Citizenship Day Ceremony

Lynne Cheney (left), wife of Vice President Dick Cheney, greets a new citizen at a Citizenship Day Naturalization Ceremony on Sept. 17 at the National Constitution Center as Chancellor Jane Leslie Dalton looks on. Cheney was the keynote speaker at the program, which welcomed 75 new Americans from 27 nations. Other speakers at the program included Dalton and U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Marjorie O. Rendell. U.S. District Court Judge John R. Padova presided over the ceremony. The program was sponsored by the Philadelphia Bar Association.

Hamilton Gala Moves to Sherman Mills

By Jeff Lyons

Sherman Mills, a former textile mill that has been transformed into an artists’ enclave in the city’s East Falls section, will be the site of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation’s 29th Annual Andrew Hamilton Gala on Saturday, Nov. 17.

The Bar Foundation will present its annual Morris Shuster Fellowships at the event, along with the presentation of the Citizens Bank Pro Bono Award and the Philadelphia Bar Foundation Award. The theme of this year’s gala is “Justice in Films.” The Andrew Hamilton Gala is chaired by Deborah Gross and Amy B. Ginensky.

The Andrew Hamilton Gala, the social event of the season in the legal community, raises money for grants to law-related programs in the Philadelphia area that assist the indigent, elderly and disabled, and abused women and children.

Last year’s gala at 30th Street Station raised more than $300,000 for the Bar Foundation, said Foundation executive director Maureen Mingey. “We hope to exceed that amount this year,” she said. “Catering by Design promises continued on page 6

Brennan Nominee Deadline is October 19

Nominations are being accepted for the Philadelphia Bar Association’s prestigious Justice William J. Brennan Jr. Distinguished Jurist Award. The award will be presented at the Association’s Annual Meeting and Luncheon on Dec. 4, 2007 at 12 p.m. at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue.

The award recognizes a jurist who adheres to the highest ideals of judicial service. Any member of the state or federal bench, whether active or retired, who has made a significant, positive impact on Citizens Day Ceremony. Photo by Jeff Lyons
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**Frontline**

**CLS Adds to City’s Treasure Trove of Public Interest Law Recognition**

Our vital and effective legal services community continues to receive national recognition. Extraordinary results are woven into the very fabric of our many legal services organizations in Philadelphia. Day after day, often in life-changing ways, the many attorneys who work on behalf of the public interest are reclaiming rights and securing justice for the elderly, disabled, abused women, children and many others who need but cannot afford legal help.

Recently, our legal community proudly cheered as one organization’s successful lawyering initiatives on behalf of the poor earned it recognition as a national leader in the civil legal aid community. The American Bar Association’s Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division honored Community Legal Services of Philadelphia with the prestigious 2007 Hodson Award for Public Service. CLS Executive Director Catherine C. Carr accepted the award on behalf of the organization at the ABA’s Annual Meeting in August.

CLS was recognized for its outstanding service providing civil legal assistance to approximately 17,000 low-income Philadelphians annually. Since its inception, CLS has served well over a million individuals at what is often the most critical time of their lives. It has been called the “gold standard” by which civil legal aid programs should be judged.

Created by the Philadelphia Bar Association in 1966, CLS now has more than 100 staff members and nine different legal units, each proficient in a different area of law: Community Economic Development, including the Childcare Law Project; Consumer Law; Elderly Law; Employment; Energy; Family Advocacy; Housing; Language Access; and Public Benefits, including the Advocating on Behalf of Children project. This unparalleled range and quality of services makes CLS both unique and uniquely effective in promoting the best interests of its low-income constituency.

In addition to providing direct legal counsel, CLS representatives conduct policy advocacy locally and nationally, and educate the local low-income community and the professionals who serve them. The organization’s broad legal expertise ensures its profound impact on local and national policy as it helps policy makers understand the ramifications of policies on the most fragile and often overlooked members of our society.

Most recently, CLS has been at the center of the subprime mortgage scandal dominating the headlines nationwide, focusing attention on the devastating effects of predatory lending on the poor. CLS also brought the recent class action on behalf of elderly, disabled refugees and asylees whose meager Supplemental Security Income benefits have ended because they were unable to prove citizenship within seven years - a requirement next to impossible to fulfill since 9/11.

Quite deservedly, CLS has now received virtually every major national award with which a legal services program can be honored. The Hodson Award is the 10th major national award received by CLS since 1989, in addition to fellowships and other accolades.

The many awards bestowed upon our public interest and pro bono organizations distinguish our legal community as a national trailblazer in public service. This national recognition reflects well on our professional commitment to justice here in Philadelphia.

Consider the following Philadelphia public interest organizations that have

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**Letters**

**Stop ‘Disgraceful’ Written Attacks on Judges**

To the Editor:

Something unprecedented in the annals of newspaper reporting occurred on July 24. A review of a book with anemic sales appeared on the front page of *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. I am reliably informed that book reviews never appear on the front page, except perhaps when written by one of the Clintons. This book is a vicious attack on a brilliant and extremely hard working judge of the Third Circuit Court, Dolores Sloviter. Just in case not everyone recognized the main character, named Helga Friedman and described as “definitely insane,” as a thinly veiled attempt to portray Judge Sloviter, the newspaper printed a picture of her. I, and several others, wrote strong letters to the paper objecting to this scurrilous attack on a well-known and respected judge – only one of the mildest was published. This is just one more in a number of recent, organized attacks that can only be described as open season on the judiciary in Pennsylvania. I submit that it is the obligation of the Bar Association to work to stop these assaults that anger any source of communication that cannot afford to antagonize any means of communicating with their constituencies. The Bar Association does not need to fear repercussions or reprisals when it has its own methods of commu-

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The Philadelphia Bar Reporter welcomes letters to the editors for What You Think! There is no word limit, but editors withhold upon request. Letters may be published with clarity, style and space considerations. There is no word limit, but editors withhold upon request. Letters may be published with clarity, style and space considerations.

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M a r k s t o R e c e i v e A w a r d; H a r t t o S p e a k

By Jeff Lyons

Tickets can be purchased online for the Association’s October Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon on Tuesday, Oct. 16, where Lynn A. Marks, executive director of Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts, will receive the Sandra Day O’Connor Award. Ann Weaver Hart, the first woman president of Temple University, will be the keynote speaker at the event at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, 1200 Market St.

The Sandra Day O’Connor Award is conferenced annually on a woman attorney who has demonstrated superior legal talent, achieved significant legal accomplishments and has furthered the advancement of women in both the profession and the community.

“Lynn has spent her entire career fighting for justice for individuals who, without her efforts, would have no voice,” wrote former Chancellor Robert C. Heim and Bennett G. Picker, who nominated Marks, along with Shira Goodman.

