Ludwig to Receive Brennan Award

by Jeff Lyons

U.S. District Court Judge Edmund V. Ludwig has been selected as the recipient of the Association’s 2005 William J. Brennan Jr. Distinguished Jurist Award. The award will be presented at the Association’s Oct. 18 Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon.

“Judge Ludwig is being honored with the award this year because, as did Justice Brennan, he has demonstrated the highest ideals of judicial service over his long career on the bench. He is a first-rate jurist and, among other accomplishments, he has provided real and meaningful leadership in establishing programs to improve the quality of representation for indigent defendants and to improve the administration of mental health services,” said A. Michael Pratt, chair of the Brennan Award Committee.

New PhiladelphiaBar.org Unveiled to Membership

by Mark A. Tarasiewicz

PhiladelphiaBar.org, the Philadelphia Bar Association’s new, state-of-the-art Web site, will make its debut on Oct. 3 with a newly expanded menu of online services and features that allow members to “plug in” to their membership in a variety of ways.

As bar associations across the country provide more of their services online, the new Web site dramatically improves the Association’s Internet presence by providing members and the public with the types of information and services they desire.

The former award-winning Web site was a cutting-edge resource when it was unveiled more than five years ago. The new Web site, found at the same address, takes the Bar’s Web site to a new level.

Survey: Lawyers Gain Experience, Prosperity

by Daniel A. Cirucci

Philadelphia lawyers are older, more experienced and more prosperous. And more of them are living in Center City than ever before.

That’s the word from the Association’s just-released survey of the profession, a true random sample of 340 attorneys licensed to practice in Philadelphia. The survey was conducted and tabulated for the Association by Erdos & Morgan, an independent firm specializing in market research. It builds on similar surveys conducted in 1990, 1995 and 2000.

According to survey committee chair Samuel H. Becker the survey found that the “typical” Philadelphia lawyer is white, male and married. But Becker stressed that “variations from the typical attorney are significant”.

For example, in 1990, women constituted 25 percent of the Philadelphia legal community. In 1995, that figure jumped to 36 percent. At that time, Becker noted, “our survey analysis projected that the future would be gender parity.” In 2005, 33.5 percent of lawyers are women. When gender is broken down by age, in the under-35 age group, 45 percent of the lawyers are women. In the 36-50 age group, 36 percent of the lawyers are women. For 51 and over, 19 percent of the lawyers are women. As this trend continues, Becker explained, “we should expect women to comprise 40 percent of the bar.”

The survey says that the number of minority lawyers has grown from 6 percent in 1995 to 8 percent now. The continued on page 12
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A New Appreciation for Members of Judiciary

by Andrew A. Chirls

Pereceptions are important. But sometimes we have to go beyond our own perceptions and witness things firsthand to find out what’s really happening.

For example, it’s easy for someone in my position (as a lawyer who works in a high-rise and handles big commercial and tort cases) to lose sight of how the justice system works for ordinary people—people who can’t pay big legal bills. I have tried to keep sight of that question this year I have been to Municipal Court’s Drug Treatment Court and I have tried to help make sure that people who go through the Common Pleas Court’s Domestic Relations Division are represented adequately compensated and fairly appointed counsel.

For my part, believing, and I recommend that all lawyers find a way to see how our system works for the “regular person” as well as for the so-called elites.

One way for me to see how justice is dispensed to people without money has been to take on some pro bono cases. These cases send me into courts that serve everyday clients. I have had a few VIP cases in Municipal Court, and one time I am in Municipal Court I see how hard it is for unrepresented people to begin to understand what is going on and what is happening to them. And I see how hard the judges work to explain things and to make sure that people who aren’t always terribly articulate get a chance to state their cases. It’s impressive.

Family Court presents the same kinds of issues. In Philadelphia, 85 to 90 percent of parties in custody, support and protection from abuse cases don’t have lawyers. The Women’s Law Project observed a number of cases a few years ago and found that the hearings in 75 percent of protection from abuse cases and half of the custody cases were started, heard and concluded in less than 10 minutes. There is only limited public access to observe these cases, so it would be hard for each of us to see how justice is dispensed in them. In a new Family Court facility, we might be able to have the kind of ability to see the court work.

That is, after all, what is envisioned by our Constitution.

Recently, our Bar Association worked with President Judge Fredrica Matisa-Jackson of the First Judicial District and with faculty at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, including Professor Wendell Pritchett and Dean Michael Fitts, to sponsor an Urban Courts Conference in Philadelphia. “Compelling Issues Facing Urban Courts” was the theme of the conference that brought urban court judges, administrators and other personnel together and gave them an opportunity to meet with leading experts, share ideas and confront issues that face our court systems. Nearly 200 participants (some from as far away as Idaho, Arizona, Wisconsin and Hawaii) attended the conference, which also included many local and regional attendees. Symposium topics included community policing, predatory lending, specialized courts, court performance accountability, multicultural access to justice and media coverage of courts and trials. Presenters included Wisconsin Supreme Court Chief Justice Shirley S. Abelson, Idaho Supreme Court Justice Daniel T. Emmann, Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Sandra Schultz Newman, Judge Pamela J. Alexander of the Minnesota District Court and Duke University Law School Professor Erwin Chemerinsky.

As we discussed the problems faced by urban courts, we necessarily had to talk about how justice is dispensed to the people who live in the rowhouses and the poorer neighborhoods all around this country. We learned about the innovations of drug treatment courts in Philadelphia and in other states, where disciplined efforts are made to keep first-time drug users out of jail and in treatment so that they can become more productive to themselves and their families. We learned about how the courts are under the pressure of a growing volume of mortgage foreclosures arising from the growth of “sub-prime” or “predatory” lending. And the courts are taking steps to help homeowners find ways to work through the problems they face, so that they can resolve their debts and keep their homes and so that we don’t have empty “neighborhoods”:

We learned from one another about how different courts face the task of providing translation and interpreta-

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Association’s Nominating Committee Formed

The Nominating Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association has been formed.


Association Secretary John E. Savoth serves as a non-voting member of the committee.

The committee has scheduled its next meeting for Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2005, at 5:30 p.m.

Officers for which candidates are being solicited are vice chancellor, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer and five seats on the Board of Governors, three of which are to be nominated by the Nominating Committee: Each Board seat carries a three-year term.

Individuals who wish to be considered for any of the above offices should submit a resume of their background and indicate the position for which they wish to run. Materials should be submitted to the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua, c/o Susan Knight, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., 11th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107-2911, no later than Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005.

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Nominations are now being accepted for the Citizens Pro Bono Award, which will recognize outstanding volunteer efforts to help provide legal services to those in need. The deadline for nominations is Monday, Oct. 10.

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation and Citizens Bank will present one award recognizing pro bono publico for the good of the public volunteer efforts. The award will be presented to a law firm or legal department at the Bar Foundation’s Andrew Hamilton Ball on Saturday, Nov. 12.

Though the award will contain a monetary component, the monetary portion will take the form of a grant to a law-related public service agency designated by the honoree.

Nominations from all quarters are welcomed and encouraged. Those who wish to nominate law firms or legal departments for the award should send a detailed letter explaining the reason for the nomination (including supporting materials) to: Audrey C. Talley, Esq., Chair, Citizens Pro Bono Award, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., 11th Floor, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107.

