Nominating Committee Selects 8 for Bar Offices

The Philadelphia Bar Association’s Nominating Committee nominated the following candidates for Bar Association offices on Oct. 11: Vice Chancellor, Scott F. Cooper; Secretary, Kathleen D. Wilkinson; Assistant Secretary, Sophia Lee; Treasurer, Jeffrey M. Lindy; Assistant Treasurer, Joseph A. Prim Jr.

The Committee also made the following nominations for three-year terms (three of five positions) on the Board of Governors: Michael J. Berkowitz, Karen Detamore and Maria A. Feeley.

Notice is hereby given that the Philadelphia Bar Association is accepting additional nominations for candidates for Bar offices to be elected by the membership at the Association’s Annual Meeting and Election on Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007.

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Marks Accepts O’Connor Award

By Molly Peckman

Passion and pride were resounding themes at the Association’s Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon on Oct. 16 when Lynn A. Marks accepted the 2007 Sandra Day O’Connor Award and shared her four guiding principles and Ann Weaver Hart, the first woman president of Temple University, gave the keynote speech and traced the impact of the university on the audience and community.

Marks, the executive director of Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts and a champion for court reform in Pennsylvania, demonstrated the mentoring skills she was honored for by reminding the audience members to follow their passions and dreams. Marks talked about her own deep commitment to social change as evidenced by her work for legal reform and equality of justice at PMC since 1990. Marks also served as the executive director of Women Organized Against Rape and board chair of the Women’s Law Project and the National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women.

Marks told the audience to follow their passions by continued on page 17

Reich to Receive Wachovia Fidelity Award Dec. 4

By Jeff Lyons

Abraham C. Reich, former Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association and a partner with Fox Rothschild LLP, has been selected as the recipient of the Association’s Wachovia Fidelity Award. The presentation will be made at the Annual Meeting Luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 4.

“I am very pleased that the Committee selected Abe Reich to be the recipient,” said Wachovia Fidelity Award Committee Chair Mary A. Platt. “Abe is a consummate professional and beloved member of our Bar. He has worked tirelessly to improve our legal profession and our judicial system, to increase legal services to those who cannot afford them, and to promote the highest ethical standards for all lawyers. He is the lawyer that we should all strive to be.”

Chancellor-Elect A. Michael Pratt will outline his plans for 2008 at the Annual Meeting Luncheon, which begins at 12 p.m. at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia, Broad and Walnut streets.

Reich, who served as Chancellor in 1995, is a member of the board of directors of Jenkins Law Library and the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board. He is a member of the House of Delegates of both the American Bar Association and Pennsylvania Bar Association.

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Pennsylvania Needs to Improve Fairness of Death Penalty System

Last month, the American Bar Association issued a lengthy analysis of Pennsylvania’s death penalty system. Based upon the principle that fairness and accuracy form the foundation of the American criminal justice system, the sweeping report concludes that Pennsylvania’s death penalty has many significant shortcomings. Most capital jurisdictions in the United States have not had such a comprehensive examination conducted of their death penalty systems.

We commend the report, which was the result of a thorough two-year examination by the Pennsylvania Death Penalty Assessment Team of the ABA’s Death Penalty Moratorium Implementation Project. We applaud the contributions of the Philadelphia-based members of the ABA’s Assessment Team, including Professor Anne Bowen Poulin of the Villanova University School of Law (chair); Professor David Rudovsky, senior fellow at the University School of Law (chair); Professor Anne Bowen Poulin of the Villanova University School of Law (chair); Professor David Rudovsky, senior fellow at the University of Pennsylvania Law School; and Gregory P. Miller, founding shareholder of the law firm of Miller, Alfano & Raspanti, PC. The team also included a Delaware County Common Pleas Court judge and an assistant district attorney from Montgomery County as well as several law student research assistants.

The report highlights, with great detail, numerous deficiencies in the current system—deficiencies that demand critical action. The Philadelphia Bar Association has recognized these significant concerns for many years in numerous section- and committee-sponsored resolutions adopted by our Board of Governors. We have conveyed these concerns through correspondence with state officials, legislators, testimony, editorials, and forums.

For nearly a decade, our Association has supported a moratorium on executions in Pennsylvania until such time as the fair and impartial administration of the death penalty can be ensured and the risk that innocent persons may be executed is minimized. In November 1997, the Philadelphia Bar Association joined the ABA and the Pennsylvania Bar Association in calling for a nationwide moratorium on executions until policies and procedures are implemented to ensure due process. The resolution cited “a substantial risk, in Philadelphia and elsewhere, that the death penalty continues to be imposed in an arbitrary, capricious and discriminatory manner.”

The report from the ABA identifies a number of specific areas for reform, including inadequate procedures to protect the innocent; failure to protect against poor defense lawyers; no state funding of capital indigent defense services, resulting in a failure to afford uniform, quality representation to many capital defendants; inadequate access to experts and investigators; lack of statewide data on death-eligible cases; significant limitations on post-conviction relief; significant capital juror confusion; and racial and geographical disparities in Pennsylvania’s capital sentencing.

The report also includes a detailed series of recommendations to improve Pennsylvania’s death penalty proceedings to ensure fairness at all stages. They include requiring all law enforcement agencies to continue on page 12
Select Greater Phila.'s Morr to Speak at Nov. 26 Program

Thomas G. Morr, president and CEO of Select Greater Philadelphia, will discuss the organization’s efforts and successes in attracting companies nationally and internationally to this region and how the Bar Association can assist with those efforts on Monday, Nov. 26.

Select Greater Philadelphia is a regional economic development marketing organization created to promote the Greater Philadelphia region as a premier business location. The program is sponsored by the Real Property Section, Business Law Section and International Law Committee.

Prior to joining Select Greater Philadelphia in June 2005, Morr served as the managing partner of the Greater Washington Initiative, an organization that markets the National Capital area. He earned his Juris Doctor degree from American University in Washington, D.C. and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Ohio University. He practiced law with the firm of Michael F. Colley and Associates of Columbus, Ohio.

Morr serves as a member of the National Air and Space Museum Board at the Smithsonian Institution, and is a member emeritus of the Board and Executive Committee of the Washington Airports Task Force and of the Washington Dulles Foreign Trade Zone. He is a past chairman of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Tourism Corporation, an affiliate of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership. He has also co-chaired the Governor's Commission on Development of the Virginia Travel and Tourism Industry. He is the former chairman of the World Cities Alliance.

The program begins at 12 p.m. and will be held in the 11th floor Conference Center of Bar Association headquarters, 1101 Market St. Lunch is available for $7.50 for those members who register in advance. Visit philadelphiabar.org to RSVP for this program.

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City Needs Better Focus to Fight Crime, Nutter Says

By Heather J. Holloway

Philadelphia suffers from a lack of focus, discipline and initiative in its battle against crimes, especially those committed with illegal weapons, Democratic mayoral candidate Michael Nutter told members of the Criminal Justice Section, adding he intends to use New York as a model for improvement if elected.

Nutter said New York is expected to report its lowest homicide figure since 1962. On the other hand, Philadelphia, which has a population that is five times smaller than New York, surpassed its northern neighbor in the number of homicides reported for the year based on March/April 2007 statistics. The former city councilman addressed the section at its Sept. 25 meeting. He addressed the Family Law Section on Oct. 1. Nutter’s Republican opponent, Al Taubenberg, addressed the Section on Oct. 30.

Nutter intends to focus on building relationships with legislators in Harrisburg, leaders in the five surrounding counties, as well as relationships with leaders across the state. He cautioned that Philadelphia cannot wait for Harrisburg to act but instead needs to coordinate the resources that it already has and stop complaining about that which it does not have. Nutter is prepared to make short, medium and long-term investments to have long-term positive results but stressed the importance of having a plan to deal with the homicide problems that exist in Philadelphia today.

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Chancellor Jane Dalton and Shelley R. Smith, Chair of the Association's Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention, have announced the results of the Commission's investigation into the qualifications of candidates for Philadelphia's Court of Common Pleas and Municipal Court in the Nov. 6 general election.

In addition, the Judicial Commission also released the results of a poll of all Philadelphia lawyers conducted for the Bar Association earlier this year by Votenet. The poll invited respondents to rate specific aspects of the judicial performance of each of the retention judges. Under the bylaws of the Association, the poll is not binding upon the Commission's deliberations, although it must be published with the Commission's findings. The complete poll results are available from the Bar Association.

