Scottoline, Gutmann Highlight Quarterly

by Jeff Lyons

The New York Times bestselling author and Philadelphia lawyer Lisa Scottoline will be on hand to sign copies of her latest book, Killer Smile, at the Association’s Oct. 21 Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon.

As previously reported, University of Pennsylvania President Dr. Amy Gutmann will be the keynote speaker at the event, which will also include the presentation of the Association’s Sandra Day O’Connor Award to Judge Marjorie O. Rendell of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Tickets for the event, which begins at noon in the Ballroom at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets, are $50 for Association members and $55 for nonmembers. Tickets can be purchased online at www.philadelphiabar.org.

Killer Smile is the latest installment of Scottoline’s series starring the all-female law firm of Rosato & Associates.

Justice William J. Brennan Jr. Distinguished Jurist Award

by Jeff Lyons

Retired U.S. District Court Chief Magistrate Judge James R. Melinson will receive the Association’s Justice William J. Brennan Jr. Distinguished Jurist Award at the Association’s Oct. 21 Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon.

“I was absolutely delighted to learn that I’ll receive the Justice Brennan Award – though I must say that I was somewhat humbled as well,” Judge Melinson said.

“When I think about some of the distinguished jurists who have received this award over the years, it’s a little overwhelming. But what makes it most special for me is that it is an award given by lawyers. I have always believed that the best judges are those who never forgot what it was like to be a practicing lawyer – and I have always hoped that the lawyers in my courtroom sensed that belief in the way we ran our chambers. In any event, I’ll accept the award on behalf of all of my colleagues on the bench,” he said.

Judge Melinson was appointed as a magistrate judge in 1990 and was chief magistrate judge for the last seven years before retiring in September. Before joining the federal bench, Judge Melinson was appointed by former Pennsylvania Gov. Robert P. Casey to the Superior Court of Pennsylvania where he participated in more than 1,000 cases and wrote more than 400 opinions.

“It is difficult to leave work you enjoy and colleagues you admire and respect. I know that no matter where I go or what I do, I’ll never find a situation to equal my experience on this court. Public service is extremely gratifying, and I am comforted by the thought that, during my time on one of the nation’s finest and most historic courts, I had countless opportunities to make a difference, not only in the lives of those who came before the court, but in the administration of justice in general. What more could you ask for?” Judge Melinson said.

As much as Judge Melinson will miss his colleagues on the court, he’s truly excited about what lies ahead with his new position as an arbitrator for JAMS Alternative Dispute Resolution.

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Your employees are out there making shipments. How do you manage it all from here?
The habits of thinking in a free country should inspire caution in those entrusted with its administration to confine themselves in their respective constitutional spheres, avoiding in the exercise of the powers of one department, to encroach upon another.

— George Washington

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Terroism can be a difficult subject, especially during an election campaign. But some things are fundamental. And our Association’s position regarding the basic issues surrounding the serious threat our nation now faces has not changed since Sept. 11, 2001.

Along with our steadfast commitment, our then-Chancellor Carl Primavera articulated the need for a new resolution for an immediate national resolution that we must prepare ourselves for a long and difficult struggle. At the same time he cautioned that we must adhere to our core democratic principles and to the wonderful system of checks and balances established by the genius of our Founding Fathers. They clearly appreciated the need to keep the three branches of government in balance by having each of them act as a check on the other.

In January 2002, the Association’s Board of Governors approved a resolution stating that anyone charged in connection with terrorism be afforded a “full and fair” trial. This resolution came on the heels of the creation of the special military commissions. Our Association noted that all accused are entitled to an independent and impartial tribunal, with proceedings open to the press and public, except for specific and compelling reasons, and to the review of any conviction by a higher tribunal.

Since the creation of the military commissions, various suits were filed in federal courts. This was to be expected. And it soon became clear that the U.S. Supreme Court would likely take up the issue of detainees’ rights. The Court did so. A trio of Supreme Court rulings in June of this year rejected much of the current administration’s argument that it had the power to detain terror suspects indefinitely without charges or trial, or access to the outside world.

Arguing more vigorously for the rights of the detainees in a dissent from one of the decisions, Justice Antonin Scalia wrote: “The very core of liberty secured by our Anglo-Saxon system of separated powers has been freedom from indefinite imprisonment at the will of the executive!” More suits have been filed since the Supreme Court’s rulings in June, challenging the government’s detention and treatment of the 600 people who have been held without a hearing for several years.

In a related move, the military organized new hearings at the Guantánamo Bay camp within weeks of the Supreme Court rulings. Preliminary orders on which panels will satisfy the Supreme Court’s admonition that prisoners must have a way to contest their captivity and preserve evidence in their defense. So far one of the detainees has been granted what amounts to a formal pardon: an official ruling by a tribunal that, after being held for nearly three years, he’s not an enemy combatant after all. And it was recently reported Yaser Es Hamdi, the plaintiff in one of the Supreme Court cases, may be freed.

