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Women in the Profession Committee Co-Chairs Emily B. Marks (left) and Nikki Johnson-Huston present flowers to U.S. District Court Judge Cynthia M. Rufe, who will receive the Sandra Day O’Connor Award at the June 27 Quarterly Meeting.

Judge Rufe to Receive O’Connor Award; Chief Judge Lippman to Address Bar

By Jeff Lyons

Hon. Jonathan Lippman, chief judge of the State of New York and a strong advocate for equal access to justice, will be the keynote speaker at the Bar Association’s Monday, June 27 Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon.

The Association will also present the Sandra Day O’Connor Award to U.S. District Court Judge Cynthia M. Rufe at the event. 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 Association will also honor the newest members of its Year Clubs, attorneys who have been practicing law for 50 years or more.

“Our Bar’s core mission is to promote justice, professional excellence and respect for the rule of law. That includes striving to provide access to justice for everyone, not just those who are wealthy enough to afford it,” said Chancellor Rudolph Garcia.

“Chief Judge Lippman is championing this cause in New York and will share his insights with us.”

As the state’s chief judge, Lippman has championed equal access to justice issues and taken an active leadership role in identifying permanent funding streams for civil legal services, strengthening the state’s indigent criminal defense system, addressing the systemic causes of wrongful convictions, and reforming New York’s juvenile justice system, among many other areas. Chief Judge Lippman’s four decades in the courts have been marked by a commitment to fostering a justice system that is independent, open, accountable and
2011 Employment Law Symposium for Attorneys & CPAs

When: Thursday, May 19th, 2011. 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
New Location For This Event: Temple University, Center City Philadelphia.
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Tracey E. Diamond and Beth Lincow Cole are employment law attorneys with the law firm of Hyland Levin LLP in Southern New Jersey.

Following law school, Ms. Diamond served as a law clerk to Judge Shirley Wohl Kram in the Southern District of New York and worked at large law firms in New York and Philadelphia, as well as in several in-house positions. In addition to her legal practice, Ms. Diamond teaches employment law and contract drafting at Drexel University’s Earle Mack School of Law.

In addition to being counsel to Hyland Levin, Ms. Cole has her own firm. Following law school, Ms. Cole served as a clerk for the Honorable Michael Winkelstein, former Presiding Judge of the Civil Division in Atlantic County. She has also worked at both national and regional firms and was recently named among the Legal Elite by Philadelphia SmartCEO magazine.

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Equal Justice for All is Goal with Bar’s Support of Civil Gideon

By Rudolph Garcia

The phrase “equal justice under law” is literally etched in stone over the entrance to the Supreme Court building in our nation’s capital. Indeed, our entire governmental structure is predicated on the rule of law, which presumes that everyone has equal access to justice. But for many, that fundamental tenet of our society is nothing more than a fanciful myth.

According to a recent report by the Legal Services Corporation, there are 6,415 low-income people in this country per legal aid attorney. That is 15 times as many as the number of other people per private attorney. Despite their best efforts, legal aid organizations are often forced to turn away as many people as they serve.

We all know that unrepresented parties do not fare as well in court as those with lawyers. The reasons are obvious. Attorneys know how to navigate the system and effectively advocate their positions. Pro se litigants do not. As a result, those who can afford attorneys have a significant advantage over those who cannot, even when the court does what it can to level the playing field.

The Supreme Court acknowledged that disparity almost 50 years ago when it held in Gideon v. Wainwright, 372 U.S. 335 (1963), that criminal defendants have a constitutional right to an attorney.

With very limited exceptions, however, no such right has been recognized in civil cases. For example, a single mother has a right to an attorney when facing 30 days probation, but no right to an attorney when facing the loss of her home or loss of her child’s custody.

This is why our Bar has been working to establish a civil version of Gideon, which would provide a right to counsel in adversarial proceedings where basic human needs are at stake.

In 2009, our Civil Gideon Task Force was formed under the leadership of Chancellor Sayde Ladov. After several months of diligent work, its Preliminary Report, Findings and Recommendations were adopted by our Board of Governors. The report endorsed the development of pilot projects in the defense of eviction and mortgage foreclosure proceedings, and in child custody cases. It also advocated the development of an education and communications plan to inform the legal community and the public about the critical need for counsel in such cases.

The current co-chairs of our task force are two of the most prominent members of our public interest community, Catherine C. Carr and Joseph A. Sullivan. In addition, the task force members include an all-star cast of dedicated lawyers and judges. They are continuing to work on pilot projects and communications, and are monitoring similar efforts in other states.

One state that has made significant progress is New York, largely because its highest judicial officer has championed the cause. In Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman’s view, “No issue is more fundamental to our courts’ constitutional mandate of providing equal justice under the law than ensuring adequate legal representation.” Chief Judge Lippman

Commission Lists Judicial Recommendations

RUDOLPH GARCIA, CHANCELLOR of the Philadelphia Bar Association, has announced additional results of the Association’s investigation into the qualification of candidates for the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas and candidates for Philadelphia Municipal Court in the May 17 primary election. The investigation was conducted by the Association’s Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention.

Garcia noted that the list of “Recommended” and “Not Recommended” candidates announced April 26 includes additional names of candidates whose investigations were completed since the original list of ratings was released by the Bar Association on April 4. The list announced April 26 also removes the names of previously rated candidates who have withdrawn from the ballot since April 4. The ratings provide the results for candidates who are on the ballot who submitted to the Association’s evaluation process by the Bar’s announced deadline of Dec. 8, 2010.

“We invite people to learn about these candidate ratings by visiting our website at www.philadelphia-bar.org,” Garcia said. The Chancellor pointed out that the Association’s Campaign for Qualified Judges is the one place for voters to find a thorough, non-partisan, objective rating of the candidates. Garcia said the Association wants voters to know “not just who to vote for but why the judicial elections are so important and why we invest so much time and energy in reviewing and rating these candidates. This is the one place for voters to find a thorough, non-partisan, objective rating of the candidates.”

The Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention is independent and non-partisan. It includes lawyers and non-lawyers. Among the members of the Commission are community leaders, officials including the Chief Public Defender, City Solicitor, and the President Judges of Common Plea Court and Municipal Court, and representatives of minority legal groups and various sections of the Bar.

The ratings by the 30-member Judicial Commission follow extensive study and investigation by the Commission’s own 120-member investigative division, which includes 30 non-lawyer members. Candidates found “Recommended” satisfied a cumulative review of criteria including qualifications such as legal ability, experience, integrity, temperament, community involvement and judgment. Complete details can be found at www.philadelphia-bar.org.

“The Commission will complete more than 40 evaluations of candidates for the 11 open seats on Common Plea Court and Municipal Court,” said Commission
May CLE Calendar

These CLE programs will be held at The CLE Conference Center, Wanamaker Building, 10th Floor, Suite 1010, Juniper Street entrance unless otherwise noted.

- Tough Problems in Workers’ Compensation 2011
- Presentations of a Custody Evaluation in a Complex Custody Trial
- Medical School for Lawyers: Into the Anatomy Lab
- Presenting Excellence for Lawyers 2011
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- Legal Writing Techniques for Winning Arguments 2011
- Corporate Ethics and Compliance
- Movie Magic: How the Masters Try Cases
- How to Avoid “Nightmares”: Marcellus Shale Planning Techniques
- TSA: Putting Down Your Rights — Part of PBI’s Public Policy Series
- Trial Evidence: Artistry & Advocacy in the Courtroom
- The Preparation and Trial of the Products Liability Case: A Course for the Experience Practitioner
- Medicare, Medicaid and ERISA Compliance
- Ninth Annual Nonprofit Institute
- Representing the Small Business from Start-Up to Succession: Making Bread Without Getting Jammed

Register Now for Bench-Bar at Harrah’s

By Jeff Lyons

Registration is now open for the 2011 Bench-Bar & Annual Conference Oct. 14-15 at Harrah’s Resort Atlantic City, with a wide variety of CLE programs available.