Dalton pointed out that the Association's Campaign for Qualified Judges has launched a pop-up window that appears whenever anyone visits the Association’s Web site. The window lists ratings that can be printed out and taken to the polls on Nov. 6. The Web site also features a complete "Voters Guide to the Judicial Elections." Dalton 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 thorough, non-partisan, objective ratings 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 the chief public defender, the president judges of the Common Pleas and Municipal Courts, and representatives from the Asian, Hispanic and African American legal groups.

The ratings by the 30-member Judicial Commission follow extensive study and investigation by five-member panels of the Commission’s own 120-member investigative division, which includes 40 non-lawyer members. Those found Recommended satisfied a cumulative review of criteria including legal ability and training, trial experience, character and integrity, judicial temperament, mental and physical capacity and community involvement. The complete criteria are available from the Bar Association.

The following judges, listed alphabetically, were found RECOMMENDED for retention to the Court of Common Pleas:

- Mark I. Bernstein
- Gary DeVito
- John W. Herron
- C. Darnell Jones II
- Barbara A. Joseph
- Shelley Robins New
- Rosalyn K. Robinson
- Peter F. Rogers
- M. Teresa Sarmina
- Edward R. Summers

The following judges, listed alphabetically, were found RECOMMENDED for retention to Municipal Court:

- Teresa Carr Deni
- Ronald B. Merriweather
- Wendy L. Pew
- Louis J. Presenza

The following judges, listed alphabetically, were found NOT RECOMMENDED for retention to the Municipal Court:

- Georganne V. Daher
- Deborah S. Griffin

The Commission reiterated its ratings of the following candidates who have been found RECOMMENDED for election to the Court of Common Pleas:

- Linda Carpenter
- Alice Beck Dubow
- Michael Erdos
- Joyce Eubanles
- Ellen Green-Geiser

The Commission reiterated its rating of the following candidate who has been found RECOMMENDED for election to the Municipal Court:

- Joseph J. O'Neill

The Commission reiterated its rating of the following candidate who has been found NOT RECOMMENDED for election to the Municipal Court:

- Jacquelyn Frazier-Lyde

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Professor: Kennedy is Most Influential

By Brian K. Sims

Even though John Roberts serves as chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, Justice Anthony Kennedy has become not just the most influential justice on the nation’s highest court but perhaps the most influential justice of the modern era, a constitutional scholar told members of the Women’s Rights and Civil Rights Committee.

Rutgers University Camden Law School Professor Rand E. Rosenblatt also criticized Chief Justice Roberts for failing to live up to the testimony he gave during his confirmation hearings.

“When Chief Justice John Roberts was being considered for the court, he said that he hoped he could lead the court to more unanimous and less fractured decisions. A sharply divided court suggested to the public that the court was politicized and cast doubts on its legitimacy as a court of law,” Rosenblatt said at the Oct. 1 program.

Instead, said Rosenblatt, there has not been any decline in the number of 5-4 decisions so far this year and in fact, the 33 percent of Supreme Court cases decided this year by a 5-4 margin is the highest in recent history.

“Of those 24, 5-4 decisions, 19 of them were decided on ideological lines between liberal and conservative ideologies,” of which the conservative viewpoint prevailed in 15 of the 19 decisions “because they were joined by Justice Kennedy,” Rosenblatt said.

He was quick to note that Justice Kennedy was in the majority 100 percent of the time in those cases and that he dissented only twice in the 68 decisions written by the court in 2007. “There has not been a term since the mid-1960s,” said Rosenblatt, “that a justice has dissented two or fewer times.”

“To give you some perspective on what that means, Justice O’Connor, who was the previous swing justice, was in the majority in about 60 percent of the 5-4 cases,” he said.

Rosenblatt also discussed what he calls the “reformation of interpretation” that the court is currently undergoing, explaining that rather than simply overruling precedent decisions, the court is allowing them to stand, but drastically changing their existing interpretation.

“Roberts was asked whether he would respect precedent and he said he would not overturn a past decision unless it had proven unworkable, or its basis in law had been eroded by other Supreme Court decisions,” said Rosenblatt.

As a formal matter, Rosenblatt explained that the court only overturned three earlier precedents in 2007 but instead had made changes to “interpretation” of precedent decisions in areas of school segregation, equal pay for minorities, freedom of speech, the separation of church and state, and others.

“One obvious example,” said Rosenblatt, “is the change to the court’s interpretation of existing abortion laws.” Rather than overrule the precedent set by Casey v. Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Rosenblatt discussed how the court effectively removed many of the protections established by Casey by reinterpretating the standard by which the state can challenge abortion procedures.

In banning partial-birth abortion, he said, the court opened up the existing precedent to allow future challenges to other abortion laws based not on medical necessity and proven science but instead on gray definitions of “public sensibility” and “societal values.”

Overall, Rosenblatt’s discussion of Justice John Roberts’ first full term on the bench was rife with challenges to the “clear partisan lines” he has seen drawn in recent years and certainly left attendees wondering whether the court will ever get back to a “more unanimous and less fractured” period.

Brian K. Sims is an associate editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.

Judge Temin to Receive Beccaria Award Nov. 14

PHILADELPHIA COUNCIL OF COMMON Pleas Senior Judge Carolyn Engel Temin will receive the 14th Annual Beccaria Award in a ceremony presented by the Criminal Justice Section and The Justitarian Society of Philadelphia on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at City Hall.

The Beccaria Award is presented annually to a judge, scholar or practitioner for outstanding contributions to the cause of justice and the advancement of legal education. Cesare Beccaria was an 18th century Italian scholar whose writings presaged the dawn of the modern penal system. This year’s award recognizes Judge Temin’s distinguished achievements in the field of criminal justice.

Judge Temin was initially elected to a 10-year term to the Court of Common Pleas in 1984 and was retained for a second term beginning in 1994. She has served in the Homicide Division of the Court of Common Pleas from 1991 to the present and, since 1994, has served as the homicide calendar judge, bearing the responsibility of scheduling the entire homicide docket.

Judge Temin chairs the Trial Division Education Committee and co-chairs the Jury Selection Strategic Plan Committee. As education chair, she organizes the special new judges’ orientation program and other educational programs.

Judge Temin served as an assistant district attorney for seven years and assistant defender with the Defender Association for six years. She is a 1958 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

The ceremony begins at 5 p.m. in Room 202 of City Hall with a reception afterward.

The program is open to all members of the bench and bar and to area university law students.
Press Freedom, Sources, Shield Law Debated

By Asima Panigrahi

The phrase “freedom of the press” needs to be constantly reexamined because the term “press” is always in flux and “freedom is defined by whoever is in power, or who has the power to enforce those freedoms,” a panelist told members of the Bar-News Media Committee and a group from the Philadelphia Public Relations Association on Oct. 3.

“People get their information in a lot of different ways, and it is not up to us as a society to say what is legitimate,” added David Brown, president of BrownPartners, a public relations firm. Brown was joined on the panel by Michael Berry of Levine Sullivan Koch & Schulz, L.L.P.; Prof. Jan Ting of Temple University Beasley School of Law; Don Polig, a producer at WHYY and Adam Bonin, a partner at Levine Sullivan Koch & Schulz, L.L.P.; and Anne Gordon, former managing editor of The Philadelphia Inquirer and current partner at DUBLIER & Co., served as moderator.

Gordon opened the discussion by asking each panelist if freedom of the press was in jeopardy, and proposed lack of civic engagement, financial, judicial and/or political factors as potential reasons.

Ting adamantly denied that freedom of the press is in jeopardy and argued that shield laws are an “attempt to reach a selfish and lazy government officials and lazy and corrupt journalists.” The panel also discussed the impact that shield laws have received negative press due to several rare, yet high-profile cases. Ting further noted that many local Philadelphia stories, such as the corruption in City Hall and the Philadelphia Police Department, would have not been revealed but for anonymous sources. Polig said that most sources would not want to talk without anonymity. Ting said he is not most sources would not want to talk without anonymity. Ting said he is not.

Panelists for the Oct. 3 program on freedom of the press inculded (from left) Michael Berry, Adam Bonin, David Brown, Don Polig and Prof. Jan Ting. The panel was moderated by Anne Gordon.

Against the use of anonymous sources, but that “the interests of justice override the non-constitutional, selfish and lazy interests of journalists who don’t want to do the investigative work it takes to establish a story.”