The criteria for the award is as follows:...
Third Higginbotham Scholarship to Be Awarded at Dec. 1 Reception

by Jeff Lyons

The Public Interest Section’s Executive Committee is soliciting support to fund the Section’s Third Annual Judge A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. Scholarship, which provides a $4,000 stipend to a summer associate working at one of the city’s public interest legal organizations.

Section Chair Julia H. Haines said the scholarship is funded through sponsors of the Section’s Annual Reception, honoring the work of Public Interest lawyers, which will take place on Thursday, Dec. 1 at Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market St.

The recipient is randomly selected, and it is up to the winning organization to choose the student it would like to hire. The Legal Clinic for the Disabled and the Center for Civil Rights received the first two scholarships. Once an agency has received a scholarship, it is not eligible again “until the scholarship has gone full circle through all the other organizations,” Haines said.

Andrew Hamilton Award Nominees

The Section is also looking for nominees for the annual Andrew Hamilton Award. The deadline for nominations for the Andrew Hamilton Award is Friday, Oct. 28.

A nominee must be a legal services advocate or public defender employed by or associated with an organization whose purpose is to serve persons who cannot afford to pay for legal representation, or be a public-interest lawyer working with a nonprofit organization serving a charitable or public interest purpose. In addition, nominees must have substantial experience in legal services, indigent defense or public interest law and must currently be employed in one of these capacities. In particular, members of the selection committee will consider such factors as personal vision and commitment; critical nature of the problems addressed by the nominee’s advocacy; innovative nature of the nominees’ work; results achieved through effective advocacy; the difficulty of achieving; and community commitment.

Nominations are encouraged and should include the individual’s name, address and a brief statement describing his or her qualifications. All nominations should be mailed to Robert C. Heim at Dechert, 4000 Bell Atlantic Tower, 1717 Arch St., Philadelphia, 19103.

Committees Remain Active

Throughout the year, the committees of the Public Interest Section present a number of events and activities focusing on civil rights and legal services for low-income and disadvantaged clients. Some of the October events include:

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• The Women’s Rights Committee will host a meeting on Friday, Oct. 7 with Mark Iewinter, Esq. of Apanol Swartz, who will address how to use civil liability to shut down gun dealers who sell to straw purchasers.
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is thrilled to announce that Brian S. Chacker has joined the firm as an associate.

Mr. Chacker concentrates his practice in the areas of personal injury, premises liability and medical malpractice litigation, as well as all aspects of commercial litigation, real estate litigation and landlord-tenant disputes. He received his Juris Doctor from Villanova University School of Law in 1999 and his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Pennsylvania in 1996. Mr. Chacker is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

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- Significant contributions toward the development of innovative approaches to the delivery of volunteer legal services
- Participation in an activity that results in satisfying previously unmet needs for legal services or in extending services to under-served segments of the population
- Successful litigation of pro bono cases favorably affecting the provision of services to the indigent
- Successful support of legislation contributing substantially to the provision of legal services to the indigent
- Significant pro bono activity
- Length and breadth of pro bono commitment and experience
- Other significant accomplishments or activities that have improved access to justice for residents of the Philadelphia area impacted by poverty, abuse and/or discrimination

All nominations must be received by the end of the business day on Monday, Oct. 10. For more information, contact Stephanie Krzywanski at (215) 238-6360 or by e-mail at skrzywanski@philabar.org.
Urban Courts Symposium
Panel: More Interpreters Needed for U.S. Courts
by Jeff Lyons

There are 47 million people in the United States who speak a language other than English in their homes, an attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice told the Urban Courts Symposium on Sept. 16, illustrating the need for interpreters to allow multicultural access to the nation’s courts.

Panelists for the program on Multicultural Access in the Courts included Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Sandra Schultz Newman; Bruce Adelson of the U.S. Department of Justice’s Civil Rights Division; Robert Lee of the New Jersey Administrative Office of Courts; and Prof. Adrienne D. Davis of the University of North Carolina Law School. The panel was moderated by Chancellor Andrew A. Chirls. The Urban Courts Symposium was held at Loews Philadelphia Hotel from Sept. 14 to Sept. 16.

“When I made my first appearance in court 20 years ago, translation was not an issue,” Adelson said. He said there has been a 95 percent increase in limited English proficiency individuals in the country since 1991. “A limited English proficient person needs a fully bilingual interpreter.”

Adelson said anyone who receives federal funding is required to comply with the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance. And that includes providing competent interpreters to litigants and witnesses who don’t speak English.

“The diversity of languages we’re seeing is going through the roof,” said Lee, who added that the New Jersey Department of Education reported that 155 different languages were being spoken in the state’s homes last year. “There are lots of languages from all over the world showing up that we’ve never heard before. In 2003-2004, we had 80,000 events being interpreted in 81 different languages. Our resources aren’t keeping up with the demand. This is happening all over the country, not just in New Jersey,” Lee said.

He said as many as 80 to 90 percent of the people who call themselves interpreters are not qualified to do the job. “This affects everyone in the courts.”

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Urban Courts Symposium panelists (from left) Bruce Adelson, Prof. Adrienne D. Davis, Chancellor Andrew A. Chirls, Robert Joe Lee and Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Sandra Schultz Newman prepare for the Sept. 16 session on multicultural access to the courts.

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Lawyers, judges, jurors and litigants all face problems with language,” Lee said some of the issues involved with providing interpreters include the question of who is supposed to provide interpreters and who gets an interpreter, the role of the interpreter, who should be allowed to interpret, the coordination of the delivery of interpreter services, and the lack of policy and guidelines regarding interpreters.

“Adequate access to justice should be a social priority in this country,” said Prof. Davis. “Cities are on the cutting edge of welcoming new populations, but these groups often do not fare well in the court system.”

Justice Newman has played a big role in the Pennsylvania Interbranch Commission for Gender, Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Court System. The commission, with representatives from the legislative, judicial and executive branches, released a 500-page report in 2005 outlining problems with the justice system. The commission is now working to correct those problems.

“It’s important to provide access to justice to everyone,” Chirls said.

“If we provide a hospitable environment we will attract people and grow as a city. And lawyers’ business will grow,” he said.

Philadelphia Lawyers Get Ringside Seats for Roberts Confirmation

by Christopher L. Soriano and Scott A. Caulfield

Article II of the United States Constitution vests the President of the United States with the power to appoint federal judges, “with the advice and consent of the Senate.” Fulfilling the Senate’s “advice and consent” function, Philadelphia lawyer and Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Arlen Specter last month gavelled in the first Supreme Court nominee confirmation hearing in 11 years. Though overshadowed by the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the hearing offered a rare glimpse of the federal judicial selection process in action.

The first day of the hearing was filled with made-for-TV opening statements by members of the Judiciary Committee and Judge John Roberts, the nominee to become Chief Justice of the United States. The substantive part of the hearing began on the second day, allowing senators their first attempt to question Judge Roberts on his background and views. As Sen. Specter’s guests, we attended the second day of the confirmation hearing. The first round of questioning allowed each member of the Judiciary Committee, beginning with Sen. Specter, 30 minutes to question Judge Roberts on preeminent legal matters.

The Roberts confirmation hearing highlighted two important aspects of the federal judicial selection system. First, the process provides a stage to showcase a nominee’s temperament, demeanor, legal knowledge and general qualifications for judicial office. Second, the federal judicial
Judge Blake Portrait Unveiled

Marian Blake, wife of the late Judge Edward J. Blake, poses in front of his portrait after it was unveiled in a ceremony at City Hall on Sept. 21. Judge Blake, former president judge of the Court of Common Pleas, died in 1996.