Registration for members is $349 if booked by Sept. 16. For non-members, registration is $399. Members of the Young Lawyers Division and public interest and government attorneys can attend for $199.

For those wishing to attend only the Grand Reception at The Pool at Harrah’s on Friday, Oct. 14, tickets are $150 for all members and $175 for non-members. Tickets will be an additional $25 if purchased at the door.

For those wishing to attend Friday’s session only, tickets are $299 for members, $149 for the Young Lawyers Division and government or public interest attorneys and $349 for non-members.

Members and guests wishing to attend without receiving CLE credit will pay $200. For non-members, the cost is $225. Admission includes all sponsored meals and events.

Those wishing to attend programs on Saturday, Oct. 15 will only pay $229, while YLD members and government and public interest attorneys can attend for $79 and $279 for non-members.

CLE seminars are being offered by the Appellate Courts Committee, Bar-News Media Committee, Business Litigation Committee, Criminal Justice Section, Diversity in the Profession Committee, Family Law Section, Probate and Trust Law Section, Public Interest Section, State Civil Litigation Section, Workers’ Compensation Section and Young Lawyers Division. A state of the court program with presiding judges from state and city courts will be the closing lunch program.

Chairs of the 2011 Bench-Bar & Annual Conference are Shelli Fedullo and Jeffrey Gross.
Nutter: Deficit Reductions Hit Hard at Local Level

By Jeff Lyons

All of the rhetoric going on in Washington and Harrisburg about reducing budget deficits is being felt here in Philadelphia, with senior citizens and children feeling most of the pain, Mayor Michael Nutter told Bar Association members at an April 21 Chancellor’s Forum.

“I describe my job as having the responsibility of getting things done. When you talk about Washington, for the moment, there can be no more absurd place in the universe than down there. We could not get away with the kind of nonsense that they do in Washington, D.C. Here, you either picked up the trash or you didn’t. You either knocked down the abandoned building or took away the abandoned car or you didn’t. We have to get things done every day. And down there, delay and talk and point-scoring seems to be the main thing,” he said.

“There are a ton of new people in Congress who ran on whatever platform they ran and now want to try to execute some of these things in real life. They want to cut, cut, cut with no particular regard to the consequences of their actions because this is a philosophical exercise as opposed to the day-to-day running of the government, the mayor said. “Gratefully, they didn’t shut the government down and they have even more cuts as a result and everybody’s happy. We’re now trying to figure out what to do as a result of having $9 million less is CDBG funds. That’s a bunch of people who will not get a job or a bunch of seniors who will not have safe affordable housing as a result of their actions. I know deficit reduction is very important and you can’t keep running up that debt, but I have to tell you, when I’m walking down the street, in three years, no one has walked up to me and said ‘I really need a job but on the other hand I really need you to get that deficit down.’ It just doesn’t happen.”

The state budget cuts will have more potential impact on the city, not so much the city government but the city itself, the mayor explained. “The proposals, with regards to cuts in education, will have a devastating effect on our school district. The proposed cut to Temple University and many other colleges, universities and hospitals will have a real impact on this city. And it all gets pushed down at the local level.”

“You see some of the stuff going on in New Jersey and the commentators say Gov. Christie is making tough decisions. No, the governor is pushing tough decisions down to (Camden) Mayor Redd who have to lay off 46 percent of her police force and a third of her firefighters. Or (Newark) Mayor Booker who has had to do some of the same things. No one is running up to the governor and saying ‘oh my goodness, why are you cutting the police force?’ They’re calling the mayor. No one goes to a member of Congress and says ‘what about my CDBG program?’ They call us.”

Nutter said mayors all across the county are faced with these kinds of challenges while other external entities make big decisions to solve their problems. “All they’re doing is transferring a lot of that pain down to the local level. And that’s where people expect service. I can assure you no one is calling the president about some of the stuff we’ll have to do. I support what he’s trying to get done but there are real consequences on the ground and we’re the ones that have to hear about it.”

Rendell is Lunch Speaker at Federal Bench-Bar

By Jeff Lyons

Former Pennsylvania Governor and Philadelphia Mayor Edward G. Rendell will deliver keynote remarks at the Friday, June 10 Federal Bench-Bar Conference presented by the Federal Courts Committee.

“The 2011 Federal Bench-Bar Conference promises an interesting and informative morning, with panel discussions and presentations by both new faces and familiar ones in new positions,” said Federal Courts Committee Vice Chair Ellen Meriwether, chair of the conference.

The conference will also feature state-of-the-court remarks from incoming Chief Judge J. Curtis Joyner of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. The conference includes four panel discussions.

U.S. District Court Judges Gene E.K. Pratter (moderator), John R. Padovia and Berle M. Schiller are among the panelists for “Ethical Do’s and Don’ts in Federal Court.” Other panelists include Stephen D. Brown, Barry I. Gross, Gina M. Smith and Dennis R. Supplee.

The panel for the discussion “MDL Litigation and Lead Counsel Selection: What Every Practitioner Needs to Know” includes U.S. District Court Senior Judge Norma L. Shapiro, U.S. District Court Judge Cynthia M. Rufer, Bryan L. Clohes, moderator Roberta D. Liebenberg and Barbara T. Scialdies.


U.S. Magistrate Judges Linda K. Caracappa and Henry S. Perkin, along with moderator Bryan P. Werely, are the panelists for “What Your Magistrate Can Do For You.”

The program concludes with Reports on the State of the Court by Judge Joyner, U.S. Bankruptcy Court Chief Judge Stephen Raslavich and Clerk of Court Michael E. Kunz.

The lunch reception with Gov. Rendell follows the program at 12:15 p.m. and does not include CLE credit.

Two substantive and one ethics CLE credits are available at the Federal Bench-Bar Conference, which will be held at the Rittenhouse Hotel, 210 W. Rittenhouse Square, from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Registration and breakfast begin at 8:15 a.m.

Tuition, which includes course book, breakfast and lunch, is $195 for members of the Pennsylvania or any county bar association; $175 for members admitted after Jan. 1, 2007; $225 for non-members; $175 for Philadelphia Bar Association Federal Courts Committee members admitted before Jan. 1, 2007; $155 Philadelphia Bar Association Federal Courts Committee members admitted after Jan. 1, 2007; $99 for paralegals attending with an attorney; and $129 for paralegals attending alone.

To register for the Federal Bench-Bar Conference, visit phi.org.
Barkann’s Sports Dream Returns to Philadelphia

By Sekou Campbell

Comcast SportsNet’s Michael Barkann identified with young lawyers by recounting his professional journey from weatherman to award-winning sportscaster and answered a range of sports questions from the audience at the Young Lawyers Division’s Annual Meeting on April 14 at the Crystal Tea Room.

Barkann used self-deprecating humor to express how he came to do what he loves, sportscasting. After journalism school, his career started at the New Jersey Network. Barkann noted that local cable in the early 1980s was less prestigious than the “minor leagues.” Furthermore, many years passed before he would do anything sports related. Instead, he wrote copy for the network’s meteorologist. A number of serendipitous events, including a record-breaking blizzard in 1983, led to him becoming the network’s permanent on-air weatherman.

Barkann then “played second string” to the network’s sportscaster. That back-up role allowed him to gain the experience necessary to land a job on the sports desk at Channel 3 in Philadelphia, where he worked for five years. After leaving Channel 3, he served as a correspondent for sporting events around the globe, like the U.S. Open tennis championships and Winter Olympics. Later, while working for Boston’s WLVI, Barkann got a call from former colleagues in Philadelphia who wanted to “get the band back together.”