In discussing WHYY’s partnership with the Philadelphia Daily News in The Next Mayor project, Polig, the only journalist on the panel, noted that “people have less time, ironically, to find the source of their struggles, which they could with a healthy and engaged press.”

The panel then discussed the federal shield legislation that is currently before Congress. Bonin addressed the problematic issues arising from the government defining the concept of “journalism” and noted that freedom of the press cannot be limited to “press that the government decides is responsible press.” Ting argued that “all shield laws are bad; they have nothing to do with freedom of the press and they have nothing to do with the First Amendment.”

Journalists make mistakes, they are human, and when they make big mistakes, they get sued,” said Berry.

Asima Panigrahi, an associate at White and Williams LLP, is an associate editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.
Plaintiffs’ Firms Targeting Diversity

By Kathryn C. Harr

Plaintiffs’ firms need to expand the ways in which they seek out and retain diverse attorneys, panelists from the plaintiffs’ bar explained at a recent meeting of the Minorities in the Profession Committee.

“I was horrified by the article in The Legal Intelligencer several months ago ... to read that five lawyers out of 300 [or so] are African American. It’s just embarrassing and humiliating and very, very bad,” Shanin Specter, a partner at Kline & Specter and co-chair of the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association’s Diversity Committee, commented.

“When the article was published, it was a wake-up call for all of us,” added Mark W. Tanner, a partner at Feldman, Shepherd, Wohlgelernter, Tanner and Weinstock and president of PTLA, added.

In response, PTLA’s Diversity Committee has embarked on a number of initiatives to address the problem. Among them is an online job bank that plaintiffs’ firms looking to hire can use to search resumes of diverse candidates. PTLA has also appointed liaisons to minority bar associations and reached out to minority organizations within the five area law schools. Further, advertising for open jobs will be e-mailed to law schools, minority bar associations and other contacts.

Other panelists at the luncheon included Laura A. Feldman, a partner with Feldman & Pinto and co-chair of the PTLA Diversity Committee; Nadeem A. Bezar, a partner at Kolsby, Gordon, Robin, Shore & Bezar and president of the South Asian Bar Association of Philadelphia; Bernard Smalley, a shareholder at Anapol Schwartz and past president of PTLA; and Ruben Honik, a partner at Golomb & Honik and past president of PTLA.

“We need to expand the networks that are relied upon by plaintiffs’ firms in hiring,” Tanner explained, noting that the usual hiring process happens after a firm is in urgent need to hire and reaches out to someone already within its professional or social network. Plaintiffs’ firms often do not have or use human resources departments, summer associate programs or advertising when hiring.

“One of the reasons why we’re here is because we in the plaintiffs’ bar have not been able or have not done a good job of communicating with law students particularly through career planning and not made ourselves available through that process,” Specter noted. The majority of the panelists described how personal or professional connections, rather than their law school career services department, enabled them to obtain their first...
6 CLE Credits Available at Public Interest Law Day

By Cindy Rosenthal and Ourania Papademetriou

The Association’s Public Interest Section will host its most ambitious Public Interest Law Day yet on Wednesday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at The CLE Conference Center.

“We designed this program for public interest, pro bono and private practitioners who are interested in learning more about public interest law and other timely issues affecting the pro bono community,” said Catherine C. Carr, chair of the Delivery of Legal Services Committee CLE Planning Committee and executive director of Community Legal Services.

Public Interest Law Day features a distinguished faculty of judges and public interest law experts and offers participants the choice of attending 11 different CLE sessions, for a total of 6 CLE credits. In all, seven substantive sessions and four ethics sessions will be offered.


Public Interest Law Day also will offer a workshop on recent Supreme Court decisions and a panel discussion that explores the changing nature of public interest law practice. Several nuts-and-bolts sessions will be offered that provide an overview of specific substantive areas of the law, including municipal court practice; consumer law for the non-practitioners (including predatory lending; identity theft; mortgage foreclosures; and fair debt collection practices); veterans benefits; and health law. The program will conclude with an ethics session, “Ethical Obligations of Working with Interpreters: Implementation of the New Pennsylvania Interpreters Act.” To register for this program, contact the Pennsylvania Bar Institute at (800) 932-4637 or register online at www.pbi.org.

Public Interest Law Day will be followed by the Section’s Annual Reception and Awards Ceremony at Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market St. The awards ceremony, which starts at 5 p.m., celebrates the activities of public interest attorneys and features the presentation of the 2007 Andrew Hamilton Award for distinguished public service advocacy. The Section also will continue its tradition of selecting the agency that will receive its Judge A. Leon Higginbotham Scholarship during the awards ceremony. This $4,000 scholarship is awarded to a public interest organization to enable it to hire a law student for the following summer. The Section also will present its second annual Law Student Awards. These awards recognize a third-year law student from each of the five Philadelphia area law schools who has demonstrated a strong commitment to public interest work. The award was established by the Section’s Law School Outreach Committee, which provides educational programs, pro bono opportunities and networking events for law students to encourage them to consider public service as a career choice.

The Section is now seeking sponsors for the Public Interest Section Annual Reception and Awards Ceremony. Proceeds from this event fund the Higginbotham Scholarship program. For more information about becoming a sponsor, please contact Abbie DuFrayne at (215) 686-4057 or at Albertine.DuFrayne@courts.phila.gov.

We hope that you will join us at these events and help celebrate the work of our public interest attorneys and the activities of the Public Interest Section!

Cindy Rosenthal is chair of the Public Interest Section, Ourania Papademetriou is co-chair of the Delivery of Legal Services Committee.

NABE Workshop

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Additionally, we are on record against the imposition of capital punishment on juveniles and the mentally disabled, and have opposed the automatic issuance of execution warrants by the governor if he fails to act once a sentence of death has been upheld by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

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Judge Henderson’s Life, Decisions Recounted

By Jeff Lyons

When Thelton Henderson was a young lawyer working for the Justice Department in the early 1960s, he made a decision that changed his life. He decided to loan his government car to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Andrew Young because he feared for their safety. That decision ultimately cost him his job.

Henderson survived that decision, and eventually was appointed to the federal bench by President Jimmy Carter. Henderson’s story has been chronicled by filmmaker Abby Ginsberg in the documentary “Soul of Justice: Thelton Henderson’s American Journey,” which was shown at the opening session of the 2007 Bench-Bar Conference at Bally’s Atlantic City on Sept. 28.


In a specially recorded welcome to Bench-Bar Conference attendees, Judge Henderson said if he had the chance to do it all over again, he’d still lend the car to King and Young.

Judge Pollak provided the context about the young lawyer who was to become a judge. “The role he plays in Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama is a unique one because he is the one black lawyer representing the government at that crucial time. I find it very difficult to say, even in retrospect, that he made the wrong decision,” Judge Pollak said. “What I was unprepared for was to hear how devastating that event was for Judge Henderson.”

“I think it’s a measure of the judge that even at this point, he doesn’t believe he did something wrong,” said Porter. “It’s difficult to think of that moment because it’s Dr. Martin Luther King. Think if it was someone else at risk, someone who had a nefarious purpose. Would it be appropriate under that circumstance to lend him or her that car? He did the right thing, morally for him,” she said.

“If your client is the Kennedy administration or the people of the United States, then your obligation is to do not anything that is inconsistent with your duty to all of the people of the United States,” said Judge McKee. “And if you flip the facts and the person who wants to borrow the car is the grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, the answer would say ‘you’ve got to give the person the car because you’re talking about a human life. The easy answer is to say our ultimate obligation as a human being is to do what we have to do to further human life. It’s not all that easy because the principle we all agree on gets a little funny when we start applying it to different circumstances. If that is really the principle, then the answer ought to be the same if it’s King or assist or help that client?’”

“A former government attorney, Judge Quinones Alejandro said she was surprised Judge Henderson didn’t contact his supervisors in Washington for guidance. “Although we’re given the liberty of making decisions, there are some decisions you run by your supervisor.”

“When you’re given the keys to the institutions of power that we have been entrusted with, there is an obligation to use those keys wisely and do what we can to try and share the access that everybody is entitled to. Because those people without access may be victims of those with access,” said Judge McKee.
Electronic Presentations Can Help Sway Jurors

By Adrienne Cornwall

Despite being one of the closing sessions, Robert J. Mongeluzzi’s “Electronic Trial Advocacy” CLE presentation delivered the most persuasive of opening statements at the 2007 Bench-Bar Conference.