Appellate Courts Committee
Judge: Credibility Key in Argument

by Stacey Z. Jumper

It is important for attorneys arguing before the Third Circuit to present a truthful argument both in their briefs and during oral argument, Judge Thomas L. Ambro told members of the Appellate Courts Committee at their Sept. 7 meeting.

“The coin of the realm is credibility,” Judge Ambro told committee members. While he recognized that sometimes attorneys must present a weak argument, he warned that attorneys should not mislead the court. Judge Ambro noted that an attorney who misleads the court hurts himself not just during that case, but in cases to come as well.

Out of every 35 to 40 cases, approximately 15 to 18 of those cases are scheduled for oral argument before the Third Circuit. Judge Ambro reads all the briefs to determine whether to schedule a matter for oral argument. He mentioned several factors that are considered when deciding whether oral argument will be held. The court looks at whether the case involves an issue of law that it wants to develop further. The court also may hold oral argument if it believes it needs to develop the factual record, or if the matter before it is a high-profile case. Another reason oral argument might be held is when one justice wants to feel out how another person on the panel is looking at an issue.

Judge Ambro, who has presided over the Third Circuit in Wilmington, Del., since 2000, urged attendees to focus on the judges’ concerns during oral argument. He noted that when writing the briefs, parties are presenting their offensive position. Typically, oral argument is held to address issues or questions not fully answered by the parties’ written submissions. He doesn’t recommend that attorneys orally present their briefs at oral arguments. He urges attorneys to focus on making hard concepts simple while answering the judges’ questions on point.

Judge Ambro also spoke about venue issues relating to filings in bankruptcy courts across the county. The discussion centered around the current debate regarding whether a corporation should be permitted to file for bankruptcy in its state of incorporation, as companies are currently permitted to do. Recently, Lynn LoPucki, a professor of law at UCLA, and U.S. Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas) criticized this rule, arguing that this allows companies to manipulate the legal system.

Judge Ambro noted that LoPucki criticized the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for Delaware, in particular, because many large companies file for bankruptcy in Delaware with little connection to Delaware other than being incorporated there.

Stacey Z. Jumper, an associate at Post & Schell, P.C., is an associate editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.

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Asian Bar Association Annual Banquet Set for Oct. 28

The Asian American Bar Association of the Delaware Valley will welcome Amardeep Singh, legal director and co-founder of the Sikh Coalition, as the keynote speaker at its annual banquet on Friday, Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. at the Ocean City Restaurant, 234 N. 9th St. in Chinatown.

The Sikh Coalition is a community-based organization that defends civil rights and civil liberties in the United States, educates the broader community about Sikhs and diversity, promotes local community empowerment, and fosters civic engagement amongst Sikh Americans.

The annual banquet is the mechanism by which the AABADV raises funds for its Judge William M. Maruta-ni Fellowship. Offered to first-year law students at Dickinson School of Law, Rutgers-Camden University School of Law, Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law, University of Pennsylvania School of Law, Villanova University School of Law and Widener University School of Law, the fellowship provides a stipend for an Asian-American law student to enable him or her to take a summer internship position with federal, state or municipal government offices/agencies (including the judiciary) or nonprofit/public interest organizations in the Philadelphia area.

This year’s recipient is Daniel Moore, now a second-year student at Temple University Beasley School of Law. Moore spent his summer clerking for New Jersey Supreme Court Associate Justice Virginia Long.

The AABADV will also present its Samuel Gomez Award at the event. The award is presented to a law student at Temple University or the University of Pennsylvania in recognition of that student’s public interest endeavors.

Tickets for the event are $90, a portion of which will fund the Fellowship and is tax deductible. The event begins at 6 p.m. for social hour and the dinner is expected to begin at 7 p.m. The menu for the evening features a multi-course feast. For ticket information, contact Suzanne Young at (215) 981-3754.

Having Indoor Air Quality Problems??
The typical Philadelphia lawyer is a partner (65%), followed by those in the largest firms (30.3%), and then those in firms with 150 or more lawyers (52.5%). The survey also found that the median personal income from the practice of law is $109,000, up from $95,000 in 2000. That, too, is a jump from $79,000 in 1995 and $70,000 in 1990.

The typical lawyer lives in Philadelphia in a home worth about $446,000, up from $259,000 in 2000. Forty-five percent of Philadelphia lawyers live in Philadelphia than in any other county. While the percentage of lawyers living in neighborhoods outside Center City has been stable over the last 15 years, the number of those living in Center City has grown from 20 percent in 1990 to 25 percent today. The next nearest county as a place of residence in Montgomery County, with 28 percent.

The Philadelphia Bar Association’s current market share of 77 percent still compares very favorably with the 46 percent who say they are members of the Pennsylvania Bar Association (that’s down from 55 percent in 1990).

Becker pointed out that “because the trend overall is down and because the number of lawyers in Philadelphia has dropped from 1995 to 2005, the Philadelphia Bar Association’s hard work in retaining membership numbers should be commended.”

Back to the typical lawyer: He is likely to be a litigator who has been practicing about 22 years. Here, again, the “graying” of the profession is evident. The median number of years in practice has increased from 12 years in 1990 to 15 years in 1995 to 15.4 years in 2000 to the current 22 years. This is continued on page 11.

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increase of seven years in a five-year period. Here we also see that fewer new lawyers (as a percentage of the whole) are entering the profession in Philadelphia. The rapid expansion of previous decades has subsided.

The typical lawyer works about 48 hours a week and Philadelphia remained the primary office site for 88 percent of all Philadelphia lawyers. Becker noted that a movement toward opening satellite offices in surrounding counties seems to have leveled off.

The survey asked for personal views from respondents. Most said “yes,” they do want the Bar Association to speak out on issues such as merit selection, ratings of judicial candidates and legal services to the poor. But, “no,” they do not want the Association to speak out on social issues such as abortion. In fact, 58 percent of our respondents want us to avoid that particular issue. These figures have remained largely unchanged over the years.

Nearly 60 percent of surveyed lawyers said they were doing pro bono work and the median number of pro bono hours contributed per year was 40 hours. These numbers are fairly consistent with past years and with lawyers in the counties.

This year for the first time, the survey asked how far people walk on a regular basis for dining, shopping or commuting. Twenty percent said seven or more blocks and 30 percent said five to six blocks. This indicates that lawyers in Center City are not confining themselves to their offices but are regularly walking around the business district and patronizing local businesses.

On the horizon, the survey shows that a significant number of retirements can be expected within the legal community over the next 10 to 15 years. Approximately one third of the Bar is thinking it will retire in the next 10 years. These projected retirees comprise 29 percent of the lawyers in firms of 101 lawyers and higher, 29 percent of those 11 – 100; 39 percent of those in firms of 2 – 16; 73 percent of those who are sole practitioners, and 55 percent of all members. Beyond that, 42 percent of all members say they will retire in 14 years or less. Sole practitioners in particular indicate that they will retire at much higher rates. In fact, 72 percent of sole practitioners say they will retire within the next 15 years.

Becker warns that sole practitioners may be faced with the multiple dilemma of “aging while not having practice support, retiring, and trying to find someone to take over their practice.” He suggested that “the Bar may want to help sole practitioners identify and deal with problems as they develop.”

