Pa.

The general fee for players is $575. Members of the Young Lawyers Division may play at a discounted fee of $350. Price includes all greens fees, golf cart, lunch, refreshments, dinner and cocktails. Several levels of sponsorship are available. Tournament Underwriters ($15,000) get a banner hung at clubhouse entrance; name on the front cover of the souvenir program as sponsor of the event; distribution of skills competition prizes to winners; eight players plus four additional guests to cocktail reception; and VIP parking for golfers. Other levels include Tournament Cup/Skills Prize Sponsor ($7,500), Luncheon Cocktails Sponsor ($5,000) and Hole Sponsor ($2,000). For more information, contact Lynne Brown at (215) 238-6347.

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Bikel Concert to Benefit JLC

BROADWAY AND FOLK LEGEND THEODORE BIKEL, a lifelong social justice advocate, will celebrate a rich career devoted to art and activism with a star-studded 85th birthday benefit concert for the Juvenile Law Center at Carnegie Hall in New York City on Monday, June 15.

Bikel, his wife, Tamara Brooks, and all those performing are donating their time and performance fees in support of Juvenile Law Center. Performers (to date) include: Alan Alda; David Amram; Beyond the Pale; Artie Butler; Patricia Conolly; Arlo Guthrie; Judy Kaye; David Krakauer; Serendipity 4 (Theodore Bikel, Tamara Brooks, Merina Kljuco and Shura Lipovsky); Tom Paxton; Noel Paul Stookey & Peter Yarrow; Susan Werner; and Michael Wex.

Tickets range from $30 to $500. A pre-concert VIP reception for performers to mingle with sponsors, major donors, and box seat ticket holders will be held in the Rohatyn Room at Carnegie Hall.

Tickets are on sale at the Carnegie Hall Box Office and can be purchased online by visiting carnegiehall.org. All proceeds will support Juvenile Law Center. Contact the Juvenile Law Center for information on sponsorship packages at (215) 625-0551 or visit www.jlc.org.

Foundation Unveils Redesigned Web Site

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation’s new web site features a cleaner look, easier navigation and a simpler way to contribute to the organization, Foundation officials say.

Philabarfoundation.org, launched May 1, allows users to quickly obtain information about the Foundation and its mission, said Foundation President Amy Ginensky.

“The Foundation’s primary goal is to support legal service organizations,” said Ginensky. “As stewards of our justice system, lawyers understand the necessity of equal access to justice,” added Foundation Deputy Director Lynne Brown. “With the new web site, it should be easier to access information about the Foundation and to contribute.”

The site profiles Foundation donors and grantees, with direct links to grantees’ web sites. Photographs of Foundation donors will also be highlighted on the site. Online donations can be made to the Philadelphia Bar Foundation. There is also information on how an attorney can donate directly to the grantees. Ginensky said that the web site makes it easier to make a donation in memory of an individual or in honor of an individual or an individual’s accomplishments.

By Stephanie J. Sprenkle

The redesign was undertaken because the Bar Foundation wanted a greater emphasis on communication, said Doug Kreitzberg, chair of the Foundation’s marketing committee.

Stephanie J. Sprenkle is an associate with Pepper Hamilton LLP.
When assigning blame for the nation's current economic crisis, political commentator Arianna Huffington pointed fingers in many directions. Huffington, the keynote speaker at the Association’s April 1 Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon, pointed to Wall Street, the deregulation of the financial markets in the 1990s, the Bush administration, credit default swaps, the repeal of the Glass-Steagall act in 1999 and even the excessive interest rates in the credit card industry.

The Huffington Post founder praised the current administration for thinking big, and taking an expansive response to the crisis. She argued that “a crisis is a terrible thing to waste,” and that the silver lining to the country’s current crisis is the opportunity it presents for the United States to “lay the foundation for the economy of the 21st century.” Huffington lauded the Obama administration for not merely responding to the crisis, but for concurrently overhauling the health care system and funding a new energy plan and the creation of new “green” jobs.