Using a version of a real opening statement he prepared for a liability lawsuit, Mongeluzzi demonstrated how electronic presentations can persuade jurors in ways that traditional evidence presentation cannot.

Mongeluzzi’s opening statement about a worker who died after falling from an unsafe landing into a pit of boiling water and metal was accompanied by an electronic presentation that combined outlines, clips of videotaped depositions, and diagrams and photographs of the work site, all of which punctuated weaknesses in the defense’s position.

“Juries are used to watching “CSI” and all that other stuff. When you give them evidence, unbiased evidence that they can look at with their own eyes,” Mongeluzzi said, “it is hugely powerful.” When he spoke to the jurors after the trial for which the opening was prepared, most of them said they had their minds made up after the opening, he said.

After delivering the opening statement to a standing-room-only crowd comprised of several judges as well as attorneys, Mongeluzzi explained the benefits of using electronic presentations, but he also cautioned that they are not appropriate in every situation. Also, he indicated that some courts may be hesitant to allow such presentations. He argued that they are a more reliable way to present an opening than allowing an attorney to quote the evidence.

“Certainly if there’s something that’s inadmissible at trial, you’re not going to be able to play it at opening. But if you’re talking about competent, admissible evidence, I believe that the way that it’s going,” Mongeluzzi said, “you’re going to be able to play it.”

Mongeluzzi recommended consistently videotaping depositions in case of a possible need for a portion of the proceeding, which may offer a more powerful look at the witness’ responses. He also demonstrated the effect video evidence can have when cross-examining witnesses, particularly if their presence in court differs significantly from the deposition. Compared with presenting a witness with a transcript of the deposition, the video clip paints a more visible difference that can be difficult for a juror to ignore.

In order to get these types of video presentations admitted at opening, Mongeluzzi suggested keeping defendants and judges involved by sending advance copies of the presentation to each. This step can ensure that any objections are dealt with before trial and judges aren’t caught off guard.

In a Delaware case Mongeluzzi tried, a judge approved the use of an electronic presentation, reminding the defendants that they are in a new century. In fact, of the eight requests he has submitted to use such an electronic presentation at trial – arguing that if he can tell them what the facts are, he should be allowed to show them - seven have been permitted.

Web’s Growth Increases CDA Scrutiny, Panel Says

By Brett Schaeffer

Consider an old playground axiom when examining defamation on the Internet: Sticks and stones can break your bones but names can never hurt you – especially if you’re a Web site operator protected under the Communications Decency Act.

Enacted in 1996, the CDA offers protection to Web site operators against charges of defamation. The law was established to “promote the continued development of the Internet” with a minimum of government regulation, and to “encourage service providers to self-regulate the dissemination of offensive material over their service,” according to a paper presented at the Bar Association’s 2007 Bench-Bar Conference.

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The law has held up against several challenges for more than decade, but Papianou and Klyashtorny see some “chinks in the CDA armor.”

Papianou cited a case currently before the Third Circuit. In DiMeo v. Tucker, Anthony DiMeo alleges Web site operator Tucker Max stepped outside his role as merely a Web site operator by actively soliciting visitors to the Web site to post defamatory comments about DiMeo. Papianou said the Eastern District dismissed DiMeo’s complaint, but DiMeo has appealed.

“The distinction between merely publishing information provided by a third party as an interactive computer service and actually being responsible for creating or developing any of the information posted as an information content provider was and continues to be critical to the determination of whether the CDA provides a safe haven for defendants such as Max,” wrote Papianou and Klyashtorny.

All panelists agreed that with the continued growth of the Internet, the CDA is likely to come under increasing scrutiny: “It’s only a matter of time before it goes before the Supreme Court,” said Klyashtorny.
The Philadelphia Bar Association would like to thank the following individuals and groups for contributing scholarships so public interest and government attorneys could attend the 2007 Bench-Bar Conference.

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Photos by Jeff Lyons
It is five o’clock in the morning and I am trying to make another deadline to hand in this article for publication. As I do this, I realize how difficult it is sometimes to balance it all: work, life, family, etc.

As a single parent, the owner of two dogs, with an hour commute, I have had to become efficient enough to run a law firm, practice law, raise my son and dogs, maintain my household, fulfill my duties as chair of this fine organization, have some semblance of a social life, and, most of all, maintain my sanity in the process.

My daily life is really no different than really any parent who also happens to be a working professional. Many households nowadays have both parents working. As such, in these households, both parents must balance it all as well. The only difference is that I, as other single parents, do not have that spouse to share these “life” responsibilities.

The obvious question is what must attorneys do to raise a family and practice law. The answer is not so simple.

There is a world of difference between being an attorney with and without child. For instance, this past Columbus Day, my son’s day care was closed. I had no choice but to take the day off from work. I work for myself, so I have the most accommodating boss in the world, so taking the day off is not that big of a deal, but, in the same vein, I am fully responsible for the needs of my clients. I had to figure a way to get work done that day regardless. That is the beauty of the cell phone. I dedicated part of the day on the phone to do what I could on my client files while I was not in the office. The rest of the day I was able to enjoy with my son.

Knowing what is important and what is not and adapting to your lifestyle are also important. I used to have the liberty to do what I wanted and when I wanted. I do not have that luxury anymore. My weekends are now packed with running errands for the week and, most of all, spending quality time with my son. I thus have to sneak in work whenever I can to catch up on those loose ends that remain from my workweek. Many times, that means I work really REALLY early, like now, or really REALLY late.

To illustrate, I also used to be a man about town, going from one networking event to another. I cannot do that anymore due to my life responsibilities. I am running a firm though and thus I “eat what I kill.” In order to make “rain,” I still need to meet with people. Instead of night meetings, I am now relegated to breakfast, lunch, and coffee meetings. I get the same result, but in a way that accommodates my life.

By no means am I an expert in all of this. If I was, I would not be completing this article at 5:30 a.m. when the deadline is at noon today. This is just another step in the learning process.

Alan Nochumson, the sole shareholder of Nochumson P.C., is chair of the Young Lawyers Division. His e-mail address is anochumson@nochumson.com.
Chancellor Jane Leslie Dalton meets with Temple University President Ann Weaver Hart before the Oct. 16 Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon at the Marriott Downtown.

The O'Connor Award is conferred annually upon a woman attorney who has "worked tirelessly" on them. The O'Connor Award is conferred annually upon a woman attorney who has "worked tirelessly" on them.

"Great cities need great universities," Hart said, and described Temple as "hot." She took bragging rights for Temple having more full-time students than ever before with 77 percent being full-time; the largest first-year class ever; her students’ 35,000 hours of community service; and the expenditure of “one out of every 50 dollars spent in the city.”

Hart said Temple was committed to the Philadelphia community and its greatest contribution was through its graduates. To illustrate the wide reach of Temple, she asked everyone with a connection to Temple to stand which ended up being many of those present. The event was sponsored by PNC Wealth Management.

Molly Peckman, director of associate development at Dechert LLP, is an advisory editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.

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Nov. 29 Forum to Aid Minority Businesses

The Association will host a forum "The Legal Edge: What You Need to Know About the Law to Ensure the Success of Your Small Business" for Philadelphia minority business owners on Nov. 29.

Volunteer attorneys will be on hand to provide practical legal tips and answers to tough legal questions about employment, contracts, workers’ compensation, taxes, zoning and maintaining compliance with city regulations.

Sponsors of the program to date include the African American Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Philadelphia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Asian American Chamber of Commerce and Minority Business Enterprise Council as well as several local minority bar associations.

The program begins at 8 a.m. in the 11th floor Conference Center of Bar Association headquarters.
In Their Own Words

A Career of Helping Others and Building Bridges

By Judge C. Darnell Jones

Like most folks of my generation, I remember a song from my law school days: “Cats in the Cradle,” by Harry Chapin. Its theme was the regrettable life of a hardworking father of a newborn son who was totally committed to making a living for his family (“I’ve got planes to catch and bills to pay, he learned to walk while I was away”). It traced the life of the father as the son grew up, signaling the lack of a relationship. The story is one of “sorry son, I just don’t have the time.” (Sadly, I find that line hauntingly familiar.)

As time marches on, the saga continues but through it all, the boy’s smile never dims and he avows, “I’m gonna be like him.”

Its ending is predictable. When the son grows up and the father retires, the father reaches out to his son for companionship. The son’s response: “I’d love to, dad, if I could find the time.” The father then laments: “And as I hung up the phone, it occurred to me, he’d grown up just like me.”