“She has fought for women who were abused or raped; she has fought tirelessly for court reform; and she has fought to make our profession and our justice system free of bias. Her vision, commitment and advocacy have furthered the important goals of ensuring social justice and promoting equal opportunities for everyone.”

Marks has served as executive director of Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts since 1990. PMC is a statewide nonprofit organization working to improve the administration of justice in Pennsylvania, particularly in the areas of judicial selection, judicial discipline, jury service, court funding, and increasing racial, ethnic and gender fairness.

Marks has also served as the executive director of Women Organized Against Rape and board chair of the Women’s Law Project and the National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women.

She has received numerous awards, including the Bar Association Public Interest Section’s Andrew Hamilton Award, the Women’s Center of Montgomery County’s “Making a Difference Award,” and a Philadelphia City Council proclamation “in tribute to her life’s work of making this world and especially this city’s justice system better for its thousands of clients.” She was named a “Woman of Distinction” in 2001 by the Philadelphia Business Journal. She is co-chair of the Association’s Legislative Liaison Committee.

Hart assumed Temple’s presidency on July 1, 2006. She previously served as president of the University of New Hampshire and provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at Claremont Graduate University, in Claremont, Calif. Her prior appointments include professor of educational leadership, dean of the Graduate School and special assistant to the president at the University of Utah.

Hart received an M.A. in History and a Ph.D. in Educational Administration, both from the University of Utah. Her research interests include leadership succession and development, work redesign and organizational behavior in educational organizations, and academic freedom and freedom of speech in higher education.

She has published more than 85 articles and book chapters and five books and edited volumes.

The Sandra Day O’Connor Award was established in 1993 to recognize the important contributions that women attorneys in Philadelphia have made to the legal profession. That year, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor presented the first award to U.S. District Court Senior Judge Norma L. Shapiro. The award has since been presented to the late Juanita Kidd Stout, former justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court; Deborah R. Willig, first woman Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association; Professor Marina Angel, of the Temple University Beasley School of Law faculty; Third Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Dolores K. Sloviter (former chief judge); U.S. District Court Judge Anita B. Brody; Leslie Anne Miller, first woman president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association; Lila G. Roofmorn of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP; the late Judge Judith J. Jamison; Ellen T. Greenlee, chief defender of the Defender Association of Philadelphia; former Chancellor Audrey C. Talley; U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Marjorie O. Rendell; Pennsylvania Supreme Court Judge Phyllis W. Beck; and Roberta D. Pichini.

Members to Vote on Bylaw Changes at Quarterly

By Jeff Lyons

The Board of Governors has approved for submission to the members changes to the Association’s bylaws that will be voted upon by the members at the Oct. 16 Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon.

The changes involve the administration of official Bar Association publications; the composition of the Board of Governors; the quorum necessary for the Board of Governors; an expansion in the methods of communication to the Cabinet and the Board of Governors; as well as the removal of the 100-mile limit for law professors to be eligible to be members of the Association.

The publications proposed bylaw amendment calls for editorial board members to be appointed by either the Chancellor or by a majority of the publication’s editorial board, with all appointments being approved by the Board of Governors. The appointees will serve three-year terms and the appointments can be renewed following approval by the Editorial Board and the Board of Governors.

The proposed amendment to the composition of the Board of Governors makes the Chancellor immediately prior to the past Chancellor an ex officio non-voting member of the Board. This amendment will also allow the Chancellor to appoint an additional member to the board who is a member of a racial minority.

Another proposed amendment will reduce the number of members needed for a quorum of the Board of Governors from 20 to 18 voting members. It is also proposed that the Cabinet and Board of Governors will be permitted to receive electronic communication of meeting agendas and materials.

The final proposed amendment allows Bar Association membership to any full-time member of the faculty of any accredited law school.

Bylaw Changes

For the complete text of the proposed bylaw amendment, see Page 20.
PIRC Aids Detainees Facing Deportation

By Elaine Rinaldi

Immigration stories make the headlines on a regular basis these days. But few speak to the plight of immigrants detained and facing deportation. Immigration detainees are not entitled to court-appointed counsel and only 10 percent of those in proceedings before the immigration court have a legal advocate.

The Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center wants to do something about that.

Founded in 1996 in the wake of the detention of nearly 300 Chinese refugees stranded on a beached ship off of Long Island, the PIRC is the only regional agency providing comprehensive legal services to the detained immigration population.

The majority of PIRC’s clients are detained at the York County Prison, the largest county-operated detention facility on the East Coast, with thousands of removal cases before the York Immigration Court annually. “One of the largest challenges we face is the fact that the need for legal representation in detention cases is greater than the resources we have,” says Angela Eveler, executive director of the PIRC. “The majority of individuals who find themselves in detention are without the financial resources to pay an attorney. Hence, the burden of representing those individuals falls on the shoulders of non-profit organizations like the PIRC.”

One individual who benefited from the PIRC was a gentleman named Min, who grew up in Myanmar and was forced to leave after suffering persecution for his pro-democracy actions. He fled to the United States by jumping off an ocean freighter and was subsequently incarcerated at the York County prison. While there, Min heard one of the PIRC’s staff attorneys conduct a “Know your Rights” seminar. The PIRC attorney worked with Min to prepare his case for an asylum claim. Min recently won his freedom and is happily living on the East Coast.

Min’s story is one of thousands that the PIRC hears on an annual basis through its Legal Orientation Programs. This year, PIRC has provided 116 group presentations to an average of 1,239 detainees from more than 50 countries who have attended. Last year, in addition to these programs, the PIRC provided direct representation for over 50 detainees via both their Detained Torture Survivors Project and their Particularly Vulnerable Populations Project, a program for detainees who suffer from serious mental or physical illnesses. “We strive to reach as many individuals as possible and to give them information that is useful,” Eveler said.

Trying to meet the vast needs of these immigrant detainees is one challenge. The challenges increase when you begin to work with them. PIRC attorneys face language barriers and often the need for medical experts. And, according to Eveler, there’s “the difficulty in sometimes obtaining the information and evidence needed to effectively represent clients, given the fact that our clients are in detention and usually far from resources, friends and/or family who can assist in the development of a case.”

Eveler hopes to meet the growing needs of these immigrants by growing her organization. Last year the organization had two staff attorneys; it now has four attorneys and a legal assistant. “I am a strong believer in teamwork and I hope that PIRC can continue to strengthen its current collaborative efforts and develop new partnerships to meet the overwhelming demand for services.” She is also working hard to recruit pro bono attorneys. “We welcome anyone interested in attending a training [program] or taking a case to contact us,” she said.