Huffington was not without criticism, however, of the current administration’s response to the crisis. She focused much of her talk on the administration’s banking bailout plan, labeling it a continuation of the Paulson Plan under President Bush which she argued rewards the very institutions and actors which caused the economic crisis in the first place. She contrasted the bank bailout with the deal the administration is working on with auto manufacturers in Detroit. Huffington praised the administration’s willingness to confidently dictate the terms of its assistance to auto manufacturers, and called its failure to take the same approach with Wall Street a disappointing double
Collaboration between the city, courts and the legal community is significant during this economic crisis, Mayor Michael Nutter told Association members at the April 1 Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon. Joining together to reduce costs is the start of the budget process, he said. A catastrophic decline in the stock market, the burst of the housing bubble and the uncertainty of the banking system have all arrived on the doorstep of Philadelphia. Even after filling a $1 billion deficit last year, a second $1 billion deficit opened up in January.

During this economic downturn, the primary focus has been on lowering costs. Mayor Nutter explained that in order to decrease costs, we must work closely with the court system. “All branches of government must sacrifice and must make some changes,” he said. When the city announced its budget deficit last year, many worked diligently to reduce the operating costs of the courts. The mayor said Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey has developed a crime-fighting strategy that has shown impressive results. Nutter said 2008 had a 15 percent drop in homicides and an 11 percent drop in shootings. Mayor Nutter declared that the city is planning on maintaining those commitments through the course of this year and the years to come. He said the creation of the Criminal Justice Advisory Board has led to the housing of state prisoners out of the county, thus reducing costs and prison population by 250 inmates.

One other great partnership between the city, courts and the legal community is the nationally recognized Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Program. He said that all of the credit is owed to the courts, bar and so many law firms who have volunteered their time and effort to save nearly 1,000 people from losing their homes. The mayor says he has provided President Obama with material from this program to be used as a guide in the creation of a national program.

After creating efficiencies and cutting back on services, the city was still in need of more revenues. This resulted in the painstaking decision of increasing the sales and property taxes, Mayor Nutter said. He stated that the city also might ask city employees to contribute more to the cost of healthcare and pensions, which represent 21 percent of the entire city budget, a figure that will grow to 25 percent over the next couple of years.

In light of the cost-reduction efforts and the increase in sales and property taxes, Mayor Nutter said the city will not take any action that will have a negative impact on our courts here. “We are not going to take short-term easy actions that would have a long-term damaging impact on the city. The goal is to come out of this crisis as a stronger and better city.”

Regina Parker, an associate with Mattioni Ltd., is an associate editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.
the Bar Association to be a key resource that will provide assistance every step of the way,” said Chancellor Sayde J. Ladov. “We’re making room at the Association headquarters so that attorneys can use a computer to help with a job search or check e-mail. We’re concentrating many of our programs on ways to assist these attorneys so that they understand that the Bar Association is there for them through the good times and more difficult ones.”

To make information about Lawyers in Transition easily accessible, the Association’s web site contains information specifically geared toward assisting lawyers affected by the economy. The site is available to all attorneys, not just members of the Association. There are links to upcoming CLE programs and other seminars; links to other web sites that provide helpful information; a bulletin board/forum where users can candidly discuss their situations; networking information; and ethics information and other professional responsibility resources.

One of the first programs in this initiative will be held Wednesday, May 13, when the Law Practice Management (LPM) Division and the Pennsylvania Bar Institute present Lawyers in Transition, a 1-2-5-credit CLE program designed to help struggling attorneys get back on their feet.

Job seekers will get advice about what steps to take to find a new position. Attorneys interested in forming their own practice will learn how to do so, how to market themselves and ethical considerations. This program will also provide an opportunity to network with other attorneys facing similar situations.

PBI is offering this program at a substantially reduced fee of $104. In addition to the reduced fee, those who cannot afford to pay for the seminar may attend at no cost. PBI will not require verification for this opportunity; you simply need to check the appropriate box when registering.

Panelists for this program include LPM Division Co-Chairs Daniel J. Siegel, president, Law Offices of Daniel J. Siegel, LLC; and Mary F. Platt of Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP; Ellen Freedman, law practice management coordinator, Pennsylvania Bar Association; Kenneth J. Hagreen, Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers of Pennsylvania, Inc.; Elizabeth Lloyd, Ajilon Legal; and Gina Furia Rubel, Furia Rubel Communications, Inc. The course planners are Siegel and Platt.