Like most of my classmates, I swore I’d never be that kind of parent. I would be the kind of parent who would balance everything, and keep it all “under control.”

Fast forward 32 years and five children later - I’m the proud father of a physician, a TV news anchor, a music director at a charter school, and twins who are sophomores in college. My prayer is that we have helped our village’s children, and built meaningful bridges with our own.

The Hon. C. Darnell Jones II is president judge of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas.

VIP Honors Volunteers Fisher, Whitehorn

Every month, Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program will choose an attorney that has captured the heart of pro bono service. We seek to recognize attorneys who have gone above and beyond to assist our clients. Please read more about our September and October Volunteers of the Month.

Lise A. Fisher, from the Law Offices of Michael E. Fingerman, is a shining example of a committed VIP volunteer. Lise began her work with VIP in 1991. Since then, she has helped more than 20 clients resolve their legal matters. Lise has taken on some of the most nuanced VIP cases, including custody, divorce, support and other family law matters. Lise considers every case thoroughly, even cooperating with VIP volunteers from other practice areas to resolve her client’s legal matters. As a mentor, Lise shares her experience and wisdom with VIP volunteers. Lise’s most recent client called VIP to express her gratitude and appreciation for Lise’s work in her divorce case. “She didn’t make me feel like I was a charity case,” her client said.

Matthew I. Whitehorn, of Dilworth Paxson LLP, is a tireless lawyer for his many VIP clients. There is “not enough paper to tell how kind he is,” said one recent client, who called VIP to thank us for Whitehorn’s assistance. Whitehorn began his years of volunteerism with Philadelphia VIP in 1993 and continually accepts pro bono cases. In fact, Whitehorn recently assisted a client by substantially reducing an insurmountable IRS debt. Additionally, he donates a significant amount of time to the Low Income Tax Clinics held in Kennett Square during the tax season. The clinics assist low-income persons file taxes and handle tax controversies; most of these clients are migrant agricultural workers who are often exploited by inept or fraudulent tax preparers.

VIP would like to thank Lise and Matthew for their contributions.

Stroll and Roll

The Phillie Phanatic and Amy E. Slater, president of the Board of Directors of the Legal Clinic for the Disabled, present the 2007 Strut Your Stuff Award to Stanley P. Jaskiewicz at the LCD’s 16th Annual Stroll and Roll Fundraiser on Sept. 23. Jaskiewicz was honored for his years of dedication as a pro bono volunteer, donor and fundraiser for LCD.

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First Judicial District to Honor Pro Bono Service

The First Judicial District of Pennsylvania will present the FJD Pro Bono Publico Award to members of the bar who have provided exceptional pro bono service to the underprivileged in Philadelphia in cases before the FJD.

The judges of the FJD nominate candidates and a committee of judges selects the recipients of the Pro Bono Publico Award. The awards ceremony to honor these recipients will be held on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2008.

At the ceremony, the First Judicial District will also recognize all attorneys on the Pro Bono Roll of Honor who have provided pro bono services to litigants in the Philadelphia Courts in 2007.

Attorneys may become members of the Roll of Honor through a self-nominating process whereby attorneys submit their names along with a log of their pro bono services. The criteria for eligibility are as follows:

- **The attorney must practice in Philadelphia County and must have provided services to a client or client group for a case before the First Judicial District during the 2007 calendar year.**
- **The attorney must not be employed by an organization that has, as its primary purpose, the provision of free legal services to the underprivileged.**
- **The attorney must have provided direct delivery of legal services with no expectation of receiving a fee, to a client or client group that does not have the resources to employ compensated counsel, or the attorney must have worked to facilitate such effort by other attorneys.**

The self-nominating form is available at courts.phila.gov and philadelphiabar.org. The deadline for submitting nomination forms for the 2007 Pro Bono Roll of Honor is Friday, Nov. 16, 2007. The form should be sent to the attention of Deborah Dailey, Office of the Court Administrator, First Judicial District of Pennsylvania, by e-mail at debbie.dailey@courts.phila.gov, by fax 215-686-7485, or by mail addressed to Room 336 City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., 19107.

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jobs practicing in the plaintiffs’ bar.

“I was not shocked. I wasn’t surprised. I knew that’s the way it was,” said Smallley, adding jokingly, “there’s always been an affirmative action policy within my own firm … if you are a son or daughter of a partner at the firm and you graduated from law school and pass the bar, you affirmatively have a job at the firm.”

The panelists all espoused plaintiffs’ work, emphasizing their ability to affect change in people’s lives. Smallley and Feldman spoke of receiving birthday and holiday cards from clients they represented years ago. Although firms may vary, “there was an opportunity for a little more thinking outside of the box almost right away” in plaintiffs’ practice, Bezár said, adding he was responsible for more decision-making as a young lawyer than he would typically be at a large defense firm.

“I think that plaintiffs’ firms want to be diverse, that’s not what the problem is,” Feldman added, noting that the initiatives will be part of a long-term project of reform. In addition to the initiatives, “I think we’ve got to do things that are smaller and more nuanced to change the culture of the way we think,” Honik noted.

Kathryn C. Harr, an associate with Trujillo Rodriguez & Richards, LLC, is an associate editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.
It is amazing to reflect on how certain aspects of myself have changed since I became a lawyer. My friend recently invited me to attend the concert for the launch of Duran Duran’s newest album. Back in high school, Duran Duran was my favorite band (the lead singer, Simon LeBon, my future intended) and theirs was the first concert I ever attended. My friend’s invitation (which I had to decline due to a scheduling conflict) had me thinking about the gradual morphing of the objects of my idolatry from members of Duran Duran to members of the bar. If it had been 20, even 10 years ago, I would have gone to the concert without missing a John Taylor beat. But instead, I went to my first NAPABA conference in Los Angeles in 2000, because I was to become president of the Asian American Bar Association of the Delaware Valley in 2001. It was intimidating, to say the least, to attend a national conference by myself without knowing barely a soul, but I felt duty-bound to quell any insecurity and put up a good front on behalf of my firm and AABADV. The conference was mind-blowing, eye-opening and lip-smackingly good - I had never seen so many Asian American lawyers in all my life! I was in awe, proud and humbled all at the same time. I was so impressed by the caliber of attorneys I met that year that I came home inspired, with stars in my eyes, and vowed to return the next year. With the support of my firm, I have been able to attend the NAPABA conference every year since then (except when it was held in Hawaii – I had no desire to wear a bathing suit in front of any of my idols or colleagues).

Growing up, I did not know one single lawyer, much less an Asian American lawyer. But through my participation in AABADV and NAPABA, I have been fortunate to meet stellar Asian American attorneys and judges such as Dale Minami (who led the legal team of pro bono attorneys who reopened Korematsu v. United States, resulting in the errasure of the Japanese internment); Brian Sun (lead counsel for former Los Alamos nuclear scientist Wen Ho Lee); Judge Denny Chin (the first Asian American appointed as a U.S. District Judge outside of the Ninth Circuit); and so many other legal rock stars. I felt like a groupie every time I attended the conference.

Of course, I do not have to travel far to have that same “30 (something) going on 13” feeling I get when I meet legal legends. I felt the same giddiness meeting U.S. District Court Judge Louis Pollak and the late U.S. District Court Judge Clifford Scott Green when I was a speaker at a naturalization ceremony at the federal courthouse here in Philadelphia. Does this mean I have abandoned my first love Simon LeBon? Not really. I know they say, “Law is a jealous mistress,” but I am sure there is an exception for Simon LeBon.

Sunah Park, a partner at Thorp Reed & Armstrong, LLP, is editor-in-chief of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.
Imagine you are an immigrant woman, with no support system here in the United States. You don’t speak English. You and your children are totally dependent on your husband to provide food, shelter, and the very basics of your immigration status. He is your lifeline, your one thread to financial security, health care, and the hope of a promising future for you and your children.

That in itself would be a precarious situation.

Now imagine that your husband is also prone to domestic violence, abusing both you and your children. Your sole source of support and a dream for the future is also your nightmare, threatening (and delivering) both physical and emotional damage on a regular basis.

What do you do? You can’t afford a private attorney. You’re afraid that the immigration officials will send you back to the country from which you fled because of religious persecution. You’re afraid of filing a police report, since putting your husband in jail will leave you and your children without any means of financial support. Where do you turn?