The band – what would become Comcast SportsNet – went on to build a powerhouse slate of programming that matches Philadelphians’ fervor for their teams. Barkann concluded his remarks with several colorful stories about his experiences at the successful cable channel. After his remarks, he opened the program to a question-and-answer session.

According to Barkann, Andy Reid has presided over the most successful era in Eagles’ history despite never winning the Super Bowl; Michael Vick has the “it” Donovan McNabb never had but is still tainted by his animal cruelties; Doug Collins provided a young Sixers’ team with good leadership this year; the Flyers will likely represent the Eastern Conference in the Stanley Cup Finals; the NFL lockout will result in an 11- to 15-week season; and, of course, the Phillies will win the 2011 World Series.

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The Young Lawyers Division will host its first-ever Casino Night & Annual Fundraiser on Saturday, May 14, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Casino Night, which replaces past year’s Comedy Night, will be held at the Radisson Plaza-Warwick Hotel, 220 S. 17th St.

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YLD Update

May 14 Casino Night to Boost Bar Foundation

By Carolyn M. Chopko

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YLD Honors Service

Heather McDanel, Thomas D. Beilli and Natalie Hrubos accepted honors from the Young Lawyers Division at the YLD Annual Meeting on April 14 at the Crystal Tea Room. McDanel, the director of Students Run Philly Style, received the F. Sean Peretta Award. Bielli accepted the YLD Vision Award on behalf of his firm, Giardi Ciardi & Astin. Hrubos received the Craig M. Perry Award for her pro bono work representing low-income transgender individuals.

YLD Chair Carolyn M. Chopko presents a plaque to Immediate-Past Chair Albertine Y. DuFrayne at the April 14 Annual Meeting in honor of DuFrayne’s service to the YLD.

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Mentors, Court Experience Help Build Path to Success

By Christine Soares

Their success in commercial litigation is undisputed, and although their paths varied, their advice at the Women in the Profession Committee Meeting on March 29 was the same: find a mentor, seek out opportunities to get into the courtroom, and come through when it is essential. The panelists included Barbara W. Mather, Elizabeth K. Ainslie, and Sherrie R. Savett. The successful litigators and leaders in their fields shared tips on how to be successful litigators.

Mather began her career at Pepper Hamilton LLP as the firm’s second woman attorney. She is now a partner at the firm and past chair of the firm’s Litigation and Dispute Resolution Department. To gain valuable litigation experience, Mather sought out work that would get her inside a courtroom, such as adversary work from the bankruptcy department and injunction litigation involving restrictive covenants. Mather observed that teaching was one of the most valuable lessons because it taught her to be reasonably engaging for 45 minutes. Mather also noted that if a woman attorney wants to be in charge of a case, she has to be viewed as someone who will, and can, try it to verdict. In order to create that perception, women attorneys must volunteer for tough cases and seek out opportunities to get into the courtroom.

Ainslie, now a partner at Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, took a slightly different track. After joining a firm in Boston as the woman and part-time attorney in the litigation department, she moved to Philadelphia and began working at the U.S. Attorney’s Office. She spent five years prosecuting white-collar crimes, and after the birth of her first child, asked for a four-day workweek, despite the fact that the office had no part-time lawyers at the time. She then started her own firm, which she recognized as the best move she had ever made. It was there she learned to ask clients for work and tried over 500 cases to verdict. Ainslie suggested that an ideal time for women attorneys to start their own firm is after having children because it offers women the flexibility to have a better work-life balance.

Savett started her career at Berger & Montague where she is chair of the Securities Litigation Department and member of the Management Committee. Savett did not encounter many of the obstacles that she believes women encountered at other large law firms because the partnership recognized talent despite an attorney’s gender, race or nationality. Although she struggled to find good female role models, she connected early on with Mather and received valuable advice about juggling work and home life. Savett commented that not all cases go to trial and not every woman wants to be first chair. She recognized that women could be valuable members of a trial team no matter what their role. She also noted the benefit of part-time policies because most women will return to the firm with a tremendous amount of commitment. Savett feels an obligation to mentor young women who are coming through the ranks today.

All three women agreed that women who succeed in litigation have an excellent work ethic and come through when it is essential – even if they have children and are working part-time. On the other hand, Mather recommended, and Ainslie and Savett agreed, that if women with children want to work at a full pace, they should have short commutes and an excellent support system with several layers of back-up child care.

Sherrie R. Savett (from left) Barbara W. Mather and Elizabeth K. Ainslie.

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Gold Standard Courts Can Always Improve

By Kari Samuels

Even though it has been described as the “gold standard” when it comes to access and administration of justice in state courts, Philadelphia’s civil court administrator says there is always room for improvement.

The National Center for State Courts said the city’s civil system has “all the elements of what is necessary for ongoing success in civil caseflow management” and is “...better [in terms of civil jury case performance] than that of any large urban trial court in the United States.” The NCSC also said Philadelphia has “...one of the finest and most successful urban trial courts in the country.”

Administrator David Wasson told the Rules and Procedure Committee on April 6 about his three goals for the court – get the criminal, family and traffic courts up and running on e-filing; establish the 311 call center as the “go to” number to call for the public and practitioners to have questions answered or be directed to the appropriate department; and maintain a high level of performance.

The third of these goals lies at the heart of Chief Deputy Court Administrator Charles Mapp’s duties. He intends to systematically integrate performance measurement into the daily operations of the court’s departments, focusing on caseload management, treatment of participants in the legal process and management of internal operations. To do so, he will focus on the NCSC’s CourT tools Standards, which are access to justice, fairness, timeliness, efficiency, and effectiveness; clearance rates; time to disposition; age of active pending caseload; trial date certainty; reliability and integrity of case files; collection of monetary penalties; effective use of jurors; court employee satisfaction; and cost per case.

Mapp also discussed the current inventory of civil cases today as compared to the recent past. Approximately 40,000 new civil cases are filed each year and another 40,000 cases are disposed of annually. He said the civil inventory of cases as of January 2011, was 36,361, as compared to over 44,000 in 2005. The bulk of the civil case inventory consists of mandatory arbitration (30 percent), mortgage foreclosure (23 percent), complex litigation/mass tort (22 percent) and major jury (17 percent).

Mapp said only 185 major jury cases went to verdict in 2010 (55 percent for the defense), 150 arbitration appeals (56 percent for the defense), 47 mass tort (57 percent for the defense), 34 medical malpractice (76 percent for the defense) and seven commerce (all for the plaintiff).

In closing, Mapp thanked the bar and the judges for their assistance in making the First Judicial District the success that it is, and emphasized that ongoing communication between the court and the bar is necessary to identify opportunities and to generate and implement solutions.

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Without question, violence and intergroup conflict in the Philadelphia public schools threatens students’ safety and affects their ability to learn.

The Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations (PCHR) recently issued a report detailing the system-wide problem. The report, “ Widening the Circle of Our Concern” provides a comprehensive statement on intergroup conflict in the Philadelphia public school system and issues findings and recommendations to the school district. The PCHR initiated a year-long series of public hearings following the 2010 violent attacks on Asian students in a South Philadelphia public school; the Commission interviewed 132 witnesses, read numerous written submissions and held 11 public hearings.

In her April 4 presentation before the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Civil Rights Committee, Kay Kyungsun Yu, chair of the PCHR, summarized the findings and recommendations of the report. Intergroup conflict in the school system is a “system-wide problem” that will require system-wide coordination and change.

Yu explained that there is a “disconnect” between the policies in place and what happens on a day-to-day basis in the schools.