The program begins with “Suddenly Solo,” a session discussing issues relating to how to set up your own law practice or to handle client matters while seeking new opportunities. Following a short break, “Looking for a Job” will examine using placement services, interviewing techniques, resumes, networking and dealing with stress. The program closes with “Marketing Yourself,” with a discussion on getting clients, working with existing clients, ethical aspects of communicating with former clients. The program will be held at The CLE Conference Center on the 10th floor of the Wanamaker Building, 13th and Market streets.

Because of the CLE rules, a portion of each of these sessions are not creditable. Credit will be provided for 30 minutes of ethics during each session.

Other programs sponsored by the LPM Technology Committee will highlight start-up law firm technology and effective use of technology on a budget. The Solo and Small Firm Committee, another LPM subcommittee, will continue to offer programs focusing on the needs of those lawyers who find themselves “suddenly solo.”

Chancellor Ladov has requested that practice area committees also focus their programs on ways to help these lawyers in transition. In particular, one of Ladov’s goals is for the practice specific committees to offer basic overview programs so that lawyers who are suddenly on their own can learn the nuts and bolts of areas in which they may not be familiar, such as estate planning, estate administration, workers’ compensation, civil litigation, etc.

Another initiative of the Association is the newly created attorney Career Development and Enhancement Committee, formed specifically to address the career and client development needs of attorneys coping with a challenging economic environment. Chaired by Arthur Bousel, a legal career coach, the Committee’s goal is to bring together attorneys from all areas of practice and phases of their careers to collaborate on developing new business or career opportunities.

The Bar is planning networking events designed to allow attorneys in transition to meet other attorneys in similar situations, and to allow firms that are growing to have an opportunity to meet these attorneys to discover what synergies may exist among them. To check the status of these programs, visit phillylawyersintrans-
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of trial advocacy and criminal procedure, took over as dean at Temple Law in July. Epps has been a frequent speaker on evidence and advocacy, both domestically and internationally. In June of 2007, she traveled to London as the only law professor member of a nine-person American team that provided training to Sudanese lawyers representing victims of the Darfur crisis. The training included substantive international criminal law, with special focus on practice before the International Criminal Court, as well as Evidence and Advocacy. In 2005 and 2006, along with Temple Law School Professor Edward Olhbaum, Epps taught jury trial advocacy to more than 20,000 members of the Japanese Bar Association.

These programs were offered in anticipation of the 2009 re-institution of jury trials in criminal cases in Japan.

Until her appointment, Epps was a Professor of Law (1985-present) and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (1989-2008). Before joining the Temple faculty in 1985, she was a deputy city attorney for the City of Los Angeles (1976-1980) and an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (1980-1985). Her primary teaching areas include criminal procedure, evidence and trial advocacy. On occasion, she will teach criminal law and interviewing, counseling and negotiation. Epps received her B.A. degree from Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. in 1973 and her J.D. degree from Yale Law School in 1976.

The O’Connor Award is conferred annually on a woman attorney who has demonstrated superior legal talent, achieved significant legal accomplishments and has furthered the advancement of women in both the profession and the community. The Women in the Profession Committee established the O’Connor Award in 1993 to recognize the important contributions that women attorneys in Philadelphia have made to the legal profession. That year, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor presented the first award to U.S. District Court Senior Judge Norma L. Shapiro. The award has since been presented to the late Juanita Kidd Stout, former justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court; Deborah R. Willig, first woman Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association; Professor Marina Angel, of the Temple University Beasley School of Law faculty; Third Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Dolores K. Slover (former Chief Judge); U.S. District Court Judge Anita B. Brody; Leslie Anne Miller, first woman president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association; Lila G. Roomberg of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP; the late Judge Judith J. Jamison; Ellen T. Greenlee, chief defender of the Defender Association of Philadelphia; former Chancellor Audrey C. Talley; U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Marjorie O. Rendell; Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge Phyllis W. Beck; Roberta D. Pichini; Lynn A. Marks and Roberta D. Liebenberg.

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schools should be more concerned about producing well-rounded associates than worrying so much about their U.S. News & World Report rankings.