Through grants from the Philadelphia Bar Foundation and other sources, Eveler hopes she can continue to respond. The PIRC might not always make headlines, but it is making a difference in providing access to justice for those who may have never had it.

Help us help PIRC and all of our grantees. Our premier fund-raising event, the Andrew Hamilton Gala, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 17 at historic Sherman Mills in East Falls. Your sponsorship of and attendance at the Gala is critical to its success and the Foundation’s ability to increase its grants this year.

We are counting on your support and remember, your commitment to sponsor the Gala and your purchase of tickets counts toward your Raising the Bar pledge. See you at the Gala.

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

Hamilton Gala

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another memorable event with a dessert presentation to rival last year, when desserts were lowered from the ceiling, suspended from a replica of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge,” Mingey said.

The gala begins at 7 p.m. with an extended cocktail reception. Reduced-price tickets are available to members of the judiciary and the Young Lawyers Division, thanks to a generous contribution from USI Colburn Insurance Service.

The Morris M. Shuster Public Interest Fellowship Program was established in 2003 as a result of a generous donation by Morris M. Shuster to the Bar Foundation. This program assists public interest lawyers who face large student loan obligations that threaten their ongoing service as public interest attorneys.

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation Award recognizes attorneys working in the non-profit legal services community. Past recipients of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation Award are Frank Cervone of the Support Center for Child Advocates and Prof. Louis Rulli of the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

The Citizens Bank Award recognizes achievement in pro bono legal services, whether by a law firm or by a corporate law department. Past recipient include Geanne K. Zelkowitz, Madeline M. Sherry and Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP (2005); Margaret A. McCauld, and Schnader Harrison Segal and Lewis LLP (2004); Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP (2005); and Pepper Hamilton LLP (2006).

Purchase tickets to the Andrew Hamilton Gala at philadelphiabar.org.
4th Annual Corporate Pro Bono Day

Attorney Joshua Talley (left) offers legal advice during Philadelphia LawWorks 4th Annual Corporate Pro Bono Day on Sept. 18 at the Enterprise Center, the home of the original studio for the television show “American Bandstand” in West Philadelphia. The free event provided microentrepreneurs the opportunity to discuss immediate and ongoing legal matters with corporate counsel from various Philadelphia-area businesses. Dozens of attorneys took part in the program. LawWorks is a project of Philadelphia VIP. For more information, visit philadelphialawworks.org.

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Mediators Outline Elements for Success

By Heather J. Holloway

Candor, confidentiality and preparation are three key elements of a successful mediation, a pair of mediators told members of the Appellate Courts Committee.

Douglas Sisk, mediator for the Superior Court of Pennsylvania and Penny Ellison, appellate mediator for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, provided an overview of the operating procedures of their respective programs and practical tips during a Sept. 12 meeting.

Sisk and Ellison have discretion as to which cases they select for mediation and both generally select civil matters that may settle for money. Domestic disputes, cases involving governmental entities, and those requiring statutory interpretation are not usually selected. If a matter is not selected but counsel believes it would be appropriate, however, then counsel should request mediation. Otherwise, Sisk and Ellison initially review the litigants’ case summaries to determine whether mediation is warranted.

Sisk is limited by a bare-bones mediation statement that he receives 10 days after the appeal is filed and his file often lacks the trial court’s 1925(b) statement. Therefore, counsel should provide him with as much information as possible. Sisk is also limited by the Superior Court briefing schedule that, unlike that of the Court of Appeals, does not impose a stay for mediation. Counsel, however, may request a stay of the briefing order to allow more time for mediation. Ellison bases her determination on a 10-page settlement statement provided by counsel and has a more complete record from the lower court. Therefore, counsel should comply with the 10-page limitation and refrain from submitting additional documents, with the limited exception of contracts and insurance policies that are in dispute. Additional documents should be summarized within counsel’s statement. Moreover, settlement statements are not arguments but rather should provide information not apparent from the record that will aid in settlement discussions.

Sisk and Ellison expect counsel and litigants to be candid and neither discloses information submitted in confidence to either opposing counsel or the court. Further, Ellison stressed the importance of having a client representative with ultimate authority available for the mediation. The representative should have the authority to change the company’s predetermined settlement position. Noting that many litigants are often less than candid or that their counsel appear without a client representative, Sisk and Ellison voiced their frustration because they cannot issue sanctions for non-compliance. They will often follow-up with additional settlement efforts if the initial mediation is not successful.

Finally, Sisk and Ellison stressed the importance of preparation. A litigant who prevailed below should understand that the appeal is not a rubber-stamp process and that there is a risk that the trial court determination may be reversed. The litigant should be counselled as to potential collection issues. The litigant should also be counselled as to both the costs and the time required for an appeal. As of the time of the meeting, decisions in the Superior Court are generally rendered three to six months after argument and decisions in the Court of Appeals are generally rendered two to three months after argument.

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Women need to “invite themselves to the dance” to enjoy successful legal careers, as panelists at a professional development seminar. The panelists, members of hiring committees, and lawyers from in-house, private and public practice, repeated a common theme: every lawyer is responsible for her own professional development. Although some women may have an instinct to wait to be asked to advance their careers, “to the dance,” they must proactively invite themselves in order to succeed.

Robert D. Liebenberg, co-chair of the Women in the Profession Committee, began with startling statistics. According to a National Association for Law Placement survey, 62 percent of women leave their firm by their fifth year and 86 percent of women leave within seven years. For minority women, 74 percent leave by their eighth year, almost 100 percent have left their firm. By their fifth year and by their eighth year, almost 80 percent of women leave within seven years. For minority women, 74 percent leave by their eighth year, almost 100 percent have left their firm.

“You do want to sell yourself,” Sunah Peckman said “people leave firms for all the wrong reasons.” Peckman, director of professional development at Dechert LLP, noted that many don’t try to reinvent or rehabilitate themselves when they can. “Take control of your own career,” she added. Some of these steps may involve asking for a promotion or a move with your employer.

Remember to package these requests as “this is a win-win for all of us; this is how it will work for you,” suggested Linda Dale Hoffa of the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

Katherine Harton, vice president and general counsel at Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, shared, “I think of work, your career, as a piece in a puzzle. The puzzle is your life. You have to make all of the pieces fit together.”

Other speakers at the program included Kathleen D. Wilkinson, a partner with Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker LLP; Peggy Simoncini Pasquay, manager of attorney recruitment and relations, Duane Morris LLP; and Heather Harrington, an associate with Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker, LLP.

The event was followed by a reception sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession, Abelson Legal Search, Cole-man/Nourian, Oxford Legal Associates, Sacks Legal Search, Temple University School Of Law, Villanova University School Of Law and Right Management.
NAWJ to Convene in Philadelphia in November

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

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

Senior Judge Norma L. Shapiro, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Senior Judge Carolyn Savoth serve as non-voting members of the committee.