The New York Times reported that the agreement to free Hamdi was driven by the Supreme Court decision, which was a major setback for the Bush Administration. The court decision in turn, according to the Times, led the administration to negotiate Hamdi’s release rather than give him a hearing.

The message is clear: if this struggle is about the survival of the America we know and love (and it is) then we are well advised to remember Washington’s words. The constitutional guarantors we treasure are meaningless without the checks and balances inherent in the separation of powers between the executive branches and the judicial branch. In the end, the defense of freedom rests on our ability to trust our justice system and the preservation of our liberties rest on our ability, in this time of crisis, to adhere to our core constitutional principles, including an independent judiciary’s review of an understandably zealous executive’s desire to protect the Republic and the lives of its citizens.

Ishimaru is currently the only Asian named to a federal civil rights commission. This year’s keynote speaker at its annual banquet.

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Family Law Section

Judge Field Addresses Family Court Changes

by Carolyn M. Zack

The federal government has given state and local authorities more flexibility in establishing and enforcing child support orders while at the same time providing additional financial incentives for meeting specific efficiency and performance ratings.

Judge Myrna P. Field, Family Court administrative judge for the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, and Ed Lehman, manager of data management in Family Court, addressed the Family Law Section on Sept. 13 to discuss structural changes in Family Court as a result of new requirements and initiatives with regard to the collection and enforcement of child support (known as the IV-D program).

The local government receives a credit of $1 for every $1 of child support money collected for an individual plaintiff and $2 for every $1 of child support money collected on behalf of a plaintiff receiving public assistance (TANF cases).

Judge Field and Lehman explained that, in order to take advantage of these incentives, the court has instituted an Improved Case Management Program (ICM Plan) which seeks to improve efficiency in establishment of a child support order; identification of paternity; collection of child support; and collection of child support arrears.

The ICM Plan requires conference officers and IV-D staff to look at the whole case and to try to address and resolve issues in each of the focus areas.

The biggest impact of the ICM plan has been an increase in the number of new employees recently hired in Family Court. Since July, the court has hired 25 new hearing officers and 40 new members of the clerical staff, all of whom are currently in the process of being trained. Of the 400 employees in Family Court, (not including judges and judicial staff) 350 are devoted to IV-D. The court has also implemented a team approach to handling cases. The teams consist primarily of newly hired employees headed by a more experienced conference officer who acts as a mentor.

Teams of hearing officers are working on getting money disbursed. The court does not get credit for money collected until it is disbursed. Currently, there is about $2.5 million in undisbursed support money. Most of this money is due to individual plaintiffs and not the Department of Public Welfare. Part of the problem is that plaintiffs are not notifying the court of job changes and address changes; the court cannot enforce support orders or disburse funds without current information on obligors and obligees.

All IV-D employees utilize the Pennsylvania Automated Child Support Enforcement System (PACSES) to monitor and track all child support cases. Teams of hearing officers are working on enforcement measures, while others are initiating and enforcing wage attachments, which are the

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Space limitation remains the biggest obstacle facing the Court of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Chief Judge James T. Giles told members of the Federal Courts Committee at its Sept. 15 meeting.

"We have an urgent need for space," Judge Giles told the committee. He said the court and the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit are both working to settle shortages of space for judges and personnel.

"There was a proposal to build more courtrooms and chambers over the Ceremonial Courtroom (at the U.S. Courthouse at 6th and Market Streets). But problems exist with that proposal because there’s a stream running underneath the building," he said.

Judge Giles said the court is working to build three more courtrooms and chambers in the Robert N.C. Nix Sr. Federal Building at 9th and Market streets, but he added these new facilities would not be adequate for criminal trials because of security issues.

"Space is now, and for the foreseeable future, a problem for us," Judge Giles said. "I'm sure we'll find a way to accommodate all the judges so they can dispatch the business of the court."

Four new judges have begun working within the district, Judge Giles said. "We’re working to get them comfortable with the way we do things. We’re not trying to make every judge uniform with the way we do things."

The court has also extended its hours by holding “Night Court” one night per week, making additional time available for the scheduling of cases as well as the payment and collection of support.

The court is striving to achieve an 80 percent efficiency rate, which is a difficult task for such a high-volume operation. The court staff, under Judge Field’s supervision, is discussing performance measures weekly in an effort to improve efficiency. Obviously, the more efficient the court is in collecting and enforcing support orders, the more money will be made available to obligees for the support of their children. Further, improved efficiency in the administration of support results in additional monies flowing to Family Court from the federal government, which will increase and enhance the services available to the public.

Carolyn M. Zack, a partner at Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, is chair of the Family Law Section.
The Young Lawyers Division, Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program and the SeniorLAW Center have created a new volunteer opportunity for the legal community to show its appreciation for the efforts and sacrifices made by members of the community by offering free will-preparation services.

Lawyers in any practice area are invited to attend “Wills for Kinship Caregivers,” a CLE training session on Wednesday, Oct. 6 from 12 to 2 p.m. in the 11th floor Conference Center at Bar Association headquarters, 1101 Market Street. Attorneys will learn the basics of drafting a will and free CLE credits will be available to those attendees who agree to take a case from VIP. Free lunch also will be provided.