The full report as well as the PCHR’s findings and recommendations can be found on the PCHR’s website at http://www.wideningshecircle.org. The nine recommendations issued to the school district were created to address the priorities of resolving, tracking and preventing intergroup conflicts in the school system. Yu listed and explained the PCHR’s nine recommendations to the school district. In summary, the school district, among other things, needs to recognize the scope of the problem, make sure appropriate district policies are in place and enforced, create a reporting system that everyone understands, and accurately track those conflicts reported. Another significant problem, Yu said, is that the school district does a poor job providing language access services for immigrant students or for students and families who do not speak English fluently. Communication in appropriate language is critical and cannot “be dealt with as an afterthought,” cautioned Yu.

Yu also provided a summary of the key changes to the Fair Practices Ordinance that was recently “overhauled” and will go into effect on June 21. Originally enacted in 1963, the ordinance, among other things, defines protected classes, employers and public accommodations in Philadelphia.

The ordinance, Yu said, will now have three “brand new protected classes.” In addition to those already specified, the ordinance will now recognize genetic information, familial status, and victims of sexual and domestic violence as protected classes. The changes were made, in part, to comport with existing federal laws that have expanded protected class categorizations.

Another “big change,” according to Yu, is the ordinance’s revised definition of employer. Fraternal, charitable organizations and nonprofit organizations, sectarian and religious groups are no longer excluded from the ordinance. Beginning June 21, they will fall within the definition of an “employer” for the purposes of the ordinance.

One of the most significant decisions for any lawyer fresh out of law school, or any lawyer considering changing fields, is whether to work in the private or public sector. The three panelists at the March 30 Speakers Series program presented by the Government and Public Service Lawyers Committee meeting were excellent examples of lawyers who have found success, enjoyment and personal fulfillment in legal careers in the public sector.

The panel, arranged by Committee Co-Chairs Deborah Cooper Nixon and introduced by Chancellor Rudolph Garcia, included Zane Memeger, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; Leigh Skipper, chief federal defender for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Kenya Mann Faulkner, Pennsylvania’s inspector general. Each panelist shared insight into their personal journeys toward careers as government attorneys and some of the lessons they learned along the way.

A 1991 graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law, Memeger bounced back and forth between the private and public sectors throughout his career, serving as an assistant U.S. attorney from 1995 to 2006, then becoming a partner at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP and finally returning to the public sector as the U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. An underlying theme of Memeger’s presentation was the importance of giving back to the community. This principal seems, at least in part, to have been the motivation for Memeger’s decision to leave Morgan Lewis and return to the U.S. Attorney’s Office. Memeger believes that opportunities rarely come without someone putting his or her reputation on the line by vouching for other attorneys. Therefore, Memeger urged, producing excellent work is essential to success in the legal profession.

Skipper began his legal practice as a state defender, followed by a move to the Federal Community Defenders for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania where he practiced for more than two decades, and finally securing his position as the chief federal defender. Skipper echoed Memeger’s message regarding the importance of producing excellent work. He stressed that reputations built on the foundation of excellent work product positively affect an attorney’s career as well as his or her day-to-day professional life.

The final speaker, Faulkner, began her legal career at the Defender Association of Philadelphia, followed by the Office of the Attorney General where she rose to the level of senior deputy attorney general. A one-time U.S. attorney, and partner at Ballard Spahr LLP, Faulkner was appointed by Gov. Tom Corbett as Pennsylvania’s seventh inspector general in January 2011.

Faulkner shared with those present a very personal life stories. Born in Harlem, her mother passed away when she was three years old and her father abandoned her. Faulkner was taken in by her grandfather who was already caring for 10 children at the time. He used to tell her to “do her best” and “work hard,” and these lessons have served Faulkner well throughout her distinguished career.

Although Faulkner graduated law school with every intention of practicing her entire career in the public sector, she did not shy away from opportunities when they presented themselves, such as joining the white-collar litigation practice group at Ballard Spahr. However, Faulkner did return to the public sector when Gov. Corbett appointed her as Pennsylvania’s inspector general. Along with sharing her career story, Faulkner offered five suggestions for building a successful and fulfilling legal career: work hard, treat people fairly, guard your reputation fiercely, love what you do, and surround yourself with people who have your interests at heart and will tell you the truth.

No conversation of private versus public sector jobs would be complete without some mention of the pay disparities between the two. Memeger addressed this issue at the end of the meeting admitting that salaries in the private sector are significantly more than in the public, but also stressing how rewarding public sector work can be. He described the satisfaction he has personally felt prosecuting some of his cases while at the U.S. Attorney’s Office. Memeger described being able to serve our communities as a government attorney as “one of the most rewarding things you can do.”

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Follow 5 Steps for Loan Help

**By Mary-Kate Breslin**

By following five steps, public service attorneys can earn student loan forgiveness without tax implications, according to an expert on education debt.

Heather Jarvis discussed the College Cost Reduction and Access Act at an April 12 program sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Jarvis said to earn loan forgiveness, you must first make 120 payments (every month for 10 years) on your loans. Second, you need to make the right kind of payments by selecting the income-based repayment option. Payments are based on your family size and your adjusted gross income. You must demonstrate a financial hardship to qualify. Generally, if you owe more money on your student loans than what you earn then you will likely qualify for this repayment program. If you are married and file joint income tax returns with your spouse then you need to make the right kind of payments. Payments are based on determining your adjusted gross income. If you have two part-time jobs that qualify for public service, and between the two of them you work a minimum of 30 hours per week, you do not have to work 10 consecutive years in public interest either. If you leave the public interest sector to work in the private sector for a period of time, and then you return to a qualifying public interest job then you can simply pick up where you left off, so long as you continue to make payments.

Fifth, you need to be able to prove the first four steps when the 10 years is over and you are ready to have your remaining loans forgiven. There is presently no clear way of doing this. So for now, do your best to file away documentation of where you have worked and the payments you have made.

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Bar-News Media Committee

Keep Media on Message, Former Reporter Advises

**By Edward P. Kelly**

When speaking to reporters, it’s important to boil your message down to the basics, a communications expert and former Action News reporter recently told members of the Bar-News Media Committee.

Karen Friedman, founder of Karen Friedman Enterprises, Inc., talked about how to speak to the media when the stakes are high. She shared advice about building a more effective relationship with the media and how to help the media tell the story that you want told.

It is important to remember that reporters are not your friends. Friedman said, “They have a job to do and that job is to tell the story. Reporters gather facts and condense them into digestible nuggets for public consumption, known as sound bites. Another concept to keep in mind is that sometimes the court of public opinion is as important, if not more important, than the court of law. Human beings feel first, and think second. Therefore, reporters go after stories that are emotional.

In a crisis situation, there are two questions that a reporter will ask: “When did you know about it?” and “What did you do about it?” In that situation, Friedman advised a “gut check” before responding since usually one knows intuitively what’s right and what’s wrong. She also advised removing the words “no comment” from your vocabulary. If you are unable to offer a comment, explain why.

When speaking to a reporter, you must boil your message down to the basics. As Friedman put it, in “media land” less is more so narrow your focus. Think about the “headline” and figure out your top three messages based on that headline. Do not leave it up to the reporter to get your message out, but instead try to insert your points into the conversation. Acknowledge the question, give an answer, and then bridge in order to communicate your message. Avoid repeating a reporter’s words, and instead be positive and upfront with your own message. Good communicators facilitate understanding so keep things as simple as possible.

On the topic of apologies, Friedman believes they are overrated because everybody apologizes. It is her opinion that the general public does not believe apologies like they did a decade or two ago. If you need to apologize, the apology needs to be sincere and your actions must back up the apology. Friedman’s take on social media is that while it has made it easier to reach people, it has also made it harder to control the message. And she emphasized that “You are the message,” not only with what you say, but how you say it.