Philadelphia Legal Assistance, founded in 1995, is working on dozens of cases just like this. PLA attorneys, working in collaboration with Women Against Abuse, HIAS, Council Migration and the Nationalities Service Center, are tackling these legal issues on a daily basis. PLA and Women Against Abuse address the domestic violence issues, getting protection from abuse orders and helping victims find shelter and safety from their abusers.

Simultaneously, PLA attorneys partner with immigration specialists at HIAS and NSC to secure the victim’s immigration status, so that she will be able to remain in the United States independent from her abusive husband.

PLA recently represented an Eastern European immigrant who suffered years of domestic violence from her partner. They had one child together. When the woman first came to PLA, attorneys there assisted her in enforcing a protection from abuse order that she previously obtained in New Jersey. PLA then represented her in obtaining emergency custody of her son.

Unfortunately, the client’s partner continued to violate the protection from abuse order. PLA attorneys assisted in having the abuser arrested and charged with terrorist threats and criminal contempt. He soon fled to Poland to escape criminal prosecution. PLA attorneys then represented the client in obtaining a final order of custody for her son and HIAS helped the client obtain a visa. A good result for someone who, without PLA and HIAS, would have had no recourse but to suffer continued abuse and worse.

Each year, PLA’s 12 full-time attorneys and 19 paralegals see 5,000 new clients. Over the years, these cases have become more labor intensive, both in terms of the complexity of the case and the time it takes for the cases to wind their way through the legal system.

Anita Santos Singh, the executive director of PLA, says “Our doors are open for any low-income individual with any kind of legal problem. While the sheer volume of cases has remained fairly constant in recent years, the complexity of the issues has changed.”

Take for example, housing. In the past, Philadelphia always had some level of affordable housing for low-income people. Changes in the real estate market and in lending practices have combined to form a kind of “perfect storm.” As a result, PLA attorneys are dealing with ever-increasing myriad complex housing-related cases, trying to find their way through the legal system in order to prevent foreclosure and bankruptcy. Just one of these cases requires hours of discovery and thousands of dollars of litigation expenses, often involving areas of new law.

Our legal services agencies here in Philadelphia exemplify the best of the Philadelphia lawyer. They become the lifeline for their clients. Their attorneys provide assistance that is both immediate and long-lasting. They are indeed making a difference for so many!

Our legal services community depends on support from the Philadelphia Bar Foundation for financial assistance to make all of this possible. The Philadelphia Bar Foundation provides critically needed general operating grants to allow each organization to fund its daily operations.

The Bar Foundation funds PLA and 29 other similar organizations. Last year the Bar Foundation gave more than $500,000 to these worthy groups. They depend on us, and we depend on you!

The Andrew Hamilton Gala will be held Saturday, Nov. 17 at Sherman Mills. If you haven’t already signed on as a sponsor or bought your tickets, please contact Maureen Mingay at 215-238-6334 and sign up today. If your firm has not yet fulfilled its pledge for the “Raising the Bar” campaign, please send a check today to the Philadelphia Bar Foundation in satisfaction of your remaining commitment! As you are making end-of-the-year decisions about charitable donations, please remember the Bar Foundation, both in terms of outright donations (by check or credit card) or in terms of the donation of appreciated stocks. And also remember, the Bar Foundation’s United Way Donor Option Number is 1578.

The upcoming holiday season is a perfect time to reflect on all the blessings that have been bestowed on us. It is a time to be grateful but also to demonstrate that gratitude by experiencing the joy of giving! Make access to justice a reality by giving to the Philadelphia Bar Foundation.

As Walt Whitman once said, “Charity and personal force are the only investments worth anything.”

I hope to see you at the Andrew Hamilton Gala!

Elaine Rinaldi, a partner at Cozen O’Connor, is president of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation.

By Elaine Rinaldi

To contribute to the Bar Foundation or to purchase tickets to the Hamilton Gala, visit philadelphiabar.org.
Philadelphia Bar Association
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Invite You to Attend
The 29th Annual
NAWJ Conference Luncheon

Friday, November 9, 2007 at 12:00 p.m.
Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue

Keynote Speaker: Judith Rodin, Ph.D.
President, The Rockefeller Foundation

NAWJ was founded in 1979 and is comprised of over 1,200 federal, state, municipal, administrative, military and tribal women judges at both the appellate and trial levels from every state in the nation. NAWJ’s 29th Annual Conference will be held in Philadelphia, and in connection with that conference, there will be a luncheon held on Friday, Nov. 9 at the Park Hyatt at the Bellevue, open to the public. This year’s luncheon will feature keynote speaker Judith Rodin, Ph.D., current president of the Rockefeller Foundation and the past president of the University of Pennsylvania. It will be attended by hundreds of leading federal and state women judges from across the United States. Also in attendance will be a number of distinguished women judges from foreign countries. Please join us for what is sure to be an exciting event.

To register for the Friday, Nov. 9 luncheon, please complete the registration form below and send with a check or credit card information to:

Name ____________________________________________________________
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**Arts & Media**

**Pinza’s Performances Lit Up Stage for Years**

*By Marc W. Reuben*

When the relatively young Salzburg Music Festival engaged the great conductor Bruno Walter in 1930 to conduct Mozart opera, his assignment included performances of “Don Giovanni” (Don Juan) and the lead was to be the immensely popular Italian bass-baritone Ezio Pinza.

Pinza was known as a troubadour and a ladies man and his skill at reading music was often questioned. Walter wished to meet him prior to rehearsals to see what all the fuss was about, and, early one morning, Walter’s maid interrupted him at breakfast with the breathless announcement “Maestro, the most handsome man is standing at the door!” It was always to be that way and the public embraced Pinza as a heartthrob, a title he enjoyed and filled for decades.

Born the seventh child of Italian parents (his father was a carpenter) in 1892, he was the first of the children to survive birth. His father did not expect him to live long and the child was named only after it appeared he would survive. He was named for the brother of a co-worker, who suggested the name because the brother was off studying music and perhaps the child would become a musician. Instead, the young boy took an interest in bicycle racing and became an athlete in the belief that musicians didn’t make a good enough living. Pinza was known to sing after competition victories and his father talked him into various auditions for teachers, who guided him in placing his voice. He made his operatic debut in 1914 in Italy. His career was sidetracked by service in the Great War. He was 6-1, with brown curly hair, muscular with olive skin and chiseled features and a grand smile. And yes, he could sing.

In an age when operatic performers tended to be soft and round, Pinza was tall and muscular. His penetrating voice rose above the orchestra and made the floorboards rumble, and could be reduced to a silken murmur when called for. The combination of physical and musical beauty he represented was irresistible to audiences, who treasured both the seeing and the hearing. His persona lit up every performance he ever gave, and the personal charm he exuded while singing often turned minor tasks into major triumphs. (He sang the “Coat Aria” in a 1937 performance of “Bohème” in which lovely Grace Moore lay dying stage left, and he sang it with such vulnerable charm that the audience forgot the suffering of the soprano, albeit for a short while.) He was a charmer. He was the most celebrated Don Giovanni of his age since everyone could easily imagine him seducing woman after woman and the sharp glint in his eye made the saga of the world’s most famous lover his own.

He was more than a singer had a right to be. He was charm itself, partly due to his imposing stature and often to his rapport with the audience. He enjoyed what he did and it almost seems a shame that someone who leaves such an indelible impression should also possess one of the lion voices of the century. During a performance of “Marriage of Figaro,” another of his triumphs, he sang the comic aria “Non Più Andrai” so casually that he reduced the floorboards rumble, and could be reduced to a silken murmur when called for. He was more than a singing actor; he was a player. His personal charm he exuded while singing often turned minor tasks into major triumphs.

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**NAWJ 29th Conference in Philadelphia; Rodin Will Deliver Keynote**

*The Philadelphia Bar Association welcomes the 2007 National Association of Women Judges’ 29th Annual Conference to Philadelphia Nov. 7 – 11 at the Four Seasons Hotel.

“We are honored to welcome members of the NAWJ to Philadelphia, and salute them for their dedication to preserving judicial independence, ensuring equal justice and access to the courts for women, minorities and other historically disfavored groups, providing education, and increasing the numbers and advancement of women judges at all levels,” said Bar Association Chancellor Jane Leslie Dalton.

Senior Judge Norma L. Shapiro, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Senior Judge Carolyn Engel Temin, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, are co-chairs of the 29th Annual Conference.