Bar’s Nominating Committee Formed


The committee has scheduled dates for its next meetings. They are Thursday, Oct. 11 at 3:30 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 12 at 3:30 p.m.

For ticket information, visit nawj.org.

The Philadelphia Lawyer 2007 Photo Contest will award a Grand Prize in the form of a 8500 Capital Grille gift certificate to the member-submitted photograph that best captures the theme of “Eyes on the World.” Honorable mention winners may also be selected at the judges’ discretion. The contest is sponsored by The Capital Grille.

Deadline for entries is Friday, Oct. 12, 2007. Photos can be either color or black and white. All submissions will be judged by a panel of professional photographers and all winning photographs will be published in the Winter issue of The Philadelphia Lawyer.

Submit entries to The Philadelphia Lawyer 2007 Photo Contest by Friday, Oct. 12, 2007. The title of the photograph and the name, address and phone number of the photographer must accompany each entry. Digital photographs must be submitted at a resolution of 300 dpi or greater in jpeg format. E-mail digital entries to tplmag@philabar.org with “TPL Photo Contest Entry” in the subject line or mail a CD of the entries to the address below. You may also submit hard copy entries to TPL Photo Contest, c/o Adrienne Cornwall, 1101 Market Street, 11th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Hard-copy entries must be no smaller than five by seven inches and mounted on white poster board with a two-inch border all around. Contact Adrienne Cornwall, managing editor of The Philadelphia Lawyer, at 215-238-6339 or acornwall@philabar.org with contest questions.

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

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

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

NAWJ was founded in 1979 and is comprised of more than 1,200 federal, state, municipal, administrative, military and tribal women judges at both the appellate and trial levels from every state in the nation.
Philadelphia Bar Association and the Friends of the National Association of Women Judges Invite You to Attend The 29th Annual NAWJ Conference Luncheon

Friday, November 9, 2007 at 12:00 p.m.
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Keynote Speaker: Judith Rodin, Ph.D. President, The Rockefeller Foundation

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

To register for the Friday, Nov. 9 luncheon, please complete the registration form below and send with a check or credit card information to: National Association of Women Judges, 1341 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Suite 4.2, Washington, D.C. 20036

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Make Sure to Exercise Your Pursuit of Happiness

By Hon. Daniel J. Anders

The pursuit of happiness is one of three unalienable rights enumerated in the Declaration of Independence. All too often, however, legal professionals fail to exercise this right or sacrifice it in the pursuit of career advancement. In doing so, we create the opportunity for unhappiness, which is often accompanied by feelings of being overstressed, overworked or unappreciated.

I believe that the pursuit of happiness is essential not only in our personal lives but also in the practice of law. For example, a happy lawyer most likely leads to higher job satisfaction, happier support staff and so on. Similarly, a happy judge most likely leads to a more pleasant courtroom experience including less banging of the gavel.

Like anything else that is worthwhile, pursuing happiness requires effort. Alvah Parker of Parker & Associates in Boston, is a life coach for legal professionals. Here are a few of her tips.

• Happiness is a choice. Try to take a positive rather than negative approach to issues. For example, focus on what is good about something rather than what is bad about it.
  • Find a cause or an interest that engages or excites you. When you are excited or engaged in one aspect of your life, you can use that positive energy to deal with more stressful aspects of your life.
  • Avoid perfectionism. Perfectionists set themselves up to be disappointed. That disappointment often leads to negative self-talk. Strive to do your best and forgive yourself if something is not perfect. Remember that mistakes make you human.
  • Don’t take yourself or your title too seriously. Regardless if you’re a judge, a general counsel or a senior partner, you should be able to laugh at yourself and see the humor in your humanness and those with whom you work. In other words, relax and be able to poke fun at yourself.

As a judge who hears dependency cases at 1801 Vine St., I deal with some of the most broken of families in Philadelphia. For several hours each day, I hear tragic stories of physical or sexual abuse, neglect, drug addiction or untreated mental health. At the heart of each case is a child that is in need of support, affirmation and services. Rather than focusing on the heartbreaking circumstances that brought a child to court, I direct my efforts on what the parties need to do to provide a safe and nurturing environment for the child. In doing so, I am pursuing happiness in my job, which enables me to deal with the emotional stress that is omnipresent in dependency cases.

I hope that all of us in the legal profession make a concerted effort to pursue happiness not only in our personal lives but also in our professional careers. Happier judges and lawyers create more pleasant work environments, increased job satisfaction and less stress. And, if you are in my courtroom, I hope that you will focus on the positive and work on improving the life of the child rather than assigning blame for how the child arrived in dependency court. In doing so, we will not only achieve better results for the child but also create a courtroom that is a happier place for the parties, attorneys and court staff.

Hon. Daniel J. Anders is a judge assigned to the dependency court of the juvenile branch within the Family Court division of the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia County. The opinions of Judge Anders are solely his own and do not constitute or reflect the opinions of any other judge.
You don’t need to drink 12 cups of coffee or load up on sugar-laden treats in order to complete 90 minutes of work in just 60 minutes. Daniel J. Siegel says technology can help attorneys accomplish more in less time.

“Technology is, as attorneys, there’s just too much paper. We’ve all seen the offices where paper is just everywhere. When you try to dig out from paper, it’s really difficult,” Siegel showed members of the Law Practice Management Division’s Technology Committee on Sept. 20 how they could save time by using their computers.

“If you have to do something on a computer more than once, there should be a way to automate the process or make it more efficient. If you try to save some time, even if it’s five seconds on an item, and you do that six times a day and two minutes a week and 100 minutes a year. Suddenly, there’s an hour and a half saved from doing repetitive routines,” Siegel said.

“A lot of people, attorneys and non attorneys, feel overwhelmed by their computers. They’re literally afraid to do things and try things. With programs you use every day, you can save time. And the more you automate what you do by going electronic, the more time you save. If you can complete 90 minutes of work in less time, you’re more productive. And when you get your work done more efficiently, it’s better for you. I’ve yet to meet an attorney who has complained that he has too much free time,” he said.

Siegel, co-chair of Technology Committee, has tried to eliminate as much paper as possible from his practice. “I have in my office, a DVD that contains every document in every file since I opened my practice and my technology business a little under two years ago. It’s 5,615 files and everything but my e-mail. It only takes up 85 percent of the DVD, which means I could have put another 750 documents on there. And from that DVD, I can access every document I’ve created in my office in literally one or two clicks of a mouse.”