Down the road the Association may also have to consider belt-tightening as more members move into a “senior” membership category and dues revenues drop accordingly. At the same time though, large firms continue to grow, bring on new classes of young lawyers and remain committed to the Bar Association. And the large firms compose a bigger proportion of the membership.

“This reallocation of Bar membership may impact members’ needs and the services the Bar should deliver,” Becker said.

“Going forward, the challenge is to make Philadelphia a place where young lawyers want to practice and start their profession. How good a job the Bar does at reaching that goal will impact the size of our Association and our city,” he concluded.
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Each Committee will host a Friday event on Monday, Oct. 16 at the Philadelphia Bar Education Center, titled “Extreme Makeover: The New Look of Old Gender Discrimination Barriers,” with panelists Dr. Martha Burk and Patricia Gillette.

- Finally, the Law Firm Pro Bono and Delivery of Legal Services Committees are working together to increase pro bono activity among the private bar by providing additional information to make it easier for private firm lawyers to participate in pro bono, by surveying the firms to find out other ways legal services organizations that utilize pro bono attorneys can make it easier for lawyers, and by publicizing ProBono.net, a Web site to facilitate the work for lawyers, and by publicizing ProBono.net, a Web site to facilitate the work for lawyers.

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Chancellor’s Forum Nov. 2
The Public Interest Section and the Civil Rights Committee are sponsoring a Chancellor’s Forum with Philadelphia Inquirer “Worldview” columnist Trudy Rubin on Wednesday, Nov. 2. Rubin’s book, Willful Blindness, The Bush Administration and Iraq, describes how the Bush administration got the U.S. into Iraq and the prospects for getting out.

Additional information about the Chancellor’s Forum will be available at philadelphiabar.org.

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process affirms what all Philadelphia lawyers should know. We have outstanding jurists on both the federal and state benches. Not just in terms of their scholarship, integrity and temperament, but also by the leadership they provide,” he said.

Judge Ludwig is a 1952 graduate of Harvard Law School and was first appointed to the bench in 1968 when he served on the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas. He was elected in 1969 and was retained in 1979 and retired in 1985. He was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in 1985.

He has served as a clinical associate professor at Hahnemann University; visiting lecturer at Temple University Law School; presenter at Villanova University Law School Institute of Correctional Law; faculty member at the Pennsylvania College of the Judiciary; lecturer in law at Villanova University Law School; and he is a Waverest Public Interest Fellow at Harvard Law School.

Judge Ludwig served as administrative judge of Bucks County Juvenile Court and Family Court and was chair and a founder of Youth Services Agency of Bucks County. He also served as director of the Federal Judges Association from 1998 to 2004. He was membership chair from 1998 to 2004 and is currently vice president of the group. He is also chair of the Public Interest Committee of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

He has served on a host of community organizations, including work as a director of the Bucks County Council of Boy Scouts, Family Service Association of Bucks County and the Central Bucks Family YMCA.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan Jr. was the first recipient of the award in 1993. Other recipients of the award, which is now named in Justice Brennan’s honor, are: President Judge Alvin B. Rubin of the Philadelphia Bar Court of Common Pleas (1998); Judge Phyllis W. Beck of the Pennsylvania Superior Court (1997); Chief Judge Edward R. Becker of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (1998); Judge Louis C. Bechtle of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (2000); Judge Russell M. Nigro of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court (2002); U.S. District Court Judge Louis H. Pollack (2003); and Judge James R. Melisson, retired U.S. Chief Magistrate Judge (2004). The Brennan Award was not given in 2001.

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Donna Brazile, a senior political strategist and manager of Al Gore’s 2000 presidential campaign, will be the keynote speaker at the Association’s Tuesday, Oct. Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets.

“We are very excited to have such a dynamic speaker. Especially one who has been involved in some of the most important political campaigns of recent years,” said Chancellor Andrew A. Chirks. “Her insight into the process should prove fascinating to our members.”

Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge Phyllis W. Beck will receive the Association’s Sandra Day O’Connor Award at the event. Before joining the Gore campaign, Brazile was chief of staff and press secretary to U.S. Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton of the District of Columbia.

Brazile is a weekly contributor and political commentator on CNN’s “Inside Politics” and “American Morning.” In addition, she is a columnist for the Daily Beast and appears on PBS’s “Washington Week.” She has been involved in some of the most important political campaigns of recent years, including Carter-Mondale in 1976, Mondale-Ferraro in 1984; U.S. Rep. Dick Gephardt in 1988; Dukakis-Bentsen in 1988, and Clinton-Gore in 1992 and 1996.

Brazile has served as a senior lecturer and adjunct professor at the University of Maryland and a fellow at the National Journal’s Institute for Politics.

Brazile is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including Washingtonian magazine’s 100 Most Powerful Women in Washington, D.C. and the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation’s Award for Political Achievement.

This is not the first Bar Association honor for Judge Beck. In 1997, she received the Association’s Justice William J. Brennan Jr. Distinguished Jurist Award.

Judge Beck was appointed to the Superior Court by Gov. Dick Thornburgh in 1983. She was elected statewide to a 10-year term in November 1985 and retained in 1995. She is the first woman to serve on the Court. Judge Beck assumed the judgeship after serving as vice dean of the University of Pennsylvania Law School where she also taught. Prior to that time she was a faculty member at Temple Law Center. Her route to the bench included a bachelor’s degree from Brown University, Magna Cum Laude, and a law degree in 1987 from Temple Law School, night division, where she was first in her class.

Prior to her academic career, Judge Beck engaged in the general practice of law. She is the author of many scholarly articles. She is a member of the American Law Institute, American Judicature Society, National Association of Women Judges, and an overseer at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. She is vice president of the Philadelphia Free Library, president of the Foundation for Cognitive Therapy and chair of the Independence Foundation. She is a board member of Villanova Law School and Temple Law School, the Mann Center for the Performing Arts, WHYY, and the Museum of American Jewish History. She serves on the Pennsylvania Commission on Women in the Profession and the Joint State Government Commission on Domestic Relations. She was a representative of the U.S. State Department in Argentina addressing Civic Participation in Judicial Reform. She is a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania.

Judge Beck will become chief financial officer of the Independence Foundation, a nonprofit organization that supports organizations that provide services to people who do not ordinarily have access to them.

The Sandra Day O’Connor Award was established in 1995 to recognize the important contributions that women attorneys have made to the legal profession.

Previous winners of the Sandra Day O’Connor Award include U.S. District Court Senior Judge Norma L. Shapiro, the late Juanita Kidd Stout, former justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court; Deborah R. Willig, first woman Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association; 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; Lisa G. Roomberg of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, the late Judge Judith J. Jamison; Ellen T. Greenlee, chief defender of the Defender Association of Philadelphia; former Chancellor Audrey C. Talley; and U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Marjorie O. Rendell.

Philadelphia Bar Association October Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon

Tuesday, Oct. 18 at Noon at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue, Broad and Walnut Streets

• Featuring presentation of the Sandra Day O’Connor Award to Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge Phyllis W. Beck

• Presentation of William J. Brennan Jr. Distinguished Jurist Award to U.S. District Court Judge Edwin V. Ludwig

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Access to Justice Campaign Aids City’s Neediest

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The money raised by Access to Justice goes directly to the grants that the Foundation makes each year to local organizations that provide direct legal services. Last year, with the help of the Access to Justice campaign, the Bar Foundation was able to increase its giving by 12 percent over the prior year.