“We extend our congratulations to the Honorable Norma L. Shapiro and the Honorable Carolyn Engel Temin, and thank them for their outstanding contributions to our profession and tireless dedication to ensuring fairness and gender equality in our courts. As trailblazers who have paved the way for many, they are invaluable role models who continue to inspire us always,” said Chancellor Dalton. “Likewise, we congratulate the Honorable Brenda Sith Lofin, NAWJ President, and Honorable Fernande R.V. Duffy, President-Elect, for their accomplished leadership and vision.”

In connection with the annual conference, there will be a luncheon held on Friday, Nov. 9 at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue, open to the public. For ticket information, visit nawj.org.

This year’s luncheon will feature keynote speaker Judith Rodin, Ph.D., president of the Rockefeller Foundation and the past president of the University of Pennsylvania. It will be attended by hundreds of leading federal and state women judges from across the United States. Also in attendance will be a number of distinguished women judges from foreign countries.

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**Field Portrait Unveiled**

E. Harris Baum stands next to a portrait of his late wife, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Myrna Field. The portrait, commissioned by Baum, was unveiled Oct. 3 at Family Court where Judge Field presided and where the portrait will be installed. Presiding at the ceremony were Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice James J. Fitzgerald; Justice Sandra Schultz Newman; and Judge Kevin Dougherty of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, Family Court Division.
Note: While the following listings have been verified prior to press time, any scheduled event may be subject to change by the committee or section chairs.

Thursday, Nov. 1
Civil Rights Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

Health Care Law Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $8.50.

Friday, Nov. 2
Investment Companies Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $8.50.

Monday, Nov. 5
Family Law Section: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Tuesday, Nov. 6
Committee on the Legal Rights of Persons with Disabilities: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room.

Wednesday, Nov. 7
Delivery of Legal Services Committee: meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.

State Civil Litigation Section: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center.

Thursday, Nov. 8
Solo and Small Firm Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

Legislative Liaison Committee: meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.

Monday, Nov. 12
Business Law Section Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Tuesday, Nov. 13
Criminal Justice Section Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Compulsory Arbitration Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.

Wednesday, Nov. 14
Workers’ Compensation Section Executive Committee: meeting, 10:30 a.m., 11th floor Conference Center.

Workers’ Compensation Section: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

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

Thursday, Nov. 15
Law Practice Management Division Executive Committee: meeting, 11:30 a.m., 11th floor Conference Center.

Law Practice Management Division Technology Committee: 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center: Lunch: $7.50.

Family Law Section Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.

Monday, Nov. 19
Public Interest Section Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Young Lawyers Division Cabinet: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Cabinet Room.

Small Business Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.

Tuesday, Nov. 20
Section Chairs: meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Cabinet: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Wednesday, Nov. 21
LegalLine: 5 p.m., 11th floor LRS offices.

Thursday, Nov. 22
Thanksgiving: Bar Association offices closed.

Friday, Nov. 23
Thanksgiving Friday: Bar Association offices closed.

Monday, Nov. 26
Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Tuesday, Nov. 27
Women in the Profession Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Criminal Justice Section: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

Probate and Trust Law Section: Annual Reception: 5 p.m., Radisson Plaza Warwick Hotel, 1701 Locust St.

Wednesday, Nov. 28
Medical Legal Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

Civil Litigation Section: Annual Meeting and Reception: 5:30 p.m., National Liberty Museum, 321 Chestnut St. Tickets: $45.

Thursday, Nov. 29
Real Property Section: Annual Meeting, 12 p.m., Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market St. Tickets: $40.

Minorities in the Profession Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

Elder Law Committee: meeting, 1 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

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

Friday, Nov. 30
Human Resources Committee: meeting, 8:30 a.m., 11th floor Conference Center.

Women’s Rights Committee: meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

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so he could lean closer to the audience as he effortlessly tossed-off that charming song. Cast members marveled at his audacity, and more than one of them thought the man could sing the phone book and make a show of it. He added a degree of personal warmth to what he sang that came from a familiarity with the music. Roles he did not fit into too well still benefited from his talents, but the overwhelming effect he had on even minor music sometimes was lost. Still hearing him sing was an experience, no matter what the role. Performers loved him and he was known as an invertebrate pincher on stage at the Met. Once when Licia Albanese was doing a scene with him she did not feel the little pinch during the scene and wanted to know what was wrong with her.

Pinza was briefly detained at the start of the Second War until Bruno Walter, who was then at the Met, placed a call to first lady Eleanor Roosevelt, and that was that. He entertained troops for the duration in addition to his duties at the Metropolitan Opera. And he left the Met in 1948 after 22 seasons to pursue a career on Broadway, where he introduced a minor number “Some Enchanted Evening” and won a Tony Award. The actor Harrison Ford does a charming imitation of Pinza singing that song in American Graffiti” in the 1970s. Until people lost the concept of music as a lyrical way of storytelling, Pinza’s rendition of that song held a special place in the American psyche. (“Once you have found her, never let her go...”) He was in his 50s when he played the older lover Emile to Mary Martin’s Nelly, and he was older still when he went to Hollywood to mix it up with the likes of Lana Turner in a number of forgettable films. He was always in demand and a great star on the radio, and many of his performances have been saved. Pinza died of a stroke in 1957, the father of several young sons by his new young wife who, from all accounts, adored him. Throughout the film version of “South Pacific” released after his death the voice of Giorgio Tozzi, no slouch by any measure, tries hard to capture the life Pinza so effortlessly injected into the work.

Of the recorded legacy, Pinza has left us echoes of a voice that embraced the virile life and pleasures of manhood. Very many of his performances in celebrated roles have been captured from radio performances, where his love of life and music make the experience of listening to him even more pleasurable. This comes out in everything he sang. Critics may argue over the particulars of his technique, although few would deny his superb voice and his ability to infuse music with his personal insights that absorbed audiences the world over. But lovers of life and song can never forget him.

Marc W. Reuben, a sole practitioner, is an advisory editor to the Philadelphia Bar Reporter. He has been writing about the Arts and Media since 1973.
Editor’s note: The following are summaries of opinions issued by the Professional Guidance Committee. The committee’s jurisdiction is limited to rendering opinions about prospective ethical conduct by inquirers who are members of the Philadelphia Bar Association. The letter “T” following an opinion number indicates a telephone inquiry. Attorneys who wish to ask a question, obtain copies of committee opinions or ask the committee to research a matter should contact Paul Kazanis, the Association’s assistant executive director, at (215) 238-6328.

Summarized by David I. Grunfeld

2007-69T Attorney wishing to cease representation of incarcerated clients as to prospective civil actions as to which statute of limitations runs in four months should send CM RRR letter so advising, including clear notice as to statute bar date. Notice in timely fashion is critical.

2007-73T Phrase “specializing in” may not be used in advertisement, but can say “practice limited to” if truthful.

2007-80T Attorney may not settle personal injury case, endorse client’s name on check, deposit it and make distribution, without express authority of client or right to do so provided within fee agreement/powers of attorney.

2007-83T Attorney moving office for three or four months due to renovations should so advise appropriate court authorities.

2007-85T Attorney who wrote earlier wills may give originals to counsel for executor.

2007-95T Lack of written fee agreement in contingency case does not defeat terminated attorney’s entitlement to quantum meruit claim for work done.

2007-97T Where adverse defense counsel in case not yet in suit is uncommunicative, attorney for claimant may send counsel letter giving 24 hours notice of intention to contact insurance carrier adjuster directly.

2007-100T With informed consent of client, attorney has duty to report adverse counsel who was disbarred months ago.

2007-106T Attorney has permissible right to tell adverse counsel of threats by attorney’s client against that counsel if attorney believes them to be genuine.

2007-108T Attorney who previously represented mother in custody and support matters against father may not now represent father in divorce with father’s present wife, but conflict can be waived by both parties with informed consent.

2007-109T No conflict in attorney handling case where adversary is in firm with attorney’s son where son not involved in case.

2007-114T Attorney cannot hand out pamphlets at an “ethnic” event, nor engage someone to do so, unless invites know in advance of attendance by and availability of immigration lawyer, but may leave brochures for pick-up.

2007-118T Attorney on inactive status may not represent a friend at an administrative hearing unless regulations of that agency allow it.

2007-136T Some non-client related conduct by attorney should be reported, such as removal of assets from decedent’s residence without permission of executor.

2007-138T Attorney handling personal injury case for client without medical insurance may advance cost for physician evaluations but not for care.