“On the other hand,” Siegel said, “if I had to go to the physical file to get those documents, just getting up from my desk every day would cost me minutes rather than if I had scanned a letter and saved it to my computer. Over a week and over a year, we’re talking about significant amounts of time. I don’t know anyone who wants to spend their time just shuffling paper. If it’s electronic and it’s scanned properly, it’s there forever.”

Other ways to streamline your practice include archiving e-mail; performing regular backups of your digital files; the use of electronic calendaring; sending and receiving faxes electronically and the use of time billing software.
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“GOOOOOAL!” adds cheering smiles to
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Immediately to the right are wide stairs
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and a banister leading downward. A brief
break at a long wooden bench, and
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This dining area is surprisingly full of
guests, with candles stashed in shallow
nicks add frill. The noise from upstairs
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citation and advocacy.

Rather than defend Judge Sloviter,
something that she could not and would
not do for herself, I find the Philadelphia
Bar Reporter further publicizing the book
and its author in the September issue. The
Bar Association should be aware of the
effect of this disgraceful attack on its pres-
tigious Sandra Day O'Connor Award,
given to Judge Sloviter and many other
prominent women lawyers and judges.

broccoli, carrots and
green peppers. Heaven
on earth grilled to per-
fidious perfection. Or
consider carne de porco
à alentejana ($16). This
platter provides blissfully
bracing sautéed pork
meats and granules of

fattness. Juices burst
within your clenched
cheeks as you attempt to
gently gnarl the tender
mold while holding your
breath from the heat.

Your tongue latches
in the bath, until a smoky
garlicky yellow mustard
soil room for another
forkful.

Nor are the codor-
nizes grelhadas ($8) to
be avoided. Here are two grilled quails,
served spread-eagle on either end of an
oblong platter, the middle of is which
is piled with pickled vegetables, including
carrots, beets and red peppers. The birds
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The specialty of the house is “paelha”
($20), served at Taste of Portugal in saffron
rice, aromatically embellished with seaweed
(seaheath), or with some seafood, but mostly chicken, pork and
sauce (Valenciana). Boundless lobster
pieces (still in shells), shrimp (shelled),
clams and mussels (attached to shells),
calamaris and scallops appear, as the mar-
ket allows, in rounded brown ceramic
Brasileira containers. The paelha’s success
is measured by the chef’s timing, so that
different ingredients come to the table
turgidly cooked, never over nor under.

The attention to detail is relentless, and
here, successful. Fragrances replete with
sea salt, shellfish and saffron accumulate
in wet mounds of soaked rice. Amazingly
sized, uneven portions are inevitably
packed and taken home for the next day’s
lunch and dinner.

Dessert is a cold-hearted flan surround-
ed by the sweetest caramel.

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I did a crazy thing recently – actually, two crazy things. I am not the adventuresome sort, and in fact, I can safely say I am the most risk-averse person I know. Fear of heights, speed and injury ensured a relatively sedentary lifestyle. Walking in three-inch heels is the only dangerous activity I engage in. But somehow, I let my friend convince me to try ziplining and wet rappelling in Puerto Iguazu while on vacation in Argentina.

A company called Iguazu Forest offered an eco-adventure tour that included a trek through the (mosquito-infested) Iguazu forest in a 4x4, ziplining across the forest and rappelling down a waterfall. I was assured that it was perfectly safe (“Not one tourist has died”) and since we had survived a thrilling powerboat ride the day before to the Garganta del Diablo (“the Devil’s throat”) in Iguazu Falls, I was feeling somewhat daring.

But as I started climbing up the rickety wooden ladder to get to the platform for the zipline, I began to heartily curse my friend and my stupidity. What was I doing? I wanted to turn back, I wanted to cry, I wanted my mommy. But instead, I continued my ascent. Panicking, I thought - what if the cable line broke, what if I fell, what if I died? Well, I need not have worried. The cable line held up just fine, I did not fall and I did not die. I finished the zipline with nary a scratch and to my surprise, I found that I had enjoyed myself tremendously. Equally enjoyable, but a bit more bruising, was rappelling down the 35-foot waterfall. I managed to stumble my way to the bottom of the waterfall, completely drenched, elbows and knees scraped up, but at the end, I had a huge grin on my face. My friend and I agreed that it was the best experience we had ever had and we could hardly wait to share the tale of our adventure with our friend who could not make the trip to Iguazu with us.

Later, on the train ride to Tigre the next day, we were describing our lunacy to our friend when I noted and remarked that we were never asked to sign a waiver before our adventure. My friends, both lawyers, rolled their eyes. Of course, this started one of those lengthy discussions all lawyers (and non-lawyers) have regarding (North) Americans’ being overly litigious, an individual’s assumption of the risk, lawsuits effectuating change, blah, blah, blah. Quite frankly, I found it to be a relief to have experienced such an exhilarating adventure without worrying about the legal implications or ramifications. I had just been scared for my life, not about what would have happened after I died. Would my experience have been any better if I had signed a waiver beforehand? Would it have made me feel better to know that if I had died, my parents could have brought a lawsuit if my death had been caused by negligence? Actually, no. And knowing my parents, if I had died during that experience, they would have killed me. So, I doubt a lawsuit would have made them feel any better. But of course, if I had not died, but had to live severely maimed, wouldn’t I want to be financially taken care of? Aaaargghhh. After debating the issue for about half the length of the train ride, we realized we had spent our precious vacation time talking about law and lawsuits and not appreciating the coastal scenery passing us by.

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

Deputy Secretary, Dog Law Enforcement

Gov. Rendell discussed his goal of eliminating Pennsylvania’s reputation as a puppy mill state. He was joined by Jessie L. Smith, Special Deputy Secretary, Dog Law Enforcement, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, to talk about his initiatives to more closely regulate and improve the dog breeding industry in Pennsylvania.

Governor’s Best Friend

Gov. Edward G. Rendell visits with Kaley from the Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue on Aug. 28. Rendell was the keynote speaker at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s Fourth Annual Animal Law Conference at The CLE Conference Center. Gov. Rendell discussed his goal of eliminating Pennsylvania’s reputation as a puppy mill state. He was joined by Jessie L. Smith, Special Deputy Secretary, Dog Law Enforcement, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, to talk about his initiatives to more closely regulate and improve the dog breeding industry in Pennsylvania.

Brennan Award

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the quality or administration of justice in Philadelphia is eligible for consideration. Examples of accomplishments worthy of nomination include innovations in court administration, implementation of pioneering case management techniques, assumption of a leadership role in areas affecting the administration of justice, publication of a significant opinion, article, or other scholarly work, or the like.

