October Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon

Political Strategist Brazile to Address Bar Members; Honors for Judge Beck

by Jeff Lyons

Donna Brazile, a senior political strategist and manager of Al Gore’s 2000 presidential campaign, will be the keynote speaker at the Association’s Tuesday, Oct. 18 Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets.

“We are very excited to have such a dynamic speaker. Especially one who has been involved in some of the most important political campaigns of recent years,” said Chancellor Andrew A. Chirls. “Her insight into the national and statewide campaigns, Brazil has worked on several presidential campaigns including Carter-Mondale in 1976 and 1980, Rev. Jesse Jackson’s first historic bid for the presidency in 1984; Mondale-Ferraro in 1984; U.S. Rep. Dick Gephardt in 1988; Dukakis-Reiters in 1988; and Clinton-Gore in 1992 and 1996.

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

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

For Judge Beck, being named recipient of the O’Connor Award is a high honor.

“I love the law and certainly enjoy the practice and teaching and being a judge. It’s been an amazing career for me. I’m very grateful to the lawyers who’ve accepted me. When I graduated in 1967, there were just a handful of women practicing in this area. It was a little tough at first, but I’m grateful for the acceptance,” she said recently. “I think there’s no higher honor than to be recognized by one’s peers.”

“It is very fitting that the acceptance,” she said in regards to women’s careers in the profession, and we thank her for being such a mentor and inspiration,” said Committee Co-Chair Kimberly A. Boyer.

“Our committee was unanimous in its selection of Judge Beck. She is a role model, mentor and an inspiration to so many. She has spent a lifetime shaping the law and the profession in regards to women and she has done it all,” continued page 10.

2005 Bench-Bar Conference

Hotel Discount Deadline is Sept. 9

The deadline for making hotel reservations for the 2005 Bench-Bar Conference at The Tropicana in Atlantic City, N.J. is Friday, Sept. 9 in order to obtain the special rate of $185 per night plus taxes. The rate will increase Sept. 10.

Hotel reservations must be made separately by calling (800) 247-4767. Mention “Philadelphia Bar Association 2005 Bench-Bar Conference” to take advantage of the special rate.

The deadline to register for the Conference is Friday, Sept. 23. The Conference will be held Friday, Sept. 30 to Saturday, Oct. 1. Online registration is available at philadelphiabar.org.


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Brennan Award Nomination Deadline Extended to Sept. 9

The deadline for nominations for the Association's Justice William J. Brennan Jr. Distinguished Jurist Award has been extended until Friday, Sept. 9.

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 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 A. Michael Pratt. Nominations for the Justice Brennan Distinguished Jurist Award should be forwarded to Brennan Award, Attn: Gerusa Vazzolo, Philadelphia Bar Association, 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, Sept. 9.
In Their Own Words

Six Elements Define Calling for Lawyers

by Jerome J. Shestack

So many lawyers these days seem to regard the “bottom line” as the be-all-end-all of their practice.

- Such bottom-line obsession converts our profession into a business and trivializes the ideals and standards that most of us embraced when we decided to become lawyers.
- To be sure, economics plays a role in law, as elsewhere. But what I believe marks law as a profession is a commitment to six elements that define our calling.
- First is fidelity to ethics and integrity, not as a burden to be circumvented, but as a bounty to be embraced.
- Second is independence, which makes the law a unique calling. It means saying “no” to a client when “no” should be said.
- Third is civility and respect. That doesn’t mean just hugging your opponent. It is an approach that values human dignity and modifies the antagonism of an adversarial society to achieve a more civilized condition.
- Fourth is meaningful legal education, not just to meet a CLE request, but as a means for growth and replenishment.
- Fifth is a commitment to improve the justice system and advance the rule of law. The justice system is our ministry. To make a limping legal structure stand straight, to help ensure equal justice, to protect judicial independence, is every lawyer’s obligation.
- The final element is pro bono service. Society has given unique privileges to our profession, and it is only right to give the needy in our society something back. If we, as lawyers, fail to address the crucial needs of our society, we become more circumscribed, confined to lesser roles and entitled to less respect.

As changes reshaping society propel us toward crass commercialism, it is particularly critical to commit to the values that make us a learned and noble profession.

By heightening professionalism, we can hopefully renew public confidence in our profession and, at the same time, ensure our own self respect.
Section Spotlight: Tax

Temple Scholarship Honors Late Section Chair

by Jeff Lyons

The Association's Tax Section is honoring late Section Chair Barbara W. Freedman by establishing a scholarship in her name for an LLM student at Temple University Beasley School of Law. "Barbara's death is pretty tough for all of us to deal with. There's a pretty small group of tax lawyers here in Philadelphia and we've been close for a long, long time," Tax Section Chair Joseph E. Ronan Jr. recently told the Board of Governors. Freedman was killed in a plane crash in Cape May County, N.J., on April 5.