It is estimated that more than 240,000 students will graduate from law school this year. Unfortunately, many of them will not find jobs in the legal profession, at least not immediately.

For those whose starting times have been delayed or offers rescinded, I say, keep your eye on the prize.

Fundamentally, the law should be about serving the client and serving the greater good.

Now I do not mean to minimize the economic devastation and emotional exhaustion for those who are suffering layoffs or graduating from law school without the prospect of employment while facing huge student loan payments.

But there are opportunities around to practice law while doing some good. Several big law firms are paying their deferred first-year associates a lower salary while giving them the time to work with public interest organizations. That’s definitely a creative step in the right direction.

In fact, the Bar Association’s Delivery of Legal Services Committee is working to help make this connection (between lawyers who need work and clients who need help) happen as smoothly as possible in the public interest community.

The Philadelphia Bar Association is also reaching out to help attorneys who are suffering in this economy. We’ve just developed a new online resource center called Lawyers in Transition (found online at PhillyLawyersInTransition.com) that offers a host of programs, resources and links to assist attorneys seeking to find new jobs or set up their own practices. There is even a blog and a forum for dialogue and discussion, so folks can share their stories and ideas.

So take heart. You are not alone. And remember, while we may be in the middle of the muck right now, time passes quickly. Let’s use this moment as an opportunity to reflect on our values, make some needed changes, and move forward with courage and optimism. The future is ours to shape.

How do you plan to use your voice?

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Do you want to be remembered as Atticus Finch from “To Kill a Mockingbird,” or Al Pacino from “Devil’s Advocate?” No doubt, most of us are somewhere in the middle between those two extremes.

Judge Pro Tem Training

Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Mark I. Bernstein (from left), Linda R. Singer, Gregory H. Mathews and Marc Zucker meet before the April 20 CLE program where attorneys received training to become judges pro tem in the Philadelphia Commerce Case Management Program. More than 50 people attended the program.

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Two Foreign Graduate Law Students Honored

By Michael Scullin

The International Law Committee recently presented the second annual International Law Award to Charya Chum of Temple University Beasley School of Law and Sharayu Jadhav of University of Pennsylvania Law School.

The award, given to foreign graduate law students in the region, recognizes outstanding achievement in international law or human rights and recognizes the importance of the rule of law and the protection of human rights in the modern world. Coincidentally, the two award recipients are suite-mates at the International House of Philadelphia.

The awards, presented March 24 at the Committee’s annual reception in honor of the international LL.M. students at Penn and Temple, was hosted by Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP. Attendees were welcomed by Morgan Lewis partner Mark Dichter.

Chum is a member of the 2009 LL.M. Class at Temple. She graduated from the Royal University of Law and Economics in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in 2006. While attending law school there, she interned with the United Nations Development Program on a project studying domestic violence, divorce and family disputes. She counseled individuals on domestic violence and provided education on laws prohibiting such conduct.

Later in 2006, Chum accepted a position at the Documentation Center of Cambodia (DC-CAM), an independent research institute dedicated to seeking justice on behalf of victims of the Khmer Rouge. At DC-CAM, she helped villagers from various Cambodian provinces gain access to the Extraordinary Chambers of the Cambodian courts that convened the Khmer Rouge Tribunal. She conducted interviews, gathered evidence and produced final reports on KR cadres and victims.

She had an opportunity to directly participate in the process of bringing the KR leaders to justice after a delay of almost 30 years. “I was excited to be a part of this process, which set a precedent for the Cambodian judicial system,” Chum said. “More importantly, making KR leaders accountable for their crimes helped to foster national reconciliation – especially between victims and perpetrators. My experiences at DC-CAM and the tribunal have convinced me that building my own legal capital is an important step towards my goal of solving disputes through rule of law.”

Following her work at DC-CAM, Chum served as a legal officer at the Arbitration Council Foundation, the only independent organization providing financial, administrative and legal support to the Arbitration Council dealing with collective labor disputes in Cambodia. At the age of 21, she was the youngest legal officer in the ACF legal support team. In a short time, her responsibilities quickly came to include providing legal support and advice and conducting training for employers and workers, primarily in the garment industry.

She plans to sit for the New York bar this summer, as that option is not available in Pennsylvania to lawyers with her qualifications.