The goal of this program is to offer free wills to foster grandparents and other caregivers who lack basic estate plans. “Our target clients are kinship caregivers. They’re individuals who are related to, but who, for one reason or another, haven’t adopted children in their care. They are foster grandparents, aunts or uncles as well as appointed guardians,” said Matthew L. Rosin, an associate at Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, and the YLD’s liaison to the Probate and Trust Section.

“We’re reaching out to both young lawyers and others who have limited experience in estate planning. We’ve arranged for a CLE that will help them get a little bit of background so that they can volunteer for a pro bono case with either the SeniorLAW Center or Philly VIP,” Rosin said, adding that experienced practitioners are also being sought for the program.

He said VIP and the SeniorLAW Center will screen prospective clients for eligibility and then the YLD will coordinate with them in terms of matching up attorneys. “If we have more attorneys than people on the list, we might go into the communities to seek out clients at community centers,” Rosin said.

Members of the Probate and Trust Section did go into the community during the spring and summer to help elderly indigent Philadelphians complete wills, financial powers of attorney and health care directives, with the help of the SeniorLAW Center.

“This is the Committee’s third time working on this project,” said M. Howard Vigderman, chair of the Public Service Committee of the Probate and Trust Law Section. “We worked with the SeniorLAW Center and we had about 25 volunteers who agreed to represent one or two indigent elderly clients that were identified by the SeniorLAW Center.”

“We were very fortunate to have volunteers from all experience levels. That makes this project very special. Even the leaders of the Section were involved, not just the more junior lawyers,” said Vigderman, a partner at Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP.

“For many of the clients, if they didn’t have the opportunity to meet with us, they’d die without a will. That would hold up the process of transferring property and bank accounts to their families. This program really helps streamline the system, if even in just a small way,” Vigderman said.

“The gratitude that the clients expressed makes it all worthwhile,” he said. “They were so thankful to have us come out and help them. That’s what it’s all about.”

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by Edward F. Chacker

My mother, Bella, took her oath to defend the United States on Jan. 17, 1937. My father, Rubin, did the same some time in 1936, making them both citizens of this great country. My brother, Nate, took a similar oath to defend in 1952 and was sent to Korea to serve with the 25th Division of the Fifth Army in what was technically known then as a police action. In my family, it is referred to as the Korean War. I took my first oath to defend the Constitution (as had my brother) in 1964. My second oath was on Sept. 8, 1973, when I became a member of the Bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Since then, just as many of you have, I have taken an oath to defend the Pennsylvania and U.S. constitutions and to serve honorably as an arbitrator for numerous courts.

Each of these oaths is worded differently. But all require the affiant to at least live up to the spirit of the pledge, if not its literal meaning. I have always believed that.

Our pledge as lawyers includes the obligation to promote and ensure access to justice for all.

Former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge, upon receiving our Association’s Bar Medal in 1999, spoke to the assembled lawyers at a Quarterly Meeting and cited the Pledge of Allegiance. The most important line to him was the last: “With liberty and justice for all.” He then went on to share his view of the unique responsibility of lawyers to help ensure that all people have an opportunity to participate in our judicial system.

That thought and obligation is exactly why you and your colleagues created and support the Philadelphia Bar Foundation. At the very same meeting, former Chancellor Mark Aronchick also honored then-Mayor Ed Rendell. Mayor Rendell spoke of a pro bono case that he personally handled on behalf of a 6-year-old girl (who I will call Sherry) who he represented as part of a continued on page 20
other books include: Everywhere That Mary Went, Final Appeal, Running From the Law, Legal Under, Rough Justice, Hoax, Exiled Identity, Moment of Truth, The Vendetta Defense, Courting Trouble and Dead Ringer. Besides winning the Edgar Award, mystery writers’ highest honor, Scuttine has earned a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Fellowship (Fellowship “Genius Award”) from the University of Scranton. She also received the “Paving the Way” award from Women in Business and a “Distinguished Author Award” from the University of Scranton.

Gutmann came to Penn from Princeton University, where she served as provost in July when Dr. Judith Rodin retired. Gutmann was named as Penn’s president in January and began work in July when Dr. Judith Rodin retired. Gutmann came to Penn from Princeton University, where she served as provost and was also the Lawrence S. Rockefeller University Professor of Politics and the University Center for Human Values. She is president of the American Society of Political and Legal Philosophy, a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a fellow of the National Academy of Education.

Judge Rendell joined Duane, Morris & Heckscher after graduating from the Villanova University School of Law and eventually became the firm’s second woman partner. In her 20 years as a practicing attorney, she specialized in bankruptcy law and commercial litigation, and served as a mediator for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. She was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in 1994 and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in 1997. She is married to Pennsylvania Gov. Edward G. Rendell. The O’Connor Award was established in 1995 and has been presented to U.S. District Court Senior Judge Norma L. Shapiro; the late Joanita Roth Kell Stout, former justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court; Deborah R. Vitali, first woman Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association; Professor Marina Angel of the Temple University Beasley School of Law; 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. Roombig of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP; the late Judge Judith J. Jamison, Ellen T. Greiderer of the Defender Association of Philadelphia; and Immediate-Past Chancellor Audrey C. Talley.