Each year the campaign’s success stems from the active participation of a small network of “liaisons” who work with the Bar Foundation. At each of 32 different local firms, a liaison works with the Bar Foundation staff to recruit members of the Bar Foundation. The liaisons sent out e-mails, coordinated membership drives, and even held raffles for those who signed up as members of the Bar Foundation.

The Bar Foundation would like to thank its liaisons as well as each member of the Access to Justice campaign (listed below), for their continuing support of the Foundation and its mission to help Philadelphia’s poor and disadvantaged gain better access to the remedies offered by our justice system.

These names of the Access to Justice campaign are in addition to our Hamilton Circle members and Advocates of Justice. In an upcoming edition of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter, the Bar Foundation will publish the names of the members of the Hamilton Circle (those who give $1,000 a year for 10 years) and the Advocates of Justice (those who give $25,000 over three years).

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Have you ever been faced with the task of trying to find a perfect gift for someone special but knowing that the person doesn’t need anything? Luckily, many of the people reading this column are in a position where someone doesn’t need anything? But what about when you took that money and instead gave a present that could literally change someone’s life.

Recently, the Philadelphia Bar Foundation received a check for $500. It seems Michael Barrett, of Saltz Mongeluzzi Barrett & Bendisky PC, performed arbitration services for Alex Giacobetti and Harry Levant. Harry and Alex wanted to acknowledge Michael’s service, so they sent a donation to the Bar Foundation in honor of Michael and his work. That $500 will go directly to a Bar Foundation grant to a local organization. Right now I can’t tell you how that money will be allocated. But I can tell you it will make a big difference in someone’s life. It could go to Community Legal Services, to help fund an attorney who will help an elderly couple keep their house as they fight a fraudulent home repair case. Or it could help provide for an advocate to work with a victim of domestic violence. Or it could help a student obtain the special education classes she needs.

Think about what would happen if you made a gift to someone’s life. The ultimate beneficiary might never thank you personally, but the Bar Foundation will be able to tell you how your gift made a difference.

Is someone you know celebrating a special birthday? Did a friend just make partner in his or her firm? Is a trusted colleague retiring? Are friends celebrating a milestone anniversary? You could give them a gift certificate to see a play, and though the evening would be enjoyable, the gift would be gone with the evening’s final curtain call. Instead, think about a gift that would have a lasting impact.

Starting with Harry and Alex’s generous gift in honor of Michael Barrett, the Bar Foundation will print the names of these special donations. We want to acknowledge the people who choose to honor their friends and colleagues in this special way.

If you make this kind of donation, you can even specify that you would like your gift directed toward one or several of the many Bar Foundation grantees. In that way, if you wanted to celebrate the birth of a friend’s baby, you might ask that your donation go to the Support Center for Child Advocates. Or if your firm is celebrating an anniversary and you have a special working relationship with one of our grantees, you could ask that your donation go to that organization.

Please consider making a donation to the Bar Foundation today. If you would like to make a donation to the Bar Foundation to honor someone special, please contact Maureen Mingey, the executive director of the Foundation, at 215-238-6534 or by e-mail at mmingey@philabar.org.

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The Philadelphia Bar Foundation has announced that the theme for this year’s Andrew Hamilton Ball is “Viva Las Vegas.”

The Ball will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12 at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets. Tickets are $575 for patrons, $325 for members of the Young Lawyers Division. Tickets for the event will be available online at philadelphiabar.org.

Frederick Strober of Saul Ewing LLP and Carol Nelson Shepherd of Feldman, Shephard, Wohlgelernter, Tanner & Weinstock are the chairs for this year’s event.

The Andrew Hamilton Ball is the premiere social event of the year for the Philadelphia legal community.

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“Mussolini made the trains run on time,” Italians used to say of their infamous leader. Despite his fascist political ideology that ultimately embroiled Italy on the wrong side of a world war, Mussolini was looked upon favorably (up to a point) by many of his fellow citizens because his leadership made their lives more efficient and, therefore, easier.

Recent current events have made me reflect on the duties of our political leaders. Lest they have forgotten, they work for us, not for themselves. If government cannot be relied on to meet the basic needs of its citizenry, then there is really little need for it. What other justification can there be for the taxes that we pay?

The most recent example of the failures of government is the Hurricane Katrina nightmare. Finger-pointing and playing political dodgeball is of little help to the victims. The fact that hundreds of thousands went without food, water, electricity and other necessities means that somebody (or perhaps everybody) failed.

Lest you think that governmental apathy or mismanagement is something that could happen only in Mississippi or Louisiana, think again. People the world over were stunned at the contemporary images of poverty in the South. Unfortunately, Philadelphia is not that far behind in the number of poor people that live here. I commend our city’s leadership for volunteering to take in victims of Hurricane Katrina. I wonder, though, if there is room at the Wanamaker School for the homeless of New Orleans, why isn’t there room there or at other facilities for Philadelphia’s homeless? There is really no good reason why anybody in this city should make his/her home on a sidewalk. The problems of poverty and homelessness have no easy solutions, but our leaders should at least do more than throw their collective hands up in the air.

If a natural disaster or terrorist attack were to befall Philadelphia, there is no explicit emergency response plan. Apparently, there is no money for it, just like there is no money to back up the city’s electronic data servers that contain health records, criminal histories and court information. Neither are there high enough priorities for a city that needs to triple-pay some of its contractors for work that was never performed.

How about something easy, like basic city services? Why is trash sitting piled up for days in the middle of summer? Why is it not possible to walk a street in Center City without an olfactory attack of the senses? A world-class tourist and residential destination (like Philadelphia has the potential to become) should not smell like a sewer or a toilet. Sure, it’s not easy to keep a major urban center clean. I recently visited Chicago where I was amazed by how clean the streets looked and the air smelled. I am certainly not an expert on how Chicago compares to Philadelphia in all areas. Mine are just the observations of a first-time visitor. Perhaps like Italians in the 1930s, we would be willing to tolerate more if we got more from our politicians in terms of leadership, accountability and strategic vision. Right now, there seems to be a vacuum. In addition to donating money, let us all work together to bring about reforms for a government that is truly “by the people, of the people, and for the people.”

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Deadline for Bar Foundation Award Nominees is Oct. 10

Nominations are now being accepted for the Philadelphia Bar Foundation Award, which will recognize a public interest lawyer who has evidenced an exceptional career in working for the public good. The deadline for nominations is Monday, Oct. 10.

The Bar Foundation will present an award to recognize and reward annually a Philadelphia public-sector lawyer who has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to public interest law. The award will be presented at the Bar Foundation’s Andrews Hamilton Ball on Saturday, Nov. 12.

Nominations from all quarters are welcomed and encouraged. Those who wish to nominate an individual for the award should send a detailed letter explaining the reasons for the nomination (including supporting materials) to: Audrey C. Talley, Esq., Chair, Awards Committee, Philadelphia Bar Foundation, 1101 Market St., 11th Fl., Philadelphia, PA 19107.

The criteria for the award winner is as follows:
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Society’s ‘Nobodies’ Need Lawyers, Too

by Sharon Browning

Post-Hurricane Katrina relief and recovery efforts are well under way. The outpouring of help and offers of assistance, including those by lawyers, reveal the inherent goodness and compassion of Americans. Perhaps now, in the terrible aftermath of the storm but also in light of these demonstrations of kindness, we would do well to undertake some collective soul searching.