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Chancellor Honored

Chancellor Rudolph Garcia is joined by Michael Adler, president of the Temple University Law School Alumni Association, and Temple University Beasley School of Law Dean JoAnne A. Epps at the law school’s 36th Annual Law Day Reception at the U.S. Courthouse on March 30. Garcia, a 1977 graduate of Temple Law School, was honored at the event.
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formed a task force and scheduled public hearings on the unmet need for counsel in civil cases. He then proposed a $100 million increase in state funding for lawyers who represent the poor in civil cases that deal with “the essentials of life,” such as housing (eviction and mortgage foreclosure) and family matters (domestic violence, children, and family stability).

The $100 million increase was to be phased in over four years, starting with $25 million this year. That level of funding is now in doubt because a recent budget agreement slashed $170 million from the court’s fund for civil cases. He then proposed a $100 million increase in state funding for lawyers who represent the poor in civil cases that deal with “the essentials of life,” such as housing (eviction and mortgage foreclosure) and family matters (domestic violence, children, and family stability).

Stiles, former U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, as well a judge in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, joined the Phillies in April 2001. He became senior vice president in February 2007. Stiles played a key role in the team’s move from Veterans Stadium to Citizens Bank Park. He also spent 12 years in the Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office.

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Chair Richard S. Seidel. “That is an enormous undertaking involving many hundreds of interviews by the investigative division and careful review, consideration and deliberation by the Commission.”

The following judicial candidates, listed alphabetically, were found “RECOMMENDED” for election to the Court of Common Pleas:

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- Meredith Seigle-DiClaudio
- Anita Smith
- Nycole Watson

Bar Leaders Welcome New Citizens

Vice Chancellor Kathleen D. Wilkinson (left photo) addresses new citizens at a March 24 naturalization ceremony presided over by U.S. District Court Judge Joel H. Slomsky. Philadelphia Bar Foundation President Wendy Beetlestone (center) and Young Lawyers Division Treasurer Aneesa A. Mehta (right) spoke at an April 14 ceremony with U.S. District Court Judge Gene E. K. Pratter presiding. Both events were sponsored by the Philadelphia Bar Association.
The interview series conducted by PNC Wealth Management senior vice president Jackie Byrne Lessman, CFP®, explores distinct topics and issues relevant to the legal community ranging from investment management, wealth planning, trust, estate services and other PNC areas of expertise.

As a PNC liaison to the legal community, Lessman specializes in working with law firms and attorneys regarding their banking needs, as well as class action plaintiff firms and claims administrators. Lessman is committed to leveraging PNC’s in-depth resources to cultivate relationships with regional law firms and attorneys by offering support and solutions.

In an interview with Leanna Johannes, J.D., vice president and senior wealth planner at PNC, we discussed when to choose a corporate fiduciary rather than a family member.

Jackie Lessman: Do you feel that corporate fiduciary appointments are under-utilized in estate planning?

Leanna Johannes: I do. Often, clients and their advisors assume that a family member is the best choice to serve as trustee and executor. In addition to perceiving this option as less costly, they also believe that a family member best knows and understands the family’s unique needs. A corporate fiduciary, however, could be a better choice for the administration of complex trusts and estates.

Can you explain for me the role of the fiduciary?

A fiduciary, in the financial sense, holds property for the beneficial interest of others. This unique relationship requires the fiduciary to objectively exercise and balance the duties of impartiality and loyalty, and act with a high degree of care. One type of fiduciary in which the trust holds legal title to assets – the trustee – is obligated to serve the best interests of the trust’s beneficiaries in accordance with the provisions of the trust agreement established by the trustor as creator – the grantor. Another type of fiduciary – the executor – must notify the beneficiaries, inventory the estate, gather the assets, identify the debts, obtain appraisals, make and pay all taxes and debts within time limits, prepare and file tax returns, and distribute the assets according to the terms of the decedent’s will.

What factors should a client and their advisor consider in selecting a trustee or executor?

Given the breadth of a fiduciary’s duties, and because exposure to personal liability attaches to those duties, the following five factors are critical to the effective administration of a trust or estate: technical expertise, impartiality, permanence, accountability and cost.

What specifically does a corporate fiduciary bring to the table that an individual fiduciary may not bring?

In terms of technical expertise, the corporate fiduciary has investment, trust administration, and estate administration expertise. Further, as a disinterested (though not uninterested) third party, the corporate fiduciary is naturally impartial. In terms of permanence and accountability, the corporate fiduciary provides continuity of administration (important in particular for trusts that last for generations or in perpetuity) and generally carries insurance as a cost of doing business and otherwise has substantial financial resources. In addition, a corporate fiduciary carries with it the benefits of continuity of administration, corporate oversight, security for bank deposits and custodial investment assets held by the corporate fiduciary, protection from fraud and embezzlement, strict confidentiality standards, ability to value unusual assets, and provide post-mortem tax planning.

Can a corporate fiduciary be more or less cost effective than using a family member?

Where the family member usually has no expertise and will need to hire professionals to coordinate the work, naming a corporate fiduciary may be far more efficient and less costly in the long run. Corporate fiduciaries often have strategic partnerships with specialists to manage real estate and closely held business interests. On the flip side, hiring a corporate fiduciary may be less cost effective when the estate is relatively small, family conflicts are minimal, most or all assets are in joint name, no stepchildren are involved, if there is a sole beneficiary, and someone is able, willing and local to assume the responsibility.
Bar Foundation

Grantees Partner with Medical Providers

Every year toward the end of summer, the Bar Foundation interviews the executive directors of the legal organizations that have applied for grants. It is one of the high points of our year because, through that process we get a better understanding of our grantees’ needs and we hear directly from them about their success stories from the past year as well as their concerns for the next.

During the 2010 grantees interview process, we learned that many of our grantees were working in partnership with medical facilities – hospitals and clinics – to develop a model to better serve their clients. It had become clear to them that an important relationship exists between the legal services organizations and the medical community. They understood that, especially in hospitals that care for low-income people, doctors were treating patients’ symptoms but could not resolve myriad issues that, while associated with their patients’ illnesses, were not medical in nature. Often the patients would be released from the hospital into untenable circumstances that had caused or exacerbated the illnesses that the doctors had just finished treating.

Here’s an example. At age 29, Don had an accident that left him a quadriplegic. He did not have insurance when he was rushed to the hospital, so the process was started to sign him up for Medical Assistance/Medicaid. Unfortunately the process was never finished. When Don needed additional surgery, he was still uninsured, which stalled his surgery and would ultimately have affected the level of his long-term care. Legal Clinic for the Disabled worked with Don to get the paperwork he needed to finish the Medical Assistance/Medicaid application. His application was approved, and Don was able to get the surgery he needed.

As we talked to the grantees, we concluded that the work of each of them could be magnified and have a far greater impact if they shared best practices on how best to develop and implement medical-legal partnerships. So the Foundation, through trustee Norm Weinstein, brought them together. The hope was that if the successes of these relationships could be expanded and more stakeholders participating in a larger strategy, then more individuals could be served, outcomes could be improved and the quality of life enhanced.

The awareness of a correlation between medical problems and legal needs is nothing new. It is well documented that low-income people are disproportionately more likely to suffer from chronic or acute medical conditions than other segments of the population. The same sort of disparity exists relating to the legal needs of this population as well. According to the Legal Services Corporation, on average, a low-income household has one-to-three unmet legal issues with only 20 percent of these issues ever being addressed. Many of these low-income individuals and families don’t have the resources or the will to challenge the unlawful actions of landlords, school districts or government agencies that can affect their health and safety.