Jadhav is a member of the 2009 LL.M. class at Penn Law, where she was awarded the Dean’s Scholarship. She holds two law degrees from the University of Pune in New Delhi.

In 2003 and 2004, Jadhav volunteered at Muskaan, a non-governmental organization working for sensitization about child sexual abuse. She actively participated in spreading awareness about abuse, especially in schools where there is still a stigma attached to a subject that is not discussed openly. She also performed a critical analysis of the draft Child Sexual Assault (Prohibition and Protection) Bill, 2004, prepared by the India Center for Human Rights and Law. This group’s lobbying efforts have filled a gaping void.

As of this writing, the government has not endeavored to draft a separate law dealing with child sexual abuse. The draft bill is scheduled to be presented to the Indian Parliament.

From 2004-2005, Jadhav worked as a legal associate at Citizens for Justice and Peace, whose mission is to eliminate the communal divide that has long plagued India. This NGO came into being after the Gujarat riots of 2002. Jadhav assisted in the retrial of the case of Zaheera Shaikh, which went on to be popularly known as the BEST Bakery trial, one of the landmark cases in the Indian judicial system.

This case involved 14 family members who had been burnt to death during riots after being surrounded all night by a mob of 1,500 people. The eyewitnesses in the case turned hostile because of fear of intimidation. There was no witness protection program, and the witnesses lived in the same area as the accused. The defendants were acquitted by the trial court and the High Court of the state of Gujarat after 37 of the 73 witnesses turned hostile. The NGO then filed a writ before the Supreme Court of India detailing the bias prevalent in the system in Gujarat and the likely impossibility of a free and fair trial. On the basis of this submission, the Supreme Court transferred the case to Mumbai for trial by a special court established expressly for that purpose. Jadhav and her colleagues succeeded in protecting the victims and other witnesses who testified before the Special Court. She served as the relay between the Prosecution team and the NGO and assisted in the trial. They were able to obtain life sentences for nine of the accused. Her efforts helped to bring about a successful outcome to a case that remains one of the country’s most controversial and high profile trials.

Prior to working on the BEST Bakery case, Jadhav helped underprivileged children at Akanloha, working with an NGO promoting the right to education of underprivileged children, as a means to mainstreaming the children. At Penn, she and her partner at the Transnational Legal Clinic obtained asylum for a girl who faced female genital mutilation by her family if returned to her home country.

The 2009 International Law Committee Reception was supported by HSBC Bank US, N.A.

Each year, Philadelphia law schools host about 150 foreign lawyers and leaders in their international LL.M. programs, from at least 40 countries.

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Overbrook Tops Prep for City Mock Trial Title

By Jonathan A. Grode

With the loud bang of a binder purposely dropped against plaintiff’s table, student attorney Matt McDonnell dramatically and effectively commenced the 2009 John S. Bradway High School Mock Trial Competition at Temple University on March 14. The final round of the 29-year-old annual competition pitted St. Joseph’s Preparatory School against last year’s Pennsylvania High School Mock Trial Champions, Overbrook High School.

This year’s case centered on a wrongful death action filed by the parents of a 17-year-old student, who was struck and killed by a drunk driver, against the driver’s employer, claiming that the driver was acting within the scope of his employment when the accident occurred. The case material is prepared annually by the Pennsylvania Bar Association Young Lawyers Division for the Commonwealth-wide competition, one of the largest in the country.

Both teams demonstrated an amazing array of courtroom skills including persuasive direct examinations, compelling cross examinations and effective objections as well as in depth knowledge of evidentiary rules. The afternoon would ultimately belong to the student attorneys from Overbrook High School who shone with a poise usually found only in seasoned attorneys. This victory marks Overbrook’s fourth Philadelphia Region championship.

Roberta West, director of Temple University Beasley School of Law’s Law Education and Participation project, described this year’s championship as “one of the most engaging I’ve ever seen. Each year our Philadelphia teams get better and better. Both teams’ performances were truly remarkable.”

Nearly 50 student teams from the city participated in this year’s competition, which is operated by a joint-effort between the Philadelphia Bar Association Young Lawyers Division and LEAP, a community outreach arm of the University whose mission is to educate non-lawyers, particularly middle and high school students from Philadelphia area schools about law and citizenship.