How can such a tragedy happen here, in this country of wealth and opportunity, and as lawyers, what might we do to help avoid a similar catastrophe?

Much has been written of the ‘invisibility’ of low income, black residents of New Orleans and other affected areas. As a way both of breaking open this issue and of understanding the lessons it might hold for our profession, I offer the following vignette.

Recently, I stood at a teller’s window in a Center City bank, vaguely aware of the customer at the adjacent window completing his transaction and walking away. The teller who had just served this man turned to the teller at my window and muttered angrily under her breath, ‘Doesn’t he ever wash? I’m a human being, for God’s sake’.

She then looked at me, somewhat apologetically, and said, ‘It’s mostly the lawyers’.

They’re the worst!

Let’s be kind, and assume the best about the lawyers of whom the teller complained. Let’s choose to believe that it’s not outright rudeness, but rather, blindness that causes this behavior. Some people are simply invisible to us. It’s not a stretch to connect this story to the horrors following Katrina’s wake: the issue raised by the bank teller is precisely the issue raised by the needless suffering of so many who were simply not seen, not planned for, not valued. How can so many living on so little have so much wealth in this country, and yet not be able to live?

We need to ask ourselves if there is something inherent in our training and practice that makes it almost inevitable that lawyers will be primary offenders when it comes to simply not seeing whole categories of people. As Benjamin Sells points out in his book, The Soul of Law, such flawed perception is at least partially caused by a well-established, nurtured and firmly held belief in the value of hierarchy. Let’s face it: dominance hierarchy is foundational to law. Consider both legal training and the linear structure of all of our legal institutions. And the higher we climb the professional ladder, the more distanced we become from the people we cover.

Frankly, this ‘invisibility’ is one of the reasons it is so difficult to get lawyers to take pro bono cases. Living as we do at such vast geographic, social and emotional distances from those whose the British call ‘the socially excluded,’ we don’t see them, and so do not perceive their needs, least of all their legal problems.

Robert Fuller elaborates on the negative social consequences of the hierarchical worldview in the book Smooched and Nobbled, and as an antidote, suggests what he calls ‘dignitarianism,’ the recognition of the inherent, fundamental dignity of every human person, regardless of their status or credentials.

Perhaps it is time for us to question our profession’s reliance upon hierarchy as a key value, to embrace ‘dignitarianism,’ and to see, and value: Everyone as Someone in the law.

We’re lawyers. We’re supposed to be justice experts. A significant and meaningful way to honor the victims of Katrina would be to begin to live justly ourselves, to see those living on the social margins in Philadelphia every day, wreaking havoc with the lives of local residents, people who suffer from different, but equally devastating displacement and trauma.

We don’t need to look to the devastated southland to see the effects of structural, systemic poverty and racism. It’s right here in Philadelphia every day, wreaking havoc with the lives of local residents, people who suffer from different, but equally devastating displacement and trauma.
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Monday, Oct. 3
Family Law Section – meeting, 4 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Wednesday, Oct. 5
Delivery of Legal Services Committee – meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.
State Civil Rules and Procedures Section – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Thursday, Oct. 6
Civil Rights Committee – meeting, 12:15 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee – meeting, 12:15 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.
Philadelphia Bar Reporter Editorial Board – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Cabinet Room.

Friday, Oct. 7
Philadelphia Bar Foundation Finance Committee – meeting, 8:30 a.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.
Judicial Commission – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Women’s Rights Committee – meeting, 12:15 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.

Monday, Oct. 10
Philadelphia Bar Foundation Finance Committee – meeting, 8:30 a.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.

Tuesday, Oct. 11
Criminal Justice Section Executive Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Philadelphia Bar Foundation Board of Trustees – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.

Wednesday, Oct. 12
Philadelphia Bar Foundation Finance Committee – meeting, 8:30 a.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.
Appellate Courts Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Thursday, Oct. 13
Yom Kippur – Bar Association offices closed.

Friday, Oct. 14
Women’s Rights Committee – meeting, 12:15 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.
The Philadelphia Lawyer magazine Editorial Board – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Sunday, Oct. 16
Young Lawyers Division ZooBoolee – 3 p.m., Philadelphia Zoo. Tickets: Adults, $30; Children 2-11, $17; Children under 2, free. philadelphiabar.org

Wednesday, Oct. 19
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: $7.50.

Friday, Oct. 20
Section Chairs Meeting with Chancellor – 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Criminal Justice Section – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center: Lunch: $7.50.
Women in the Profession Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Friday, Oct. 21
Social Security and Disability Benefits Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

Monday, Oct. 24
Young Lawyers Division Cabinet – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Cabinet Room.

Tuesday, Oct. 25
Section Chairs Meeting with Chancellor – 8 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Wednesday, Oct. 26
Medical Legal Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Thursday, Oct. 27
Elder Law Committee – meeting, 1 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center: Lunch: $7.50.
Board of Governors – meeting, 4 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Monday, Oct. 31
Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

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Monday, Oct. 17
Public Interest Section Executive Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Environmental Law Committee – meeting, 12 p.m. 11th floor Conference Center: Lunch: $7.50.

Tuesday, Oct. 18
October Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon – 12 p.m., Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets. Tickets: $50. philadelphiabar.org.

Wednesday, Oct. 19
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: $7.50.
Bar-News Media Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.
Federal Courts Committee – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.
LegalLine – 5 p.m., 11th floor LRIS offices.

Thursday, Oct. 20
Board of Governors Cabinet – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.
Family Law Section Executive Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center rear.
Solo and Small Firm Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.
Professional Responsibility Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

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Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Sandra Schultz Newman (center) addressed members of the State Civil Litigation Section on Sept. 7. Joining Justice Newman (from left) are Section Secretary Kathleen D. Wilkinson, Co-Chairs Ronald A. Kover and Rudolph Garcia and Treasurer Richard S. Seidel.
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Bar Foundation

ZooBoolee

The ZooBoolee was first held in 2002 and has quickly become a family favorite among Bar Association members. Sponsored by the Young Lawyers Division of the Bar Association, the ZooBoolee is held annually in October at the Philadelphia Zoo. Attendees enjoy a day of animals, food, music, and costume contests. In addition, adults enjoy a raffle and extensive silent auction. All of the proceeds from the silent auction, along with the price of admission to the event, benefit the Philadelphia Bar Foundation.

Photo galleries from Bar Association events will also be available on the new version of philadelphiabar.org.

A new feature of the ZooBoolee is the ability to update your location in the ZooBoolee website. To do this, log in to your philadelphiabar.org account and click on the "Member Log-in" button at the top of the page. Once logged in, you can access your Member ID Number and Password for the future.

Choose Your News Source

By completing this registration process, your Section and Committee affiliations will be automatically updated on your personalized home page. In addition, you can select from a menu of news, financial and other special content. Your personalized home page will be automatically populated based upon your own interests. For example, you can select news feeds from CNN, MSNBC, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, the New York Times, and the American Bar Association. Headlines will appear on your personalized home page that link to the full story.

The headlines are made possible through RSS (Really Simple Syndication) news feeds, which are automatically updated throughout the day, and allows members to stay abreast of legal, financial and popular news without leaving their personalized home page.

You can also list your favorite Internet links, such as Amazon.com, for your personalized home page.

Although non-members, and Association members who choose not to register, will be unable to view personal information on philadelphiabar.org, they will still be fully informed about Association activities, and breaking legal news, at the same Web address.