This year’s Brennan Award Committee is chaired by John Soroko. Nominations for the Brennan Distinguished Jurist Award should be forwarded to: Brennan Award, Attn: Areetha Carter, Philadelphia Municipal Court, 1101 Market St., 11th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107. All nominations should include the full name, address and telephone number of both the nominee and the person submitting the nomination, a summary of the nominee’s accomplishments, and any pertinent supporting material the committee should consider. All nominations must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19, 2007.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan Jr. was the first recipient of the award in 1995. Other recipients of the award, which is now named in honor of Justice Brennan, include the following: Judge Alex Bonavitacola of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas (1996); 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 (1999); Chief Judge James T. Giles of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (2000); Justice Russell M. Nigro of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court (2002); U.S. District Court Judge Louis H. Pollack (2003); Judge James R. Melimnon, retired U.S. Chief Magistrate Judge (2004); U.S. District Court Senior Judge Edward V. Ludwig (2005) and Philadelphia Municipal Court President Judge Louis J. Presenna (2006). The Brennan Award was not given in 2001.

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New YLD Events Target Families, Music Lovers

The Young Lawyers Division has two new events scheduled—one for families and another for music lovers.

The YLD will host “A-Scare-ium at the Aquarium” on Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Adventure Aquarium in Camden, N.J. from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes to the event. Admission is $25 for adults and $15 for children and includes lunch, an animal encounter, a pick-your-own pumpkin and painting activity and a special showing of SpongeBob SquarePants 4D ride.

The Adventure Aquarium features the Shark Realm, a 40-foot tunnel surrounded by a 550,000-gallon tank with more than 20 sharks and 850 other animals. The Ocean Realm has more than 750,000 gallons of seawater with giant sea turtles, stingrays and more. Visitors can view the Ocean Realm through two movie-screen sized windows.

The YLD’s Lawyerpalooza is modeled after a similar program that originated in Seattle. Lawyerpalooza features bands consisting of Philadelphia lawyers. The event will be held Thursday, Oct. 25 at Kildare’s at 2nd and South streets.

The featured bands perform many different kinds of music. Some of the bands confirmed include A Band Called M, Class Action, Pray for Mojo, Brad Shuttleworth (Shuttleworth Law, LLC), Lev Kalman (Blank Rome LLP), Matthew Hoffman (Duane Morris LLP) and The Pro Bonos. Pray for Mojo won the Philadelphia City Paper’s Reader’s Choice award in 2004 for best local band.

Tickets for Lawyerpalooza are $10 and include drink tickets, heavy hors d’oeuvres and drink specials.
Luciano Pavarotti’s Talent Came From the Heart

By Marc W. Reuben

Luciano Pavarotti and Enrico Caruso both died of cancer at the height of their world fame as tenors on the operatic stage. Truth be told, Caruso, considered by many (including Pavarotti) to have been the greatest tenor of them all, died younger and as the result of hard living (he smoked five packs unfiltered each day and loved food and drink). Both men left behind young wives and millions of devoted admirers and, happily, a significant recorded legacy.

Pavarotti, with his sweet, lyric voice, was captured with the most modern electric recording science, and his performances are filled with nuances of emotion that could not be captured in the ancient acoustic recordings made by Caruso (without electronic reproduction). Performers shouted into a large metal horn and the vibrations were distilled onto wax – no tape, no editing, no reliable range of accurate frequency sound reproduction – just an echo.

When one listens to the sounds these two great singers made almost a century apart, one hears notes produced the result of training and polished as a result of love of art. The special zing some singers give to their work is mental as much as mechanical. Pavarotti brought intensity into his singing not simply because his voice box was able to accommodate the singing of intense high notes, but because his soul cared to make music. That soulfulness is the mark of a singer whom the populace loves and such people are the real immortals. There are many who can sing like Pavarotti. Some who are technically better and a few with better sounding voices. But none of them at present can generate powerful singing, with sparkling eyes and forceful movements that command attention.

Pavarotti was a big fellow. It was hard for me to take his ministrations to lovely Mirella Freni seriously because of their difference in size. But when they sang together nothing mattered except those wonderful voices. I remember a late evening radio program of the new recording of Pavarotti and Freni singing “Butterfly” that was interrupted by the bulletin that Richard Tucker had just died. Even that grief could not dampen the pleasure of the sensual music sung by voices of the sublime. And they were sublime and the love duet wrings tears from listeners.

Pavarotti was, like his idol Caruso, a basically untutored singer, who came to opera and studied music as he grew. Caruso started out with a sweet tenor voice that darkened noticeably over his Met career (1902-20). He still maintained a significant touch of tenor, but was almost
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Note: While the following listings have been verified prior to press time, any scheduled event may be subject to change by the committee or section chairs.

Monday, Oct. 1
Family Law Section: Meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

Tuesday, Oct. 2
Philadelphia Bar Foundation Board of Trustees: Meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Committee on the Legal Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room.

Wednesday, Oct. 3
Delivery of Legal Services Committee: Meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Rules and Procedure Committee: Meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.
Bar-News Media Committee: Meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

Thursday, Oct. 4
Civil Rights Committee: Meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.
Health Care Law Committee: Meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50

Monday, Oct. 8
Columbus Day: Bar Association offices closed.

Tuesday, Oct. 9
Criminal Justice Section Executive Committee: Meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Investment Companies Committee: Meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

Wednesday, Oct. 10
Appellate Courts Committee: Meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Thursday, Oct. 11
Solo and Small Firm Committee: Meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.
Legislative Liaison Committee: Meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.

Monday, Oct. 15
Public Interest Section Executive Committee: Meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Business Law Section Executive Committee: Meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center.
Small Business Committee: Meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.

Tuesday, Oct. 16
Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon: 12 p.m., Philadelphia Downtown Marriott, 1200 Market St. Tickets: $50, philadelphiaBar.org.

Tuesday, Oct. 17
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.

Wednesday, Oct. 18
Law Practice Management Division Executive Committee: Meeting, 11:30 a.m., 11th floor Conference Center.
Law Practice Management Division Technology Committee: Meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Thursday, Oct. 19
Law Practice Management Division Executive Committee: Meeting, 11:30 a.m., 11th floor Conference Center.

Friday, Oct. 26
Women’s Rights Committee: Meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Monday, Oct. 29
Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee: Meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Tuesday, Oct. 30
Women in the Profession Committee: Meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

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

Wednesday, Oct. 31
Women in the Profession Committee: Meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

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a baritone in his later years. Pavarotti maintained the tone of a lyric (sweet) tenor to the end. His voice did darken as years passed. But the bright sound could be summoned when needed. Like other singers, he had problems with breath control as he grew older and heavier. But that sound and the willingness to put himself out there and please the people never left him and people loved him for it.