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Bench-Bar Seminars Feature 35 Judges From City, State Bench

by Jeff Lyons

Thirty-five state and municipal judges will be panelists during the Association’s Bench-Bar Conference at the Borgata Hotel Casino and Spa in Atlantic City on Nov. 5 and 6.

EightCLE courses are available on Friday and 10 more are available on Saturday. Each of these one-credit seminars cover a wide range of topics and legal specialties. Please note that all program details are subject to change.

The conference opens with a luncheon by Pennsylvania Supreme Court Chief Justice Ralph J. Cappy, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas President Judge Frederick A. Massiah-Jackson and Philadelphia Municipal Court President Judge Louis J. Presna will moderate a panel discussion on the state of the court.

Panelists include Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judges Kevin Dougherty (supervising judge, Family Court Juvenile Division), Myrna P. Field (administrative judge, Family Court), James J. Fitzgerald III (supervising judge, Family Court), William P. Manfredi (supervising judge, Criminal Division) and James DeLeon (supervising judge, Criminal Division) and Ann A. Ruben, who are also course planners.

Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judges Denise D. Cohen, C. Darnell Jones and Albert W. Sheppard will be on the panel along with Mitchell L. Bach, Edward G. Restee, Darryl J. May and Marc J. Sommelfeld for “Com- mencee Court Program Update.” The course is being planned by Eric C. Milly and Leo Applebaum.

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Other panelists for this track include Mary McGovern, the attorney in the Post-9/11 World” and Joan C. Williams will be the panelists for the program.

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Justices, D.A. to Speak at Conference

Two Pennsylvania Supreme Court justices and the Philadelphia district attorney will play major roles in the November Bench-Bar Conference at the Borgata.

Chief Justice Ralph J. Cappy will address conference attendees at the Opening Luncheon on Friday, Nov. 5. Justice Sandra Schultz Newman and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham will be the keynote speakers at the Closing Luncheon on Saturday, Nov. 6.

In 1995, Chief Justice Cappy was appointed by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania as presiding administrative judge of the Civil Division in Allegheny County. Chief Justice Cappy was elected to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in 1989.

Justice Newman was first elected to the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court in 1995. In 1995, she became the first woman elected to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Abraham has served as district attorney since 1991. Before that, she served as a judge in both Commonwealth and Municipal Courts.

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Sit. Lounge. Chill. Dance. With so many different places to let loose at the Borgata during the 2004 Bench-Bar Conference, suddenly five senses just don't seem like enough.

At Mixx, too much of a good thing is a good thing. Mixx has a dual identity - it's a restaurant and a nightclub. Mixx serves Latin/Asian fusion cuisine until late night, when the specialty of the house becomes a fusion of high-energy excitement and infinite possibility. With its "Sex in the City" atmosphere, Mixx is the place to see at the Borgata – and be seen.

The hours at Mixx for dinner and sushi bar during the Bench-Bar Conference are 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. The nightclub is open from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. Plus, there is no cover for ladies on Friday nights. Want to know what's going on at Mixx in advance? Sign up for their e-mail bulletins on the Borgata's Web site at www.theborgata.com. You'll be filled in on all the upcoming parties and special guests at Mixx.

At Gypsy Bar, a free spirit pervades, from the exotic beer selection to the eclectic mix of eats, beats and visual treats. The gourmet tequila menu says it all. Gypsy Bar hours during the Bench-Bar Conference are 5 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Friday and 5 p.m. to 4 a.m. on Saturday. Food at Gypsy Bar is served daily from 5 to 10 p.m. The cuisine is "hearty and eclectic," and the ambience is "fun.

Apart from the bar scene, someone is always splitting sides at the Borgata Comedy Club. Call 800-736-1420 for up-to-the-minute information on who's appearing and to purchase tickets, or book online at Ticketmaster.com.

Borgata's Mixx nightclub features a restaurant serving Latin/Asian fusion cuisine from 5 to 10:30 p.m. The nightclub is open from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m.

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With 11 destination restaurants from which to choose, attendees of the 2004 Bench-Bar Conference at the Borgata have an impressive array of dining possibilities at their fingertips. But be sure to make your dining reservations now (they are accepted up to 90 days in advance) since weekends book quickly.

Dining reservations can be made by calling 866-MYBORGATA. Reservations are accepted for Borgata's five fine dining restaurants: Specchio, Ombra, Suilan by Susanna Foo, Old Homestead Steakhouse, and Mixx. Casual restaurants that do not require reservations include: The Metropolitan, N.O.W. (Noodles of the World), Riu Blu, Borgata Buffet, Gypsy Bar, and Amphora Lounge.
Experts: Get Help to Combat Depression, Mental Illness

by Jeff Lyons

Because attorneys suffering from depression seldom make the first move to get help, a colleague or a family member usually has to take the initiative, two experts told members of the Women in the Profession Committee at their Sept. 21 meeting.