Every year more than 250 judges, attorneys and students volunteer to assist with judging, scoring and bailiffing the competition. Notable volunteers for this year’s competition included Temple Law Dean JoAnne Epps, who judged the final round; Chancellor Sayde Ladov; Philadelphia Municipal Court Judge Bradley Moss; Court of Common Pleas Judge Joel Johnson Jr.; and U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Marjorie O. Rendell.

Even though Overbrook once again came away with the championship in this hard-fought competition, both teams were truly winners as the two squads represented the city in the Pennsylvania state tournament held in Harrisburg at the Dauphin County Court House on March 27 and 28. St. Joe’s finished fifth in the tournament, narrowly missing the semifinal round. Overbrook ultimately made it to the final round of the championship, finishing in second place after being defeated by Central High School in Blair County.

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Ever have one of those days when you stop what you’re doing and wonder if there’s something better out there (well, maybe not in this economy, but perhaps in years past)?

On those days when I had to deal with an obstreperous opposing counsel, a demanding client or an impossible deadline, I would call my dad and complain (OK, whine) for some sympathy. My dad would listen and then he would remind me of my days at our restaurant when I worked from six in the morning until sometimes past midnight and every Saturday. Before law school, my sister and I, at the tender ages of 23 and 22, respectively, ran a restaurant for a few years in Center City. I always say it was the hardest job I’ve ever had (OK, it was the first real job I ever had), but I wouldn’t be where I am if I hadn’t gone through that experience. My sister did all the cooking and took care of the “back of the house” and I manned the cash register and took care of the “front of the house.” I was in charge of paying the bills and payroll instead of having them delivered and delivering 50-pound sacks of rice to customers was not easy work for my dad.

Whenever I visited my parents at their grocery store after school, I tried to help them out as much as possible (and of course, helped myself to some snacks, candies and soda). I watched my mom stand on her feet for hours at a time, my dad bringing out crates of fresh vegetables from the walk-in freezer and I do not ever recall their complaining – they just did it. And most surprisingly, my parents seemed to enjoy what they were doing. I can remember those days helping my mother at the cash register when we would hear customers laughing in the back room, where my father would be cutting and slicing the frozen slabs of beef and ribs. Possessed with a quick and witty sense of humor, my father charmed all the customers.

Years after they retired, I asked my parents why they never complained about how hard their job was. In fact, comparing their 30-something years of back-breaking work to my 12 years of being in a temperature-controlled office, sitting at my desk with a beautiful view of the city, I felt shame for even complaining. But my parents never compared what they did to what I do. They said there is no comparison. They recognize that lawyers go through tremendous stress and they never diminish my complaints just because I think I have the “easier” job. They just remind me that it is merely a job and to find joy in something about it or something outside of it. And if I still complain, they always threaten to open up another restaurant.

Sunah Park, a partner at Thorp Reed & Armstrong, LLP, is editor-in-chief of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.

By Sunah Park

Sunah in the City

No Comparison on Complaints of Hard Work

Congratulations to our colleague of over 35 years, Joseph S. Bekelja, Esq., the recipient of The Philadelphia Bar Association’s Workers’ Compensation Section inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award!

We are proud to have Joe as a mentor, partner and friend.

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Lombard’s Comedic Genius is Not Forgotten

By Marc W. Reuben

The dawn of the age of electric recording (which actually took place some time ago) can sneak up on you with alarming suddenness. With me it came about in the years 2007 and 2008, and were it not for a few heart problems and surgery, I should have annoyed everyone about several anniversaries much earlier than this.

In 2008, in addition to marking the 90th birthday of Leonard Bernstein (see January issue) was the century mark for Bette Davis and Carole Lombard, among others. Of Davis, I need not remind you. Anyone who can see or read already knows about this greatest of screen divas. If there was a fire burning in the eyes of Katherine Hepburn, the kindling was started by Bette Davis, who chewed up film more than any other grande dame. Davis could do it all, and she did. In the 1942 film “The Bride Came C.O.D.,” she played a dizzy blonde (to James Cagney – who was also a terrific comic actor). The film, a comedy hit by the star power within it, was a mute tribute to Carole Lombard, who had died on a war bond tour shortly before (at age 33). As good as Davis was (and she was), she was no Carole Lombard, who was the essential madcap of Hollywood.