Pavarotti’s gold standard was Caruso because images of what his voice was are still so powerful. Artists and lovers of art still marvel at what Caruso must have been. I knew people who heard Caruso sing, who saw the glass crystals shatter and had to hold their hands over their ears, and saw grown men in 1915 crying openly when Caruso sang. The emotion he put into music can be heard in countless recordings he made (“Vesta la Giubba” from Pagliacci, recorded in 1906, ranks as one of the great classical recordings made to date and it still makes people cry.)

In all that Pavarotti did he was able to put emotion into singing, and also make people believe that he was singing for them especially. Where Caruso was grand and awesome, Pavarotti brought the grandeur of great song into the living room and made it comfortable there. Singers are supposed to make you feel involved in what they do. Pavarotti, with his outsized persona and facile voice, was a tenor for his time.

Others stand by him. Placido Domingo, with his full, lucious, buttery sound is a mainstay of operatic audiences. His voice is darker than Pavarotti and his singing is often less emotional, relying instead on measured doses of awesome musicianship.

Franco Corelli, a powerful singer who crossed as Pavarotti came on the scene, tried to breach the gap between lyric and dramatic singing, but was never really convincing no matter how noble the effort.

The tenor with whom Pavarotti is often compared is the aristocratic Swedish Jussi Bjorling (1911-60). The two have similar voices. Bjorling brought notes out of the air with ease and it never seemed he fought for anything, Pavarotti often struggled and carried listeners with him as he did. Neither man was a prominent stage actor although audiences knew to come only for the voice when Bjorling appeared. Pavarotti was more of a performer and in the modern age, people seem to like that.

People like Pavarotti, who equate their art with personal gratification, often manage to transcend the limitation of enjoyment that society wraps around great art and bring pleasure to everyone. That is a blessing and he will be sorely missed.

Marc W. Robson, a sole practitioner, is an advisory editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter. He has been writing about the Arts and Media since 1973.
Notice to Philadelphia Bar Association Members

Pursuant to Section 1100 of the Philadelphia Bar Association bylaws, notice is hereby given to all members of the Philadelphia Bar Association that the following amendments to the bylaws of the Philadelphia Bar Association were considered at the July 26, 2007 Board of Governors meeting and were approved for submission to the members at the October Quarterly meeting to take place on Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2007 at Noon at the Philadelphia Downtown Marriott.

1. Section 100(A)(1)(c) shall be amended and restated as follows:

Section 100. Classes of Membership;
Rights.

(A) There shall be the following classes of membership:

(1) Regular Member. A Regular Member shall be a member of the Bar (a) of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, or the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit; or (b) of any court of record whose office or principal practice is in the City of Philadelphia; or (c) of any court of record who is employed in the City of Philadelphia or who maintains therein his or her principal office or of any court of record, who is a full-time member of the faculty of any accredited law school.

2. Section 208(A) and (B) shall be amended and restated as follows:

Section 208. The Board.

(A) The members of the Board entitled to vote, shall be:
(1) the Officers, all of whom shall serve for a term co-extensive with their respective terms of office;
(2) the immediate past Chancellor;
(3) the immediate past Chair of the Board;
(4) a representative of each Section designated by the Section and then serving as a member of the highest executive body of the Section who shall serve for a term of one year (provided that no such representative shall serve for more than three consecutive one-year terms); the Chair of each Section shall notify the Chair of the Board on or before December 31 of each year of the identity of the person designated by the Section to serve as a member of the Board during the following calendar year as a representative of the Section;
(5) 15 persons elected by the Members as provided in Section 300(A)(1)(c), consisting of three classes of five Members each, who shall serve for a term of three years, one class being elected each year; (6) three persons appointed by the Chancellor pursuant to Section 208(D), each of whom shall serve for a term of three years, one person being appointed each year;
(a) In order to transition the 208(D) appointments from two members with two year terms to three members with three year terms, the 2008 Chancellor shall on or before Jan. 15, 2008, appoint one member to a term ending Dec. 31, 2009 and one member whose term shall expire Dec. 31, 2010. As of Jan. 15, 2009 and each year thereafter, the Chancellor shall appoint one member to a three year term as defined by 208(D); (7) the Chair and Chair-Elect of the Young Lawyers Division; and, (8) the Chair of the Law Practice Management Division.

(B) The Chancellor immediately prior to the immediate past Chancellor and the President of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation shall be ex officio non-voting.

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Meetings of the Board and Cabinet.

and restated as follows:

a quorum. adjournment, notwithstanding the loss of a quorum shall be the acts of the Board. The members of the Board present at a duly organized meeting can continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the loss of a quorum.

Section 210(B) shall be amended and restated as follows:

Section 210. Procedure; Quorum.

(B) Except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws, eighteen (18) members of the Board eligible to vote shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the acts of a majority of the members of the Board eligible to vote present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the acts of the Board. The members of the Board present at a duly organized meeting can continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the loss of a quorum.

Section 214 (C) shall be amended and restated as follows:

Section 214. Place and Notice of Meetings of the Board and Cabinet.

(C) Whenever written notice is transmitted, that the transmission has been received, transmitted with telephone confirmation to the member. In the case of facsimile transmission, notification to the member shall be deemed to have been given when deposited with the courier service for delivery to the member. In the case of facsimile transmission with telephone confirmation that the transmission has been received, notice shall be deemed to have been given when transmitted.

5. Section 1001 shall be amended and restated as follows:

Section 1001. Administration of Official Publications

The Editorial Boards of each official publication shall consist of Members of the Association appointed by the Chancellor or by a majority of the membership of the Association's Editorial Board, upon demonstration by the appointee of a commitment to the goals of the publication. All initial appointments shall be approved by the Board of Governors prior to the individual beginning service as a member of the Editorial Board. The members of each Editorial Board shall serve for three-year terms, with all terms ending on Dec. 31. The term of an initial appointment shall end on Dec. 31 of the third year following their appointment, e.g., the term of a member appointed in June 2007 would end on Dec. 31, 2009. Upon the expiration of a member's three-year term, the member's appointment shall be renewed for successive terms only upon approval by a majority of the membership of the respective publication's Editorial Board and approval thereafter by the Board of Governors. Current members of the Editorial Board shall complete their current terms and thereafter be subject to the terms contained herein. The internal operating procedures and manner of selection of the Editor of each official publication shall be established by majority vote of all members of the publication's Editorial Board then in office.

6. ‘Publish’ in the Definitions Section shall be amended and restated as follows:

“Publish” shall mean notification published in any Association publication that is available to every Member, including electronic media, and/or in The Legal Intelligence.