As Ben Beck-Coon, a staff attorney and Independence Foundation Public Interest Law Fellow at the Legal Clinic for the Disabled, says, “Traditional law and health care treat the problems of poor health and adverse social conditions in isolation; breaking this cycle of vulnerability is more likely if the professions marshal their collective resources to improve both health and social well-being.” While the doctors work on the physical health of the patient, the lawyers address issues – social determinants including income, access to benefits, housing, conditions of work – that impact the patient’s ability to recover.

This type of reasoning gave birth to the first medical legal partnership created by Barry Zackerman in Boston in 1993. One of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation’s grantees, Legal Clinic for the Disabled, was started using this model when its founders realized a person who suffers catastrophic injury or illness is vulnerable to legal problems that must be addressed if rehabilitation is to be a success. The Legal Clinic for the Disabled is still operating under this model and works directly with patients to address their legal needs, but also conducts training with medical residents and provides nursing staff with ongoing training and information.

In fact, the Legal Clinic for the Disabled is now one of the key forces behind the development of medical legal partnerships in our area. Much of its work is with patients from Magee Rehabilitation Hospital and, in 2009, it established a medical legal partnership for people with disabilities at the three federally qualified nurse-managed health centers that comprise the Family Practice & Counseling Network. And this month, the clinic is transforming a current children’s health law initiative into a collaboration between St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children, the Legal Clinic for the Disabled and Reed Smith, a private law firm that will provide four volunteer attorneys to staff the medical legal partnership at the hospital that will serve children with disabilities as well as parents with disabilities who have non-disabled children. It has also started working with Abramson Cancer Center at the Abramson Cancer Center at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center.

Linda Peyton, executive director of the Legal Clinic for the Disabled, is excited about this model and its potential for promoting patient care. “It is so important...”

Memorial Gifts Recognized

From time to time, the Philadelphia Bar Foundation receives contributions or a fund in memory of someone who has died or, on a happier note, to mark a special occasion or honor an achievement. Philadelphia lawyers are a special breed. We honor them when we make a gift to the Bar Foundation that is then used to assist Philadelphia’s public interest lawyers and the clients to whom they provide legal services.

In Memoriam
• Given by Francis P Devine III in memory of David Braverman.
• Nancy K. Baron-Baer made a contribution in memory of Marvin Comisky, former president of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, former Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association and chairman emeritus of Blank Rome LLP. An icon of the Philadelphia legal community for more than 60 years, Marvin Comisky will be remembered for his commitment to fairness and justice, his visionary leadership and his legal acumen.
• A. Harold Datz made a contribution in memory of Gail M. Derr.
• Given by Shirley and Mitchell W. Miller in memory of their cousin, Mitchell W. Miller.
• Amy M. Tarr and Lynn E. Rzonca each gave a gift in memory of Julia Stepnak, mother of Kevin Stepnak of PECO/Exelon.

In Tribute
• Vickie Waitsman made a donation to honor Mitchell Bach, a recipient of the 2010 Wells Fargo Fidelity Award, presented to recognize significant accomplishments in improving the administration of justice.
• Given by Abe and Sherrill Reich to honor Jane Leslie Dalton, former Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association and former trustee of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, on the occasion of her retirement.
• Given by Anita B. Weinstein to honor Elaine Rinaldi, former president of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, for her dedication to and support of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation.
• Bernard M. Gross made a contribution to honor Debbie Gross, his daughter and an uniriting member of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation Board of Trustees.
• Given by Carolyn Landis, Terry Szabo, John Knutsen and Rebecca Lijek in honor of the retirement of Jane Leslie Dalton, who has always been a loyal advocate and undaunted trailblazer.
• Jane Leslie Dalton made a contribution in honor of retiring board president Amy G. Ginesky.
Entries are now being accepted for the Philadelphia Bar Association’s 2011 Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Pursuit of Justice Legal Writing Competition.

The co-chairs of the competition are Bar Association Vice Chancellor Kathleen D. Wilkinson, partner at Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP, and Diane Pennys Edelman, Assistant Dean for International Programs, Associate Professor of Legal Writing, Villanova University School of Law.

The Bar Association recognizes the importance of excellence in legal analysis and writing skills, and seeks to award a student enrolled in an American Bar Association-approved or provisionally approved Philadelphia-area law school for authoring a top-quality competition submission.

This competition is open to full- and part-time law students who are in their second or third year of study during the 2010-11 academic year at one of the following six institutions: Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Rutgers University School of Law – Camden, Temple University Beasley School of Law, Villanova University School of Law and Widener University School of Law. Part-time law students in their third or later year of study are also eligible.

Students must be in good standing at their institutions. The submission may not have been published previously, although it may have been prepared in connection with a law school course or for a law journal. The submission also may not have been submitted for any other competition during the time it is under consideration for this competition, until after the time when awards are announced. The submission must be the work of one author alone (joint submissions will not be considered), and the author must certify that the submission has been prepared without substantial editing from others.

“This year we have a wonderful panel to review the essays that must focus on rights, privileges and responsibilities under federal law,” said Wilkinson. “We are very excited our panel includes Judges Gene E.K. Pratter and Juan R. Sanchez from the United States Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.”

Other judges are Brandi J. Brice, City of Philadelphia Law Department; Leonore F. Carpenter, assistant Professor of Law, Temple University Beasley School of Law; Ira Johnson Ferrell, Legal Writing Professor; Widener Law School; Deborrah S. Gordon, Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law; Mitchell Nathanson, Sarah E. Ricks, Clinical Professor & Co-Director, Pro Bono Research Project, Rutgers School of Law – Camden; Melanie Taylor, Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office; Sandra A. Jeskie, Duane Morris LLP; and Anne Kringel, Legal Writing Director and Senior Lecturer, University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Candidates may submit a law review quality submission on any topic relating to rights, privileges and responsibilities under federal law. Entries must be received by Monday, May 9 at 4 p.m.

The author of the winning submission will receive a cash award of $2,500, the publication of the winning submission in The Philadelphia Lawyer, on the Bar Association’s website and/or in an appropriate Bar Association publication. The winner will be invited to a Quarterly Meeting of the Bar Association, at which time the award will be presented.
By Muhammida El Muhajir

TWELVE-TIME Bar Association 5K Run/Walk champion Neill W. Clark will be out to defend his winning streak at the 32nd Annual Charity Run on Sunday, May 15.

Clark, an associate with Berger & Montague, P.C., says training for this year’s race hasn’t been smooth sailing due to a post-marathon injury. But he will be out there with hundreds of other runners in hopes of winning his 13th consecutive race in the legal division.

“I was first introduced to the Bar Run fresh out of law school while clerking for Judge Stephen E. Levin. I joined his team that year and we won. So when I started at Berger & Montague I was highly anticipating returning to the race,” says Clark, who has been running since the 7th grade. He was a college champion at Appalachian State University and is currently a member of the Greater Philadelphia Track Club, an organization devoted to high-level age-group division competition.

Clark touts the Bar Run as one of his favorite races in the country. “Because many of my races are out of state, I usually never have fans, family or friends cheering me on. But at this race, my clients, colleagues and friends from the legal community are out there giving me the added boost. It’s that spirit of camaraderie that makes this race unique for me.”

Thanks to Clark’s victories and success, the Berger & Montague team membership has increased every year. “It’s exciting to know that I’m inspiring others to come out to the race, even co-workers who have never run before. It’s a well-organized, fun event for people at every level, even kids. And to top it off it benefits a wonderful charity, the Support Center for Child Advocates, which provides free legal and social services to abused and neglected children,” he said.