The panel discussion on mental health issues for women was moderated by Lynn Yeakel, the director of the Institute for Women’s Health and Leadership at Drexel University College of Medicine. Panelists included Dr. Barbara Schindler, vice dean for Educational Affairs, Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics at Drexel University College of Medicine, and Janet Perry, special counsel and director of professionalism at Pepper Hamilton LLP.

Schindler said there are ways to tell if a person is suffering from depression. “People will begin missing deadlines, calling in sick or not getting their work done,” she said, adding the person might have persistent sadness and self-esteem scraping the ground. “They also might seem angry all the time,” she said.

“People tend to go underground because of the stigma attached to depression. But it’s likely to be noticed if you’re working in a large firm because you’re working with so many other people,” Perry said.

“The Rules of Professional Conduct have guidelines about mental health. One rule requires you to stop representing a client if your mental condition interferes with your ability to assist your client,” she said.

Perry said most law firms will make accommodations for attorneys suffering from depression.

“We can make your caseload lighter or arrange for you to take a leave of absence if needed. But you have to let your employer know,” Perry said.

Schindler said exhaustion can play a major role in the onset of depression, noting the long hours that attorneys often work.

“You shouldn’t be exhausted all the time. You are a bad lawyer when you’re exhausted. You can’t be competent when you’re exhausted,” Perry said.

“You need to change your workload. Go to your managing partner or supervisor and tell them that you can’t continue to produce quality work if the workload remains so high,” she said.

“As women, our tendency is to make sure everything and everyone else is taken care of first. You can’t be a good caregiver or provider if you’re not in good shape yourself,” said Schindler.

She said that if you find you need help for depression, the best place to start is with your primary care physician. Often times, she said, the doctor can refer you to a therapist. You also need to decide if you want to see a psychologist or a psychiatrist.

“I believe that a combination of medication and therapy helps you better,” said Schindler, saying she’d recommend people see a psychiatrist.

Schindler said friends are also a good way to get referrals for finding a therapist. “If you feel comfortable asking someone about it, then you should do it,” she said.

Perry said most large law firms have some sort of employer assistance program available. These programs usually involve a few free sessions with a therapist that can get you started on the road to recovery.

Women in the Profession Committee

Preparation Can Make Difference in Job Search

by James LaRosa and Gary Mintz

Attorneys looking for new jobs often go into the process without much thought regarding the things they may need to do, or issues that may arise during the process. Often it is these seemingly incidental items or issues that ultimately prevent a candidate from receiving a job offer.

Although each of these issues seems to be common sense, our clients tell us they see them frequently from job candidates.

Resume: Although it would seem very obvious that an updated and accurate resume is the first, and often most important, tool in obtaining an interview, candidates often rush the preparation of this most-important document. A very common problem we see are resumes that are not updat-ed to include a candidate’s most recent experience. Another issue that we often see are resumes in which the dates relating to prior and current employment are incorrect, inaccurate or incomplete. As strange as it may sound, typographical and grammatical errors are extremely common in the attorney resumes.

Transcript: Many firms and corporate legal departments now require submission of a law school transcript at some point in the interview process. Because it may take several days, or even a few weeks, to obtain your transcript, you risk losing momentum in the interview process with a potential employer if you do not have a copy of your transcript ready to go when you start your job search.

References: Although you may not be in a position to ask individuals to speak as your reference in the early stages of a job search, it is always a good idea to give some serious thought as to whom you would ask when the need arises. Often it takes candidates several days, or even a week or more, to come up with the names of their continued on page 21
A Lawyer’s Lawyer and Zealous Advocate

James E. Beasley (1926-2004)

by Allan H. Gordon

James E. Beasley was a lawyer’s lawyer who left a legacy that includes more than his name on our law school. Jim died of cancer on Sept. 18 at the age of 78. He is survived by his wife Helen Mary; five children, including his son and law partner, Jim Beasley, Jr.; and eight grandchildren.

He also left behind scores of clients who represented zealously and for whom he obtained numerous multimillion-dollar verdicts, against doctors, hospitals, manufacturers, governments and newspapers.

Trial lawyers honored their skills by watching Jim try cases. He talked to jurors in a comfortable tone that didn’t sound far removed from his very humble beginnings in West Philadelphia.

Jim dropped out of high school in 10th grade to join the Navy. When he came back from World War II, he finished high school, college and law school.

As a young lawyer, Jim learned from another legend, the grandfather of all Philadelphia’s premier trial lawyers. Great Nate Richter. Jim then started his own firm and was in large measure responsible for the careers of many members of the latest generation of Philadelphia’s premier trial lawyers. He shared his talent with hundreds of lawyers who were fortunate to attend his trial advocacy classes at Temple.