2007-153T Attorney may seek withdrawal from matter where client’s father is overbearing but paying the bills.

2007-157T Ad cannot say attorney has “helped hundreds of clients win hundreds of thousands of dollars.”

2007-161T With informed consent of affected client, attorney should report disbarred lawyer advertising in Yellow Pages.

2007-170T There is no written consent requirement to include clients’ names on firm Web site, but written permission is suggested as a matter of professionalism and risk management.

2007-192T Attorney handling civil rights case who wants to tell client’s story to the press must advise client of ramifications, such as poisoning the jury pool.

2007-193T Where law firm attorney recently joined had represented husband in domestic relations case, attorney may not now represent husband’s second wife.

David I. Grunfeld, an attorney with Weiss, Kaplan & Mandel, LLP, is a member of the Professional Guidance Committee.

According to...

If You Were Elected Mayor, What Would Your First Official Act Be?

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“I’d first address the clear constitutional violations being suffered by owners of residential living facilities at the hands of the Department of Public Welfare requiring owners to make changes to the infrastructure of their facilities that are in direct conflict with local building and zoning regulations at a cost that would bankrupt the owners of said facilities. It would result in the displacement of hundreds of residents, many of whom have been living in these facilities for decades.”

– Sharmil McKee

“I’d address the crime rate and specifically the murder rate. It’s taking its toll on tourism and the economy. The stop-and-frisk program they have in Baltimore and New York has worked. It seems like a good idea for Philadelphia, too.”

– Thomas C. Kelly

“I’d eliminate the city wage tax.”

– Kristina Smith

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The deadline for filing these additional nominations is Friday, Nov. 2, 2007, at 5 p.m.

Nominations must be in writing and may take the form of a letter to the Secretary, c/o Susan Knight, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., Philadelphia, PA 19107-2911. Letters must state the office the individual is seeking and must include the names and signatures of at least twenty-five (25) members of the Association who are entitled to vote, except for the nomination of Vice Chancellor, which shall be signed by a least one hundred (100) members who are entitled to vote. Offices to be filled are Vice Chancellor, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, as well as five (5) positions on the Board of Governors for a term of three years.

Candidates also are asked to provide a photograph and statement of no more than 150 words, demonstrating their qualifications to serve as a member of the Board of Governors. Photos and statements will be published in the Philadelphia Bar Reporter and must be received no later than Friday, Nov. 2, 2007, at 5 p.m.
Arthur N. Read, general counsel of Friends of Farmworkers, will be presented with the 2007 Morris Dees Justice Award in New York on Nov. 15. The Award was created in 2006 by Skadden Arps and The University of Alabama School of Law to honor Dees, an Alabama graduate, for his lifelong devotion to public service.

Gaetan J. Alfano, a shareholder with Miller, Alfano & Raspani, was elected as the vice chairman of the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission on Sept. 24.

Lynda L. Calderone and Michael D. Homans, shareholders with Flaster Greenberg, were speakers at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s 13th annual Business Lawyers’ Institute, being held on Oct. 17 and 18.

George E. Martin, managing attorney of Martin, Banks, pond, Lehocky & Wilson, has been elected president-elect of the American Association of Justice’s workers’ compensation section.

Lisa A. Duda, a partner with Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP, has been appointed to the “e-Treasury Pennsylvania” Advisory Commission on Financial Asset Management by Pennsylvania State Treasurer Robin L. Wiessmann.

J. Denny Shupe, a partner with Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, has been re-appointed as chair of the Aerospace Law Committee for the Defense Research Institute.

Jerry M. Lehocky, a partner with Martin, Banks, pond Lehocky & Wilson, has been elected chair of the Workers’ Compensation Law Section of the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers’ Association.

Robert D. Liebenberg, a partner at Fine, Kaplan and Black, was honored as one of “The 50 Most Influential Women Lawyers in America” by the National Law Journal at a dinner in New York on Sept. 10.

Josh M. Greenbaum, a member of Cozen O’Connor, spoke on “Documentation and How to Assess Risk at Your Establishment” at the 2007 Annual Alcohol Responsibility Conference in Baltimore.

Gary Schildhorn, a member of Eckert Seamans Chertin and Mellott, LLC, recently participated in the panel discussion sponsored by the American Bankruptcy Institute “Anything But Bankruptcy: Revisited: A NON Bankruptcy Case Study.” He was recently named to serve on the executive committee of the Board of Directors of A Better Chance of Lower Merion.

Dennis R. Supplee, a partner with Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, has been re-appointed co-chair of the Access to Justice Committee of the American College of Trial Lawyers for 2007-2008.

Rhonda Hill Wilson, a sole practitioner, has been named the Pennsylvania Ambassador for the United Negro College Fund “A Mind Is” Annual Giving Society.

Jay Meadway of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, was a member of the U.S. delegation to Argentina of the International Judicial Academy. The delegation of federal judges and private attorneys presented seminars on intellectual property issues and issues of scientific evidence to Argentine judges, bar members and corporate executives in Buenos Aires, La Plata and Bariloche.

Anne M. Madonia, a member of Cozen O’Connor, has been named chair of the board of directors of the Young Professionals Network of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce.

Andrew Gaddes, a partner at Dechert LLP, presented “Forgoing Settlement and Taking the Class Action to Trial: Navigating Largely Uncharted Waters” at the American Conference Institute’s Positioning the Class Action Defense for Early Success Conference on Sept. 26-27 in Phoenix.

Julie B. Negovan, a member of Cozen O’Connor, lectured on “The New Electronic Discovery Rules and How They Affect Your Business” at the Sept. 18 meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Construction Management Association of America.

Cynthia M. Philo, Executive Director of the Old City District, has been named secretary of the Citizens Crime Commission of the Delaware Valley. She has also been appointed to be Chair of the Pennsylvania Downtown Center.

Douglas N. Candelub, senior counsel with Morris James LLP, has been elected vice president/secretary on the Executive Committee of the Philadelphia/Southern New Jersey Chapter of the American Jewish Committee. He has been elected to the Executive Committee of the board of Temple Beth Zion Beth Israel in Center City.

Bradley D. Remick, a shareholder with Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, recently took and passed the Pennsylvania State Firefighter and the National PROBOARD Firefighter I exam and 12 practical exams, including cause and origin investigation. Remick is a firefighter with the Penn Wynne/Overbrook Hills Fire Company and treasurer of the Penn Wynne Fireman’s Club.

Steven Miano, a partner with WolfBlock, spoke at the ALI-ABA Sixth Annual Clean Water Act Law and Regulation Conference on Oct. 24-26 in Washington D.C. He also moderated a panel on “Emerging Brownfields Issues” at the 2007 Pennsylvania Brownfields Conference on Oct. 2 and 3 in Harrisburg.

Ronald Klasso, a partner with Klasso, Bulan, Stock & Seltzer LLP, was the lead-off speaker at the American Immigration Lawyers Association - Canada Chapter meeting on Sept. 7 in Montreal, Quebec.

Valli Baldassano, a partner with Fox Rothschild LLP, was a panelist for “Preparing for Launch: An Overview of Essential Legal and Regulatory Requirements for Marketing and Selling Prescription Drugs in the U.S.” at the Biotech 2007 symposium Oct. 8-9 at Loews Philadelphia Hotel.

Joseph Hetrick, a partner at Dechert LLP, presented “Minimizing Litigation Risks for U.S. Entities Conducting International Clinical Trials” at the American Conference Institute’s International Clinical Trials Conference on Sept. 27 in Boston.

Robert N. Huhn, a partner with Kobby, Gordon, Robin, Shore & Bezaz, has been elected vice chair of the Board of Directors of Arthur Ashe Youth Tennis and Education Foundation.

Stephanie J. Mensing and David Wisniewski, partners at Wisniewski & Mensing, LLP, were recently elected to the Board of Directors of The Digital Stone Project, a Hamilton, N.J. nonprofit organization that provides state-of-the-art stone fabrication and expert consultation for artists, architects and designers.

Robert C. Price, a sole practitioner, was recently named to the Honors Gala Committee of the Delaware Chapter of the American Liver Foundation.

Jeffrey N. Nicholas, a partner with Fox Rothschild LLP, moderated “Valuation of an Early Stage Company,” which explored early-stage company valuation and the range of potential exits at the Biotech 2007 symposium Oct. 8-9 at Loews Philadelphia Hotel.
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