“Each year I keep waiting for some young stud, fresh out of law school, to take away my crown,” laughs Clark. But that won’t be an easy feat even with the $200 cash award advertised for the lawyer that finally beats Clark courtesy of Philadelphia Runner.

The 32nd Annual Philadelphia Bar Association 5K Run/Walk will be held on Sunday, May 15 on Martin Luther King Drive, adjacent to the Philadelphia Museum of Art. The race begins at 8:30 a.m. For more information and registration, visit www.charityrun2011.com.

Muhammida El Muhajir (melmuhajir@advokid.org) is development officer for the Support Center for Child Advocates.
20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST SECTION

Tales from the Front Lines of Pro Bono: PILCOP

As we mark the Public Interest Section’s 20th anniversary, this is the second in a series of articles about the experiences of attorneys providing pro bono assistance. These articles are the words of the volunteer attorneys. We hope their experiences will encourage others to volunteer.

John D. Huh, associate, DLA Piper LLP:

DLA Piper LLP and the Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia (PILCOP) are representing several current and former African-American students of Lower Merion School District who were allegedly discriminated against based on their race. The lawsuit alleges that the school district has a practice and policy of over-identifying African-American students as requiring special education. In addition, it is alleged that Lower Merion generally provides African-American students, including students that are in special education, with an education that is inferior to their Caucasian peers, thereby creating a disproportionate number of African-American students at Lower Merion who either receive special education or are placed in below-grade level classes or modified classes. Notably, African-American students attending Lower Merion are drastically under-represented in the higher-level classes, such as honors or advanced placement classes.

Working on this case has provided me with a wonderful opportunity to meet and work with bright, motivated students and members of the Lower Merion community who truly care about closing the achievement gap and removing the hurdles that African-American students still face. I hope that the resolution of this case can remove some of those hurdles and push the school district one step closer to closing the achievement gap and addressing the disproportionate number of African-American students in special education. At the end of the day, all students should receive quality education regardless of their race. The current and former students who we represent simply want to see this change take place and for the district to recognize and be more proactive in addressing racial discrimination.

Monique M. Galloway, associate, DLA Piper LLP:

As civil rights legend Charles Hamilton Houston once said, “a lawyer’s either a social engineer or...a parasite on society... A social engineer [is] a highly skilled, perceptive, sensitive lawyer who [understands] the Constitution of the United States and [knows] how to explore its uses in the solving of problems of local communities and in bettering conditions of the underprivileged citizens.” Our nation’s history has shown us, and the pending civil rights case against the Lower Merion School District reminds us, that, of all the things an attorney is responsible for as a social engineer, none is greater nor more basic that securing the equality of education for our children. A lesson we can learn from the facts underlying this pending litigation is that even though our nation has made great strides during the past four decades in its commitment to diversity and inclusion, we would be remiss to overlook arguably racially charged decisions made by school board officials that directly impact our local community classrooms and leaders of tomorrow. As an African-American woman, my entire life has been shaped by the labors of the civil rights movement. Today, I am honored to be part of a team determined to right the ills allegedly committed by Lower Merion in this case.

Nathan P. Heller, associate, DLA Piper LLP:

This case helped me better understand the role that the legal profession can play in giving voice to disempowered individuals. For nearly a decade, our clients were overlooked or neglected by the school district. Only now, with the aid of counsel, are they beginning to examine whether the district’s educational programs truly met their needs. In this way, we have helped our clients gain a better understanding of their rights, and, hopefully, prompted the school district to reevaluate the services it provided to them and continue to provide to them. That would not have happened absent the intervention of counsel.

Patrick Castillo, associate, DLA Piper LLP:

This case demonstrates that our nation has much work to do to achieve the promise of Brown v. Board of Education, 347 U.S. 483 (1954). In fact, some authorities maintain that our schools are more segregated now than ever before. This case provides an example of how an ostensibly successful school district can offer one group of students a blue-ribbon education while simultaneously denying another group access to that education. Our clients have suffered under the district’s veil of success and bravely seek to prompt change in the treatment of minority students and the attitudes toward addressing the achievement gap. Though it is unfortunate that litigation has become necessary to influence the school district to examine its educational programs, we hope to achieve a precedent that reinforces the promise of Brown for our clients and all students throughout the nation. DLA Piper and the Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia have formed a team of attorneys dedicated to achieving these goals. I am proud to be a member of that team.

HAP Raises $180,000 at Annual April Benefit

The Homeless Advocacy Project (HAP) held its Annual April Benefit at the Sofitel Philadelphia on April 7. The event, attended by 275 friends of the agency, raised more than $180,000. HAP provides free, civil legal services to homeless Philadelphians. Since its founding in 1990, HAP has helped more than 25,600 homeless men, women and children, providing pro bono legal services worth more than $33 million. Four hundred lawyers, paralegals and law students volunteer each year in HAP’s 150 annual legal clinics held in 25 homeless shelters, soup kitchens and overnight cafes. Pictured from left are HAP legal staff members Michael Taub, Laura Kolb, Meg Ret, Michele Levy, Pat Malley, Morgan Black-Smith, Executive Director Marsha Cohen, Nisha Parekh, John Melis and Tim Konowalik. For more information, visit homelessadvocacyproject.org or call 215-323-9995.

VIP Honors Catanzarite

Philadelphia VIP recognizes Janaki Catanzarite, an associate at Pepper Hamilton LLP, for her outstanding volunteer assistance to VIP clients.

Catanzarite has assisted five VIP clients in the last five years, focusing on our homeownership clients who need to obtain title to their homes. Her representation of her clients is always characterized by her thoroughness in exploring their legal claim and her patience in working with every client. She has demonstrated immense perseverance in handling some of VIP’s more difficult cases. In a probate case she is currently handling, she is working closely with the client to obtain signatures from the client’s many siblings, so that the administration of the deceased record owner’s estate can move forward and the client can obtain title to his home. Thanks to her commitment, this previously stalled case is now moving toward a positive resolution for the client.

For her commitment and dedication to its clients, Philadelphia VIP offers its heartfelt appreciation to Janaki Catanzarite.
response to the people it serves. Judge Lippman started as an entry-level court attorney in the New York Supreme Court and served as a law clerk in the Supreme Court and Surrogate’s Court. In 1977, he became principal court attorney for the Supreme Court, New York County, Civil Term. In 1983, he was named the chief clerk and executive officer of that court. In 1995, he was appointed as a judge of the New York Court of Claims by Gov. George E. Pataki, who subsequently reappointed him to a full nine-year term on that court in 1998. In 2005, he was elected as a justice of the Supreme Court for the Ninth Judicial District. He also served as an associate justice of the Appellate Term, 9th and 10th Judicial Districts.

From January 1996 to May 2007, he served, by appointment of Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye, as the chief administrative judge of all New York state courts. As the longest tenured chief administrative judge in state history, Judge Lippman played a central role in many far-reaching reforms of New York’s judiciary and legal profession, including problem-solving community courts, drug courts and domestic violence courts; specialized commercial and matrimonial parts; overhauling the state’s jury system; opening Family Court to the public; and adopting new rules governing fiduciary appointments; mandatory continuing legal education; attorney-client fee dispute arbitration, and written letters of engagement.

In May 2007, Gov. Eliot Spitzer appointed Judge Lippman to serve as the presiding justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, First Department, one of the largest and most influential appellate courts in the country. In that capacity, he reduced the court’s pending backlogs and served on the Administrative Board of the Courts, the policy and rule making body of the New York State Court System.

In February 2009, Gov. David A. Paterson appointed Judge Lippman to serve as the chief judge of the state and chief judge of the Court of Appeals. In that capacity, he presides over New York’s highest court while heading a statewide court system with a $2.6 billion budget, 3,600 state and locally paid judges, and more than 15,000 non-judicial employees in more than 350 locations around the state.