Jim’s awards are too numerous to list but include Temple University Law School’s Outstanding Alumni Award, the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Michael Musmanno Award, The Chapel of Four Jurists Certificate of Honor, and the Temple University General Alumni Chaplains Legion of Honor; and the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Michael Musmanno Award, The Chapel of Four Jurists Certificate of Honor, and the Temple University General Alumni Chaplains Legion of Honor; and the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association Certificate of Honor.

His involvement in the legal community was also extensive and included being a past president of the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association and Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association.

Jim was best known perhaps for taking on tough cases. He successfully represented Dick Sprague against the Philadelphia Inquirer in a 1990 libel case and immediately after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on America, sued Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden. In fact, in May 2003, Jim won a $104 million judgment on behalf of the families of two people killed on Sept. 11, after a federal judge agreed that Iraq provided “material support” to al-Qaeda. He will most be remembered for the scores of unknown individuals he helped and whose lives he changed – the seriously injured, the oppressed and the poor.

In 1999, Jim gave our alma mater, Temple University School of Law, the largest endorsement in the university’s history, and the law school was renamed the James E. Beasley School of Law. As Robert Reinstein, dean of the law school, wrote, “The value of Jim’s generosity to the Law School is hard to put into words. But more than anything, he wanted to provide his own children.” In fact, more than 100 students received Beasley Scholarships, and innumerable others will in the future thanks to Jim’s generosity.

His brilliant trial advocacy skills and his infinite generosity are the real legacy of Jim Beasley. I am honored to have known him – a real Philadelphia lawyer.

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Contributions

Contributions may be made in Jim Beasley’s memory to the John H. Glick MD Oncology Research Fund, Abramson Cancer Center at the University of Pennsylvania, Penn Tower, 3400 Spruce St., Phila., Pa. 19104.

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PHILADELPHIA
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. Nominations are due by Friday, Oct. 8.

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation and Citizens Bank will present three awards recognizing pro bono publico (for the good of the public) volunteer efforts. One award will be presented to an individual and two awards will be given to law firms or legal departments at the Bar Foundation’s Andrew Hamilton Ball on Saturday, Nov. 13.

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

Nominations from all quarters are welcomed and encouraged. Those who wish to nominate law firms, individuals 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 award winners is as follows:
• Demonstrated dedication to the development and delivery of pro bono legal services in and around the City and County of Philadelphia;
• 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;
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• 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 for the awards must be received by the end of the business day on Friday, Oct. 8. For more information, contact Stephanie Krzywanski at (215) 238-6351 or by e-mail at skrzywanski@philabar.org.
In Campaign 2004, Image Is Everything

by Marc W. Reuben

The trouble with Sen. John Kerry’s presidential campaign, as voters will soon demonstrate, is that the candidate (and those who manage him) suffers from the conceit that voters actually consider issues as the major part of their choice of candidates. Just who put this idiotic notion into the senator’s mind remains to be seen. It is true that Kerry once helped lead a brave anti-war campaign in the 1970s. The echo of that era currently inspires Kerry to believe that it was American intellect, rather than boredom, that inspired anti-war sentiment in the 1970s and that he can re-harness the same energy toward the Iraq war now. It is the great conceit of the liberals that they conjure the most optimistic reasons for mundane events. H.L. Mencken defined liberals as those who, seeing a rose smells better than a cabbage, also think it will make better soup. But the fact is that in the new century, liberals are still overinflating the workings of the common voters and according them much more credit than they deserve. Image still rules the minds of the unwashed. American voters do not come from traditions that treasure intellect and American culture is known to favor speed without thought. Americans want the glib rather than the incisive. The two greatest communicators among presidents, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Ronald Reagan, knew this. Both men were far deeper than given credit for, and both knew how to turn a quick phrase into a political bonanza. Roosevelt was the champion of the working man, while Reagan was an unabashed flag waver. One made it possible for progressives to forge a social scheme that worked for almost half a century, while the other made it possible for George II to become president.

The memory of Reagan’s optimism is what pushes the Bush campaign ahead of the lachrymose Kerry. As the campaign of Sen. Kerry swings from torque to undermine futile without missing a beat, the fact is that the incredible miscalculations of the senator’s crack campaign staff do not matter at all. It is the image that is present through the public media that has captured the national imagination. And the Kerry image is delightful lacking in spontaneity and spirit. Had the Democrats nominated someone other than Alphonse Craze, it is possible that the brainless horseman might not be reelected. But that possibility recedes with each daily dose of melancholy and purposeless prose from a candidate who proves that intellectuals can be as inarticulate as the rest of us. The absence of powerful imagery has killed the Democratic campaign and will likely lead to a humiliating result on Election Day. Bill Clinton, for all of his windbag charm, knew how to seize an issue and run with it. So successful was he at keeping on point that he was able to ignore the myriad suggestions of his staff that were the basis of conservative arguments against him and which angered conservatives more than anything else. Perhaps this reality is the reason the Democrats stupidly decided to try to make Mr. Kerry a war hero at their convention. The fact that he was a decorated veteran does not make him a hero in the eyes of the voting public. He has to act like one. His accomplishments mean nothing (note Max Cleland and his ideas are for naught if he cannot strut down the runway on a red carpet while the band is playing. A glance at conservative posturing might tell Kerry something about the power of image. Poseurs mean more.