Lombard began her career in silent films. She acted in early Laurel and Hardy silents, and played small parts in Paramount films until the early 1930s. She was married to William Powell, and they were divorced in 1933, three years before they teamed up in the classic comedy “My Man Godfrey,” for which both were nominated for awards. Lombard was a fine dramatic actress and when she was placed in comedic roles, she became the finest comedy actress seen in the films – then and now. Joy seemed to exude from her as naturally as the air. Her timing was superb and, hard to imagine for a comedienne at the time, she was beautiful. Both she and Powell admired one another and when the decision had to be made on choosing a leading lady for “Godfrey,” Powell insisted that Lombard play the role. Their mutual talent and respect is the centerpiece in a superbly funny effort.

Among the best of Lombard’s movies are “Twentieth Century,” a 1934 film with John Barrymore, and 1934’s “Nothing Sacred” with Frederic March. Both were given greater life by Lombard’s honest lunacy, which plays as well today as it did then. As the great Edmund Kean noted, “dying is easy. Comedy is hard.” Yet the joy just poured out of Lombard no matter. After she and Powell divorced he went for Jean Harlow and she took up with Russ Columbo. Neither dalliance worked out and after Columbo’s early death, she met a man named Gable and the rest is legend. She ended her career with the 1942 Lubitsch classic “To Be Or Not To Be,” a dark anti-Nazi comedy made in the shadow of unknown horrors. There never will be another like her, and try as they will, actresses simply do not make the grade. They are trying for effect, whereas Lombard had it in her blood.

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The year 2007 marked what would have been the 90th birthday of one of the greatest musicians of the age – the Romanian pianist Dinu Lipatti. Of pianists – of artists in all disciplines – the elegance of effortlessness is prized. When a member of the audience is conscious of the artist trying to achieve effect, some of the wonder of the performance dies. Lipatti performed with a technical splendor unmatched among artists in his field. Vladimir Horowitz was something similar, except for the fact that Horowitz was a Russian romantic, who gave that flavor to all performance. Lipatti, who did not live long enough to record much, provided soulful beauty with superb technicianship. His performances were not only letter perfect, but moving as well. His performances of the “Chopin Waltzes” are considered by many to be the finest on record. The “Chopin Waltzes” are still available, as they have been since he recorded them in the late 1940s. No listener should be without this recording. Also available is the 1948 recording of the “Grieg Piano Concerto” and two recordings of the Schumann “Piano Concerto in A Minor” (the 1947 version with Karajan, and the 1950 recording with Ansermet Suisse/Romand - both in fine recorded sound). There are other fine recordings of piano music by Chopin, Bach, Scarlatti and Brahms and Mozart that remain in print and are easily available through the iTunes Music Store, among other places.

The simple glory and clarity of what Lipatti had to say will not be diminished by time. Modern children and their electronically induced lifestyles may dampen

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VIP Honors Heather Ritch

This month Philadelphia VIP recognizes Heather Ritch, an associate with Reed Smith LLP for her outstanding volunteer assistance to VIP clients. Ritch provides exceptional representation to her VIP homeownership clients. She readily embraces the complex and often uncertain legal issues in their cases, and she ensures that they have access to all of the legal and non-legal resources available to them. She also makes it a practice to visit her clients’ homes, assess their living conditions and help them explore all possible avenues to make repairs. Because of her extraordinary efforts, she has ensured that her clients obtain title to safe, habitable homes.

Eager to involve other attorneys from Reed Smith with VIP, in mid-2007 she established the firm’s Tangled Title Team, a pro bono practice group that meets on a monthly basis. The group has become an indispensable resource for the attorneys. Because of her leadership, VIP has referred nine homeownership cases to Reed Smith since 2007.

Ritch has served VIP and its clients in other capacities as well. She has organized her firm’s hosting of two VIP trainings in recent years. She also serves as a member of the Tangled Title Fund Advisory Committee, playing an active role in reviewing applicants’ cases and offering her guidance to the attorneys. She also recently answered VIP’s plea for assistance in securing free or low-cost title reports and court reporting services, at a time when these services are difficult to obtain but still in great need.