Judge Lippman is active in court improvement efforts at the national level, as a member of the Conference of Chief Judges, and as a former president of the Conference of State Court Administrators. He also served as vice chair of the Board of the National Center for State Courts. In 2008, Judge Lippman received the William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence, presented each year by the U.S. Supreme Court chief justice to a state court judge who exemplifies the highest level of judicial excellence, integrity, fairness and professional ethics. Judge Lippman lectures frequently in New York and around the country.

“Judge Rufe has dedicated herself to the advancement of women both professionally and personally,” said Women in the Profession Committee Co-Chair Emily B. Marks. “Her accomplished career and promotion of civic education serve as an inspiration to women lawyers.”

“We were fortunate to have so many exceptional women to choose from, but Judge Rufe is a wonderful example of all the qualities we were seeking,” said Committee Co-Chair Nikki Johnson-Huston. “From her superior legal talent, significant legal accomplishments and most importantly the mentoring that she has provided to many female attorneys, Judge Rufe is very deserving of this award.”

Judge Rufe was nominated to the Eastern District by President George W. Bush on Jan. 23, 2002. She was confirmed by the Senate on April 30, 2002, and received her commission on May 3, 2002. She received her B.A. from Adelphi University and received her J.D. from State University of New York at Buffalo Law School.

Judge Rufe began her professional career as an assistant and coordinator in the Bucks County Children and Youth Social Services Agency from 1984 to 1988. She served as a judge on the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas from 1994 to 2002.

The Women in the Profession Committee established the award in 1993 to recognize the important contributions that women attorneys in Philadelphia have made to the legal profession. That year, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor presented the first award to U.S. District Court Senior Judge Norma L. Shaipio. 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. Sloviter (former Chief Judge); U.S. District Court Judge Anita B. Brody; Leslie Anne Miller, first woman president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association; Lila G. Roomburg of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP; the late Judge Judith J. Jamison; Ellen T. Greenlee, chief defender of the Defender Association of Philadelphia; past Chancellor Audrey C. Talley; U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Marjorie O. Rendell; former Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge Phyllis W. Beck; Roberta D. Pichini of Feldman, Shepherd, Wohlgelernter, Tanner, Weinstock & Dodig; Lynn A. Marks, executive director of Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts; Roberta D. Liebenberg of Fine, Rothrnschild LLP.

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• Keynote remarks by Hon. Jonathan Lippman, Chief Judge of the State of New York
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Monday, May 2
Family Law Section: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $8.
Legal Advice Live! 12 p.m., Free Library of Philadelphia Main Branch.

Tuesday, May 3
Committee on the Legal Rights of Persons with Disabilities: meeting, 9 a.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.
Philadelphia Bar Foundation Board of Trustees: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Women’s Rights Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.

Wednesday, May 4
Delivery of Legal Services Committee: meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Rules and Procedure Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $8.
Intellectual Property Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $8.
LegalLine: 5 p.m., 11th floor LRIS offices.

Thursday, May 5
Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.
Senior Lawyers Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
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Friday, May 13
Workers’ Compensation Section Executive Committee: meeting, 10:30 a.m., 11th floor Committee Room.
Workers’ Compensation Section: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.
The Philadelphia Lawyer magazine Editorial Board: meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.

Saturday, May 14

Sunday, May 15

Monday, May 16
Public Interest Section Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Federal Courts Committee: meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.

Tuesday, May 17
Cabinet: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Employee Benefits Committee: meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $8.

Wednesday, May 18
Bar Academy Committee: meeting, 8:30 a.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.
Young Lawyers Division Cabinet: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Cabinet Room.
LegalLine: 5 p.m., 11th floor LRIS offices.

Thursday, May 19
Family Law Section Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.

Law Practice Management Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $8.

Health Care Law Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.50.

Friday, May 20
Social Security Disability Benefits Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.

Monday, May 23
Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Tuesday, May 24
Compulsory Arbitration Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.

Wednesday, May 25
DLSG Civil Gideon Task Force: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Medical-Legal Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.

Thursday, May 26
Lawyer Referral and Information Service Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th 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, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.
Women in the Profession Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Bar Foundation Golf Classic June 28

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation’s 22nd Annual Golf Classic will be held Tuesday, June 28 at The ACE Club in Lafayette Hill, Pa.
The fee for players is $450. Members of the Young Lawyers Division may play at a discounted fee of $375. Price includes all greens fees, golf cart, lunch, refreshments, dinner and cocktails. Tickets for the cocktail reception and dinner are $125.
The ACE Club is a 7,500-yard, par 72 course featuring rolling topography, streams, lakes, trees, open ground, wetland habitat and rock outcroppings.
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Niki T. Ingram, a shareholder with Marshall, Dennehey,Warner, Coleman & Goggin, was a judge for the American Bar Association's Law Student Division Region Client Counseling Competition at Widener University School of Law.

Sandra A. Jeskie, a partner with Duane Morris LLP, presented "Litigation Survey" at the Practising Law Institute's Information Technology Law Institute 2011 April 7-8 in New York.

Deborah F. Cohen, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP, has become a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Lisa C. Burnett, a partner with Klein Harrison Harvey Brandenburg LLP, has been elected to the Board of The Gershman Y, a center for Jewish arts and culture in Center City.

Bernard M. Resnick and Priscilla J. "Sally" Mattison of Bernard M. Resnick, Esq., P.C. recently co-authored the article "USA Concert Touring Issues," included as a chapter in the International Association of Entertainment Lawyers' 2011 publication, the Live Entertainment Handbook.

James R. Potts, a member of Cozen O'Connor, was recently elected to the board of governors of the Saint Joseph's Academy of Risk Management and Insurance.

Steven M. Miller, a partner with Ballard Spahr LLP, was a course designer and panelist for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute program on "Structuring and Crafting Commercial Loan Documents" on Feb. 16 in Philadelphia and Feb. 23 and March 2 in Pittsburgh.

Henry C. Fader, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP, has been appointed to the Advisory Council of Clarke Pennsylvania School. The Advisory Council is intended to support children with hearing loss. He was a panelist at the Mobile Monday Mid-Atlantic Mobile Health Forum on March 28 at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia.

Gretchen M. Santamour, a partner with Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP, has been appointed to the executive committee and board of directors of the Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project.

Harry Weiss, a partner with Ballard Spahr LLP, discussed the economic impact of opportunities presented by the Marcellus Shale at the conference "The Marcellus Shale Industry: Banking Considerations and Opportunities" on March 10 in Scranton.

Jeffrey M. Kolansky, managing partner of the Philadelphia office of Archer & Greiner, P.C., has been reappointed to the Board of Directors and as secretary of the Philadelphia Police Foundation.

Benjamin F. Johns, an associate at Chermics & Tikeiellis LLP, was a panelist at the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Conference of County Bar Leaders in State College on Feb. 25.

Robert D. Fox, managing partner of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, has been appointed chair of the Lower Merion Zoning Hearing Board.

Neil A. Morris, a partner with Archer & Greiner, P.C., discussed disability benefits for officers injured while on duty before the Lancaster County, Pa., Police Chiefs Association on Jan. 19.

Judge James Gardner Collins, a member of Cozen O'Connor, recently appeared on the Pennsylvania Cable Network program, "In Session with the Widener Law and Government Institute: Should Pennsylvania Hold a Constitutional Convention?"

William F. Kerr Jr., a partner with High Swartz LLP, was a featured speaker at the Pennsylvania LandBoundaries and Access Rights Seminar on March 18 in Fort Washington, Pa.

Kelly Dobbs Bunting, a shareholder with Greenberg Traurig, LLP, moderated a panel on international labor and employment law in a webinar presented by the American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law.

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