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Get Connected at Nov. Bench-Bar Conference

by Kim R. Jessum

This year, I’ve been stressing the importance of “getting connected.” One of the year’s best opportunities to get connected is coming up at the Association’s Bench-Bar Conference at the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa on Nov. 5 and 6.

The Bench-Bar Conference will provide young lawyers with the opportunity to meet judges, boost your career network and get a leg up on your colleagues. This is a special opportunity to mingle and network with judges and colleagues in a comfortable setting. The Bench-Bar Conference combines continuing legal education with social events to accommodate attorneys of a variety of age groups and practice areas.

The conference will offer programs ranging from the new rules of professional conduct to immigration law. The YLD is planning a seminar called “Using Trial Technology in a Jury Trial: Learn the Art of PowerPoint, DVD and Much, Much More!” Other sections of the Philadelphia Bar Association have also taken part in the planning to provide a diverse offering of topics.

In addition to receiving CLE credits, there will be several occasions where young lawyers can socialize with each other, as well as with distinguished leaders of the profession, including judges and prominent lawyers. The conference begins on Friday, Nov. 5 with a luncheon, where attendees will hear remarks from Pennsylvania Supreme Court Chief Justice Ralph J. Cappy. There will also be a dialogue with Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas President Judge Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson and other judges and court officials on the state of the judiciary, the bench and the bar.

After two sessions of various CLE programs, a Grand Reception, which promises to be a magnificent event, will be held. The reception will provide many opportunities to socialize with the bench and bar and immerse yourself in the amazing atmosphere of the Borgata Hotel.

On Saturday, breakfast and two additional sessions of CLE programs will be offered. The conference will conclude with a luncheon, where you will hear remarks by Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justices Sandra Schultz Newman and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy either in Atlantic City or heading home.

The cost of the conference for YLD members is $195. If you cannot attend the entire conference, you may register for either the Friday or Saturday events for $195. If you would really like to attend, but are concerned about the price or about convincing your employer that this is a worthwhile event, I offer the following advice borrowed in part from the American Bar Association YLD. First, it is a relatively inexpensive trip to earn as many as 6.5 hours of CLE, including one ethics credit. Second, this conference provides a good way for an associate to meet peers from the Philadelphia region, as well as to meet with the leaders of the legal community who he or she may ordinarily never meet in practice. These meetings may lead to business development in the form of referrals or potential client contact, establishing or improving your reputation or your firm’s reputation among your peers, and forming new relationships with members of the profession.

This is an event that you do not want to miss. For more information about the conference to register online, visit www.phillylawbar.org. For hotel reservations at the special rate, call the Borgata at 866-MYBORGATA.

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Kerry is not interesting. His delivery is broken off of something simple phrase without making it sound convoluted prose and cannot utter a nuanced fact. No one is listening to him. He answers simple questions with unthinking obedience of a bellicose politician who has compos- ed much bigger. If Americans ever did pay attention to issues, they are not doing so now, and failing to comprehend this and plan around the point is the reason Mr. Kerry is going to lose.

Any candidate who cannot think of a way, however stupid it may be, to engage his countrymen does not deserve to lead them.

Mark W. Fendel, a sole practitioner, is an advisory editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter. He has been writing about the arts and media since 1977.

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More is just one example of the community of lawyers who, like you, have received the benefits of our profession. Let me tell you of one other local lawyer who believes the law is a higher calling. She works for one of the local nonprofit agencies. She has been very active in the Bar Association, serving on several committees and tasks forces. As an attorney working for a nonprofit agency, she earns a salary that is just a fraction of what she could be making in the corporate world. And yet she is the newest Member of our Hamilton Circle – she has made the commitment to contribute $1,000 a year for each of the next 10 years, so that her funds can help to provide for future grantmaking by the Bar Foundation. She believes in access to justice. I know you’d like to know who she is, but she insists on anonymity.

With the recent completion of the Jewish New Year, Thanksgiving and Christmas together at hand, many of us will begin to think of charitable donations. There are many words for charity. In Hebrew, the word is “tzedakah.” But this word means more than charity. It actually means justice. So whether it’s the words of Tom Ridge, Ed Rendell or the new Rules of Professional Conduct, or the generosity of Morris Shuster, remember that charity is a responsibility for all, but justice is a higher calling.

Edward S. Chilton, president of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, is a partner at Gas, Chidester & Holland, P.C.
Judge Meets Section
New Workers’ Compensation Bureau Judge Bonnie Callahan (second from left) meets Section Co-Chairs (from left) Michael Dryden, Deborah A. Beck and Judge Scott Olin at the Section’s Sept. 15 meeting. Judge Callahan was also introduced to the Section members in attendance at the meeting, where they learned tips from members of the bench.