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Wachovia Fidelity Award Nomination Deadline is Oct. 12

Nominations are now being accepted for the Philadelphia Bar Association’s 2007 Wachovia Fidelity Award, presented annually to a member of the Association, who through volunteer activities, rendered over a considerable period of time, has made significant improvements in the administration of justice.

The criteria for the award are:

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• Distinguished service consistently rendered over a considerable period of time or a single outstanding achievement in a particular year. (The fact that this single achievement may have occurred some years ago in not material so long as it has not been recognized);
• The accomplishment must arise from voluntary activities rather than for service rendered as a paid professional; and
• It is preferred that the recipient be a member of the Philadelphia Bar Association not now in public office or directly involved with the court operations or any other public service activity.

Nominations should be made in writing. Please include a detailed statement setting forth information and reasons why you are recommending the nominee. Nominations should be sent to Tracey McCloskey, Philadelphia Bar Association, c/o Fidelity Award Committee, 1101 Market St., 11th Floor, Philadelphia PA 19107. The deadline is Friday, Oct. 12.

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People

Rhonda Hill Wilson, principal in the Law Offices of Rhonda H. Wilson, P.C., has been reappointed to the American Association for Justice’s Executive and Membership Oversight Committees. She also presented at the American Association for Justice Annual Convention for the American Women Trial Lawyers Caucus on the topic of “Exercising Leadership Through Community Outreach” in Chicago on July 17.

Jean A. Durling, chief recruitment and professional development officer at Fox Rothschild LLP, has been elected to serve a two-year term on the board of directors for NALP – the Association for Legal Career Professionals.

Stephen G. Harvey, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP, was a moderator at a program focusing on subprime lending at the American Bar Association’s Annual Meeting in San Francisco, Ca., on Aug. 12.

Michael G. Moyer, senior vice president of development at Land Services USA, was named to the Board of the Foundation for Breast & Prostate Health.

Alexander Muenzt, a sole practitioner, presented “Protecting your IT Infrastructure from Legal Attacks” at the Defcon 15 Computer Security convention in Las Vegas, NV on Aug. 3.

H. Ronald Klasko, the founding partner of Klasko, Rulon, Stock and Seltzer LLP was recently a featured guest on the Voice of America program “Encounter” on a segment titled “International Students in the U.S.: Balancing Openness with Security.” The program aired on July 1 around the world. He also recently spoke on U.S. immigration rules and regulations affecting students, scholars, employees, business people and investors at a program hosted by the Global Village for Future Leaders of Business and Industry at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa.

Sheila S. Gallucci-Davis, vice president-general counsel and Secretary of Subaru of America, Inc., recently received the 2007 Women of Outstanding Achievement Award honoring women who have distinguished themselves professionally and in service to their community by the Girl Scouts of Camden County, N.J.

Philip J. Katauskas, of counsel to Sermont Ormsby Greenberg & Torchia, LLC, has been elected to chair the Environmental Advisory Council for the Township of Nether Providence, Delaware County.

Kevin F. Berry, a member of Cozen O’Connor, was recently inducted into the Litigation Counsel of America.


Heather C. Giordanella, a shareholder with Miller, Alfano and Raspanti, P.C., received the Outstanding Member Award at the National Association of Women Lawyers’ 2007 Annual Awards Luncheon on Aug. 2 in New York City.

Emmanuel O. Iheukwumere, principal shareholder of Emmanuel Law Firm, LLC, won the “Tort Reform Voir Dire Questions in Medical Malpractice Cases” published in the May 2007 issue of the ABA’s The Practical Litigator. The article explored permissible voir dire questions on tort reform in medical malpractice cases.

David N. Hofstein of Hofstein Weiner & Levit, P.C., was a moderator for “Internet Risks and Resources for Family Lawyers” at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Pennsylvania Chapter in Cambridge, Md.

Nadeem A. Bezar, a partner with Klobby, Gordon, Robin, Shore and Bezar, recently began his term as president of the South Asian Bar Association of Philadelphia.

Andrew A. Chirls, a partner with Wolf, Block, Schorr, and Solis-Cohen LLP and former Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association, has been elected to the American Law Institute. The ALI recognizes people for their significant professional achievements and a demonstrated interest in the improvement of the law.

Barrett Satinsky, a partner at Fox Rothschild LLP, was a speaker at the Corporate Synergies 2007 Fall Institute on strategic benefits planning.

Timothy J. Bloh, a partner at Fox Rothschild LLP, spoke at the “Practicing Architecture in New Jersey” seminar on Sept. 27 in New Brunswick, N.J.

Justin B. Wineburgh, a member of Cozen O’Connor, presented two lectures on films and filmmaking for the Greater Philadelphia Film Office in conjunction with Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts.

Ilan Rosenberg, a member of Cozen O’Connor, has been elected vice president of the America–Israel Chamber of Commerce for the Central Atlantic Region.

Kevin E. Raphael, a shareholder with Miller, Alfano & Raspanti, P.C., spoke at the National Business Institute’s CLE Seminar on Aug. 16. He discussed “Criminal Defense: Pretrial Success.”

Michael H. Reed, a partner at Pepper Hamilton LLP, has been named to the Interest on Lawyers Trust Account Board by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

Jennifer Brandt, a member of Cozen O’Connor, recently had two back-to-back appearances on CNN’s “Showbiz Special Report” discussing Britney Spears’ child custody battle.

Sherry L. Horowitz, a sole practitioner, has been appointed as a trustee of the Golden Slipper Club & Charities, a non-profit organization that supports children and senior citizens.

Eric H. Weitz, a member of Seidel Weitz Garfinkle & Datz, LLC, has been certified as a life member of both the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum, comprised of attorneys who have won million and multi-million dollar verdicts, awards and settlements.

Steven B. Davis, a partner with Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP, was recently appointed to the corporate insurance coverage committee of the Conflict Resolution & Prevention International Institute.

Kim R. Jessum, of counsel to Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP, recently moderated the CLE program, “The Anti-trust-IP Interface: What Attorneys Really Need to Know,” held at the American Bar Association Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

Jacqueline H. Canter, a shareholder with Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, was the course planner and speaker for the recent Pennsylvania Bar Institute seminar “Communicating With Your Client,” which focused on developing and maintaining a healthy attorney-client relationship through effective communication.

Abbe F. Fletman, a shareholder with FlasterGreenberg, has been appointed by the American Bar Association 2007-08 Section of Litigation leadership to serve as co-chair of The Woman Advocate Committee.

“People” highlights news of members’ awards, honors or appointments of a community or civic nature. Information may be sent to Jeff Upton, Senior Managing Editor, Philadelphia Bar Reporter, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., 11th fl., Philadelphia, Pa. 19107-2911. Fax: (215) 238-1159. E-mail: reporter@philabar.org. Color photos are also welcome.

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