Members will also be able to pay their dues online with a credit card, view and edit their membership database listing, view photo galleries from Bar events, manage list serve subscriptions, and enroll in discussion groups with other attorneys in their practice areas.

The Web site also features a new, easier-to-use navigation system that allows members and visitors to find the information they need quickly in a more user-friendly horizontal tab format.

"The Web site is one of our most important and valued membership benefits," said Chancellor Andrew A. Chirls. "The new philadelphiabar.org is a fresh, vibrant site, featuring the latest technology. It provides our members with exciting new ways to interact with the Association and take advantage of its many services. We want the Bar Association's home page to be the first place our members turn every day for Bar Association news, and for local and national legal information."

New and Enhanced Features

Some of philadelphiabar.org's other new or enhanced features include:

- Improved Member Services

In addition to updating their membership profile and viewing their section and committee memberships, members can immediately join a new section or committee. They can also reserve meeting space online.

- Modernized calendar

The Bar Association's calendar of events will be presented in an easy-to-read grid format, rather than the previous cumbersome single-page format. Members can click on an event, such as a Quarterly Meeting Luncheon, view detailed information about it, register, enter a credit card number and pay—all at once—regardless of whether it is a special event or routine committee or section luncheon meeting.

- Discussion boards

While the popular network of more than 50 practice-specific list serves remains an important feature of the Bar's services to members, the new discussion boards will enable members to post questions for other attorneys in their areas of practice, or respond to queries posted by their colleagues.

- Member search

You can search for contact information for other Section members. Simply enter the last name of the member for whom you are searching. Search results will display the full name, firm and e-mail address of other Section members. Searches are restricted, so you must be a member of a Section in order to view contact information for other Section members.

Updates Available

Additionally, the Web site will link to the The Legal Directory Online, a subscription-based service (thelegaldirectory.org) that offers easy online lookup of attorneys in the Philadelphia area, with contact information, areas of concentration, law firm profiles and more.

Subscribers to this service also can update their Legal Directory profile online at any time.

The new philadelphiabar.org will provide services to members aimed at surpassing those found on other bar association Web sites, and fulfills the Association's goal of creating a personalized and interactive online presence that provides members with many reasons to visit the site daily. The Web site contains numerous enhancements, and the differences between the old and new designs are dramatic. The new site simply looks better, with a horizontal design that fits better on today's larger computer monitors. The text is easier to read, the colors brighter, and there is far less clutter.

As a result, visitors can more easily distinguish among news, event listings, and advertisements and other promotional messages. While these changes may appear to be cosmetic, they are just one aspect of a revision that encompasses every aspect of the site. After pursuing the home page, members and visitors can click on the many tabs just below the Association's logo, and navigate easily around the site. For example, clicking on the "Member Center" tab will bring up links to Web pages that will allow members to update their profiles, explore various member benefits, participate in list serves and join the Lawyer Referral and Information Service. Similarly, visitors can navigate to all of the Association's specialized sections and committees from the eponymously named "Sections and Committees" tab.

As another example, philadelphiabar.org visitors who click on the "Publications and Resources" tab will see past and current issues of Association publications, including The Philadelphia Lawyer and the Philadelphia Bar Reporter monthly newspaper.

The goal of the new philadelphiabar.org was to create a Web site that members not only would visit, but would make a regular part of their daily activities. One result of the redesign is a Web site that features the news and information Association members need most—displayed in an easy-to-use format.

The Bar Association unveiled its current Web site in 2000, and at the time it was a state-of-the-art product. In the ensuing years, however, the site had become somewhat dated.

Consequently, in 2005, under the leadership of Chancellor Audrey C. Talley, the Association sought proposals to revitalize the site and transform it into a dynamic, member-friendly portal that would enable members to use it more frequently as a resource, and not simply as a destination to verify the time of an upcoming meeting.

Chancellor Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua created the new Web site, and the design work began during his year and continued under the leadership of Chancellor Chirls. The Association’s Web Site RFP Committee was of invaluable assistance to the project. Members of that Committee included Gregory Mathews (chair); Sandra Jeskie, Rudolph Garcia and Thomas Mahoney. The new Web site improves upon the old site’s best features and adds customizable content that will, the Association believes, give members and visitors a reason to return frequently.

Jenifer Mattson Sandman contributed to this article.
Marketing Seminar for Lawyers Oct. 21

"Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Business – A One-Day Law Marketing Seminar for the Busy Attorney" is preceded by a day of technology programming in conjunction with the ABA Law Practice Management Fall Meeting in Philadelphia on Oct. 20 to 22.

A one-day primer on business development efforts and strategies will be held at the Loews Hotel in Philadelphia on Friday, Oct. 21, developed by the Law Practice Management section of the American Bar Association, in conjunction with the Philadelphia Bar Association. The full day program, including breakfast, lunch, promotional gifts and written materials is only $195.

“This is the most comprehensive one-day marketing program ever created, by attorneys for attorneys,” said Micah Buchdahl, Education Board Chair for the ABA Law Practice Management Section.

“For less than $200, lawyers and law firm staff will learn about every key area of business development being utilized today,” he said.

Program highlights include:

• What Women (In-House Counsel) Want – A panel of in-house counsel from Comcast, Glassdoor/Kline and Gambett Co. discuss what they are looking for from outside counsel. Sponsored by the ABA Women Rainmakers.

• Extreme Marketing Makeover 10x10 – The ultimate two-hour program hitting on the hottest areas of law firm marketing today, featuring 10 speakers for ten minutes each, discussing budgeting, ethics, publications, trade shows, sales coaching, client surveys, pro bono and charitable foundations, alumni relations, recruiting and proposals.

• Branding: Will Law Firms Ever Get It Right? – This working luncheon, sponsored by American Lawyer Media, has an expert panel of expert brand marketers, from the law firm perspective (Bob Gery of Milbank), marketing communications agency (Alan Sharovsky of Sharavsky Communications) and successful blue chip corporation branders (fly Brown, Brand Franchise Director, Johnson & Johnson/McNeil Nutritional). Sponsored by the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

• Internet Marketing Excellence – Where Does It End, and How Do I Begin? – From Web sites, blogs and extranets to specialty sites, adwords and search engine optimization, a panel of the nation’s top law Web experts discuss how to move forward online. For the first time ever, the founders of Visalaw.com, Findlaw.com and Justia.com, InternetMarketing-Attorney.com, and the CMO of Bullivant.com come together to offer trends and tips to success.

• The Art of Effective Public & Media Relations – From the preparation of press releases to development of media contacts, attorney and founder of Infinite PR, Jamie Diaferia, moderates a panel of journalists and publishers.

Local law firms participating as speakers in this seminar include Saul Ewing LLP, Reed Smith LLP, Young Conway, Volpe & Koenig; Pepper Hamilton, LLP; Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, Post & Schell, P.C.; Duane Morris LLP; and Schnader, Harrison Segal & Lewis.

Prior to the marketing program, a full day on e-filing and e-discovery will take place on Thursday, Oct 20. Registration is available for either day, or both.

For more information on the ABA Law Practice Management meetings and program, including online registration and an update of faculty and sponsors, please visit www.lawpractice.org/fallmeeting.
selection system provides a forum for discussion of important legal issues traditionally ignored outside of courtroom walls.

Roberts, a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, held a variety of legal positions in previous administrations, followed by a career as a noted appellate lawyer. Many of the questions posed by committee members explored Judge Roberts’ role in developing and advocating legal positions taken during his career. These questions provided spectators with an opportunity to consider the nominee’s legal experience.