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the future. But the legend of Lipatti will go on among those who prize art for its integrity. His playing simply managed to convey the brilliance of music with clarity and honesty. The fact that he did not record many works prior to his death in late 1950 deprived us of hearing the works of many masters as he would have played them. This takes from us an authentic and honest voice. When it became apparent that Lipatti was suffering from Hodgkin’s in the late 1940s, giants of the culture world rallied to help him. For instance, Marc W. Reuben, an advisory editor of the Philadelphia Bar Association, has been writing about the arts and media since 1973.

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James C. Schwartzman, a shareholder of Semanoff Ormsby & Tucker, was recently named to the Inter- nal Intellectual Property Law Institute’s 15th Annual Pennsylvania Personal Injury Litigation Conference continuing education seminar in Las Vegas, where he spoke on “Essential Key Documents.”

Mark W. Tanner, a partner with Feldman, Shepherd, Wohlgelernter, Tanner, Weinstock & Dodig, participated in the 11th Annual Pennsylvania Personal Injury Potpourri CLE program on April 7.

Norman P. Zarin and E. Harris Baum, founding shareholders of Zarin, Baum, DeVito, Kaplan, Schaefer, Todd, PC, received the 2009 Lifeline Award in recognition of their longtime commitment to the Jewish community and the people of Israel from the Philadelphia Friends of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts for Arts for All Commision.

Louis N. Marks, of counsel at Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP, has been appointed to the Board of the American Jewish Committee and has been named the chair of its Energy Task Force.


Nancy Winkel- man, a partner with Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, has been elected to the American Law Institute.

Sunah Park, a partner with Thorp Reed & Armstrong, LLP and editor-in-chief of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter, has been appointed to the Democratic National Committee’s Democratic Change Commission.

Jon Lambiras, an associate with Berger & Montague, P.C., presented a CLE course on class actions to the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Association of Attorney-Certified Public Accountants.

David S. Sokolow, a partner with Fox Rothschild LLP, was a speaker at the 2009 Environmental Law Forum sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute.

Alfredo M. Sergio of Semanoff Ormsby Greenberg & Torchia, LLC was recently elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Greater Hatboro Chamber of Commerce.

Steven T. Miano, a shareholder with Hangleby Ausnich Segal & Pudlin, was a speaker at the 2009 Environmental Law Forum sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute.

Alfredo M. Sergio of Semanoff Ormsby Greenberg & Torchia, LLC was recently elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Greater Hatboro Chamber of Commerce.

James C. Schwartzman, a shareholder & Lee, has been unani- mously reelected to the SEPTA Board of Directors.


Lee A. Rosengard, a partner with Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP, has been named to the International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution’s Panel of Distinguished Neutrals.

Major William J. Collins, Jr., USMC (Ret.), has been appointed to a two-year fellowship with U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi as an adviser to her on veterans affairs. The House of Representatives Fellowship Program is for Wounded Warriors. Major Collins was medically retired in August 2008 from the Marine Corps after his second Iraq deployment.

Kevin Greenberg, a shareholder with Flaster/Greenberg, has been named to the Philadelphia Business Journal’s 2009 “40 Under 40” list.

Daniel Weinstock and Carolyn M. Chopko of Feldman, Shepherd, Wohlgelernter, Tanner, Weinstock & Dodig, served as co-instructors at the Temple Law School Trial Advocacy Program.

Robert L. Sachs Jr., managing partner of Shrago, Spivey & Sachs, recently addressed the American Association for Justice Interstate Trucking Litigation Group continuing education seminar in Las Vegas, where he spoke on “Essential Document Discovery: What to Ask For, What to Look For, How Not to Miss the Key Documents.”

Jonathan E. Rinde, a partner with Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, was recently elected Chair of the Montgomery County Agricultural Land Preservation Board, following his reappointment to the board by the Montgomery County Commissioners.

Louis A. Collins Jr., a partner with Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP, has been appointed to the Board of the American Jewish Committee and has been named the chair of its Energy Task Force.
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