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  Intellectual Property Issues in Bankruptcy
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  Window Dressing? • The CLE Conference Center

Oct. 6  Animal Law Seminar • The CLE Conference Center

Oct. 7  How the Uniform Planned Community Act Really Works
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Oct. 8  Compulsory Arbitration Seminar • The CLE Conference Center

Oct. 13  The Availability of Legal Remedies for Workers with Disabilities
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Oct. 15  8th Annual Family Law Update • The CLE Conference Center

Oct. 19  Medicare, Medicaid & ERISA Rights of Reimbursement from
  Tort Recoveries • The CLE Conference Center

Oct. 20  Advanced Cross Examination • The CLE Conference Center

Oct. 21 & 22  Business Lawyers’ Institute 2004 • The CLE Conference Center

Oct. 26  Pennsylvania Rules of Evidence Refresher
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  Public Interest Law Day • The CLE Conference Center

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Michael H. Reed, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP, has been appointed to the Interest on Lawyers Trust Account (IOLTA) Board by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Justice William H. Lamb, a partner with Lamb McErlane P.C., has been appointed to the Kennedy Center Advisory Committee by President George W. Bush.

David Shragar of Shragar Spivey & Sachs has been honored for participation in Trial Lawyers Care, the largest free legal representation program ever undertaken, which took the cases of 9/11 victim families before the federal government’s September 11th Victim Compensation Fund without charge.

Scott B. Schwartz, a member of Cozen O’Connor, was a featured participant at the Search Engine Strategies 2004 Conference & Expo in San Jose, Calif., in August. In the moot court Trademark Protection on Trial session, Schwartz argued on behalf of search engines.

Michael F. Berlin, an associate at Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP, was recently elected to serve on the Council of the Family Law Section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Peter Neevan, a partner at Ramey & Henderson, was named vice chair of the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section of the ABA at the association’s recent annual meeting.

Robert W. Hayes and Robert V. Dell’Osa, members of Cozen O’Connor, were recently featured speakers at the National Lawyers Association 2004 Educational Conference on July 29 at The Racquet Club of Philadelphia.

Jennifer M. Horn, an attorney with Cohen, Seglias, Pallas, Greenhall & Furman, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction.

Charles M. Golden and Edmond M. George, partners at Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP, were on the faculty of the Ninth Annual Bankruptcy Institute of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute at Aug. 17.

Andrew J. Stern of The Beasley Firm has been formally appointed to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Procedural Rules Committee.

Jacques L. Etkowitz, a shareholder with KatterPresta, was a speaker at the Claims Drafting Workshop at the 2004 Patent Prosecution Basic Training Seminar held in August in Arlington, Va.

Jonathan Ostroll of Villari, Ostroll, Kastorius, Brandes & Kline, P.C. has been honored for participation in Trial Lawyers Care, the largest free legal representation program ever undertaken, which took the cases of 9/11 victim families before the federal government’s September 11th Victim Compensation Fund without charge.

Jay H. Ginsburg, a sole proprietor, recently received the Permanent Advocate Award from the Statewide Adoption Network at a recognition banquet in Lancaster.

Michael Cawley, a senior partner with Mangold, Edelein, served as a faculty member at Meeray’s Reinsurance Summit in Boston on Sept. 20 and 21.

Sandra Gailucci-Davis, vice president-general counsel of Subaru of America, was recently awarded the 2004 National Association of Minority Automobile Dealers’ Appreciation Award for her efforts to increase diversity within the automobile industry.

Lisa R. Jacobs, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP, was a guest on Comcast CNBC’s “Your Morning” television show on Aug. 31. She discussed the logistics, economics and politics of the 2004 Republican National Convention.

Michele R. Punturi, a shareholder with Marks, Bernstein, Warner, Coleman & Guggin, discussed recent developments in workers’ compensation law at the Pennsylvania Bar Association Workers’ Compensation Law Section’s annual Fall Section Meeting on Sept. 23 and 24.

Paul C. Brindt, a partner with Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP, has been appointed to the Board of Managers of the Philadelphia Foundation, a nonprofit charitable foundation that provides philanthropic services throughout Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Richard M. Jurawicz, a partner at Galland Berger, has been recertified in Civil Trial Advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy.

Ian M. Comisky, a partner with Blank Rome LLP, participated in the 22nd International Symposium on Economic Crime: “The Financial War on Terror and Organized Crime?” The symposium was held at Jesus College, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England from Sept. 5 to 12.

Charles Schleifer of Eisenberg, Roth, Weinsiefer & Winkle, P.C. has been honored for participation in Trial Lawyers Care, the largest free legal representation program ever undertaken, which took the cases of 9/11 victim families before the federal government’s Sept. 11 Victim Compensation Fund without charge.

Michael Mednick of Mednick Mezvinsky & Kreidler was recently featured on Fox Philadelphia’s “Good Day Live”.

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