The hearing also afforded an opportunity for onlookers to evaluate Judge Roberts’ temperament, demeanor and perspectives on often-overlooked legal issues. In an elected system, however, disinterested voters refuse to pay much attention. While much of the Roberts hearing focused on big-picture issues such as abortion and civil rights, committee members and Judge Roberts held colloquies on often-overlooked topics such as eminent domain, the role of the federal judiciary and respect for precedent and stare decisis. Of course, lawyers understand that stare decisis is an important principle affecting nearly every issue within the legal realm. But, absent public discussion, the general public is likely to confuse stare decisis with a Vincent Van Gogh painting. In a remarkable turn of events, the Roberts hearing brought stare decisis to the forefront in The Philadelphia Inquirer, The New York Times, Washington Post and other major media outlets. In an elected judicial system, however, discussion of seemingly abstract concepts such as stare decisis are either ignored because they lack vote-getting potential, or lost to the white noise generated by the political process and simultaneous campaigns.

We can learn a great deal from the nomination and confirmation hearing of Judge Roberts. We should not, however, myopically view the hearing merely as an opportunity to assess Judge Roberts, or even his views on important legal issues. While those two fundamental aspects of the hearing are incredibly important, we should also use this rare opportunity to observe the federal judicial selection system in action. Just as the federal judicial selection system showcases individual nominees, this high visibility hearing also showcased the process for selecting judges in the federal system.

As stakeholders in the legal field, Philadelphia lawyers should carefully consider not just the effect that Judge Roberts’ nomination (and potential confirmation) will have on the law, but the effect that the process itself could, and perhaps should, have on the manner of judicial selection in Pennsylvania. Christopher L. Soriano and Scott A. Goeddel are associates with WolfBlock.

Chancellor Discusses Roberts Hearings

Chancellor Andrew A. Chirls answers a question from CBS 3 Eyewitness News anchor Marc Howard during the taping of “Eyewitness Newsmakers” on Sept. 9. Chirls discussed the Senate Judiciary Committee’s confirmation hearings of Judge John Roberts. The interview was televised on Sept. 11.

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Gregory B. Williams, a partner at Fox Rothschild LLP, has been appointed as a Hearing Committee member serving the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and as a member of the eFiling Committee serving the Supreme Court of Delaware.

Julie B. Negovan, a member of Cozen O’Connor, was recently elected president of the Warwick Township Republican Club Executive Board, which organizes fundraisers and helps with volunteer efforts on local campaigns.

Robert A. Korn, a principal with Kaplin Stewart Meloff Reiter & Stein, PC, has been appointed to the Planning Commission of Whitmarsh Township, Pa.

Carl Anthony Main, a member of Fox Rothschild LLP, has been appointed International Reinsurance Law Chair by the International Association of Defense Counsel.

David A. Gradwohl, a partner with Fox Rothschild LLP, was a guest speaker at the Pennsylvania School Board Association’s Summer Law and Governance Workshop on July 16 in Lancaster, Pa.

John F. Guallace of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP was a speaker at the Montgomery Bar Association’s CLE seminar “New and Timothy Environmental Law Topics” on Aug. 2.


Nicole C. Whittington, an associate at White and Williams LLP, has been appointed to the National Urban League Board of Trustees, effective Nov. 1.

Bonnie A. Sheehan, a member of Fox Rothschild LLP, has been accepted into the Class of 2006 Community Leadership Institute of the Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Joseph P. Stampone, founder and principal shareholder of Stampone D’Angelo Renzi DiPietro was knighted in Italy as a “Cavaliere di Cristo” with the Templar Order. This high honor is bestowed on those of Italian ancestry who demonstrate loyalty to their Italian heritage while giving back to the community philanthropically.

Gaetan J. Alfano, founding shareholder of Alfano & Raspanti, has been appointed to the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission by Pennsylvania Gov. Edward G. Rendell.

Jacob C. Cohn, a member of Cozen O’Connor, recently discussed “The Asbestos Bankruptcy Landscape” at the Mealey’s Asbestos Litigation 101 Conference in New Orleans.

Cynthia M. Philo, executive director of Philadelphia’s Old City District, has been appointed a member of the Executive Board for the Citizens Crime Commission of the Delaware Valley.

Michael H. Krekstein, a partner with Fineman Krekstein & Harris, P.C., has been elected to his ninth two-year term on the Board of Trustees of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

Neil A. Stein, a principal with Kaplin Stewart Meloff Reiter & Stein, P.C., discussed “The Nuts and Bolts of the Plan Approval Process” at the Lorman seminar on “Advanced Zoning and Land Use in Pennsylvania” on Aug. 11.

Marsha F. Santangelo, M.D., an attorney at The Beadley Firm, LLC, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association.

Judith Widman, a sole practitioner, was a speaker at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute program “Tax Consequences in Divorce: Avoiding the Pitfalls” on Aug. 18.

James J. DeMarco Jr. of DeMarco & DeMarco, PC, has been appointed as ward attorney for the 40th Ward in South Philadelphia.

Marc S. Raspanti, a founding shareholder of Miller, Alfano & Raspanti P.C., discussed “The Criminalization of Regulated Conduct and Handling the Defense of a Criminal Investigation” at the Federal Bar Association’s Annual Meeting in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on Sept. 22-24.

Carlson & Banks, Pond, Lebicky & Wilson, participated in the National Bar Institute’s seminar “Advanced Workers Compensation in Pennsylvania” on Aug. 11 in Philadelphia.

Jay Barry Harris, a senior partner with Fineman Krekstein & Harris, PC, recently presented the defense perspective at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute seminar “Litigating Tractor Trailer Accidents”.

Richard J. Perr, a partner with Fineman Krekstein & Harris, P.C., has been appointed Pennsylvania state compliance chair of the Members’ Attorney Program of ACA International, the trade association of credit and collection professionals.

John R. Washlick, a member of Cozen O’Connor, has been appointed to serve a third term as chair of the hospitals and health system practice group of the American Health Lawyers Association.

Robert D. Liebengerg, a partner at Finn, Kaplan and Black, P.C., has been appointed to the American Bar Association’s Standing Committee on Federal habeas, a panel that evaluates and rates judicial nominees for federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court.

Amy Clothier Gaudion, an associate with Hangley Aronchick Segal & Pillin, has been reappointed to the Pennsylvania Commission for Women by Gov. Edward G. Rendell.

Jules Epstein, a visiting associate professor at Widener University School of Law, moderated a panel on “Emerging Legal Issues with Science and Police Investigation Tools” at the National Conference on Science, Technology and the Law in St. Petersburg, Fla., on Sept. 12 to 14.

Joseph S. Ziccardi, a sole practitioner and retired colonel in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps, has been reappointed as civilian aide to Secretary of the Army Francis J. Harvey.

Alfred J. Carlsohn, a partner with Martin, Banks, Pond, Lebicky & Wilson, participated in the National Bar Institute’s seminar “Advances in Workers Compensation in Pennsylvania” on Aug. 11 in Philadelphia.

Jay Barry Harris, a senior partner with Fineman Krekstein & Harris, PC, recently presented the defense perspective at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute seminar “Litigating Tractor Trailer Accidents”.

Richard M. Jaworski, a partner with Galfand Berger, LLP, was a faculty member at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s “Defending the Back Injury Case” CLE seminar on Aug. 11.

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