"We've contributed $10,000 through the Tax Section to the law school for a scholarship to the law school for a LLM student in Barbara's memory. We wanted to stipulate that the student be a feisty red-head like Barbara, but they wouldn't go for that," Ronan said.

He said the Section hopes to make the first scholarship in the fall. "We think the funding will be up to $25,000 by that time. It'll enable us to generate a relatively modest scholarship to a student each year in the LLM program," he said.

Bench-Bar CLE Program

Ronan said the Section also has planned a CLE seminar for the Association's Bench-Bar Conference on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 at The Quarter at Tropicana in Atlantic City, N.J. Ronan and David Sheehan are the panelists for the program "Tax Consequences of Settlements, Judgments and Payments of Attorney Fees." Ronan said the program will be of interest to litigators.

"The treatment of things like settlement payments and attorneys fees is an area of tax law that has been pretty complicated for a while. There's a fair amount of ongoing lack of clarity on how the rules work at this point. Many litigators aren't sure what fees and payments are taxable and what aren't," Ronan said.

Pro Bono Opportunities

Ronan said the Tax Section has been trying to organize pro bono opportunities for its members. "As you can imagine, most tax lawyers have difficulty finding appropriate pro bono opportunities. We talked at length with folks from VIP about the program they have going that helps migrant farm workers in the Kennett Square area. We've also talked separately with the United Way, which does a similar sort of program in Philadelphia in several locations," Ronan said.

Most of the work, he said, is with respect to the earned income tax credit. He said that a lot of people who are eligible for the credit don't know how the credit works and can't file a claim.

"The problem we're having with this is it's hard to get busy professionals to get on a bus and go to Kennett Square. Most of the work, he said, is with respect to the earned income tax credit. He said that a lot of people who are eligible for the credit don't know how the credit works and can't file a claim.

"We're trying to come up with a way that this work can be done 'back office,' where its sent back and reviewed rather than necessarily being in the field. We are going to try to coordinate, on a clearinghouse basis, pro bono opportunities for tax lawyers to see if we can get people to do more of this kind of work. There is a lot of interest among tax lawyers about doing pro bono work. It's hard to find the right kind of opportunities," he said.

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Dear First-Year Associate,

As you embark upon your legal career this fall, you will have much with which to contend and much information to process. This year will probably be the most trying of your career, and I urge you to resist the pressure to become overwhelmed by the many demands placed upon you. One of the best things you can do for both your personal and professional development, even in your first year of practice, is to become involved with the Young Lawyers Division. Whatever your interests may be, public interest, professional development, political or networking and socializing with your peers and other young professionals, we have something for you.

The YLD has been called the conscience of the Bar Association, primarily due to our public interest programs. These programs include mentoring high school students through the Champions of Caring program, as well as teaching them oral advocacy and trial skills with the Michael K. Smith Oratorical Contest and the nationally renowned high school mock trial program. You also can contribute your time preparing meals for families of sick children at the Ronald McDonald House or collecting goods for needy families at holiday time during our Harvest for the Homeless program. If you have fund-raising experience or an interest in it, we need your help in raising much-needed funds for the Bar Foundation, which provides grants for the city’s legal services programs.

Professional development is of paramount concern to young lawyers. This fall, in conjunction with the Membership Committee, we will be presenting “The Survival Guide for First-Year Lawyers.”

To mark the 250th anniversary of U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall’s birth, the National Constitution Center, in partnership with the Bar Association, will welcome Judge Roger Gregory of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals to offer a tribute to Marshall on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at the NCC, 525 Arch St., at 12 p.m. Admission is $6 for students, $9 for NCC and Bar Association members and $12 for non-members. You also can purchase a box lunch for a combined rate of $25 which will be available at 11:45 a.m. Food is not permitted in the auditorium.

The program is a way for the NCC to express its gratitude to the Bar Association for loaning the Center its portrait of Marshall by Henry Inman, which is displayed in the NCC. To reserve your place, call (215) 409-6700 or e-mail nationalprograms@constitutioncenter.org.

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years,” a live program geared to meet the unique needs of attorneys in their first year of practice. Being mentored by a more experienced attorney can help you navigate the rough patches of early in your career. I urge you to utilize our mentorship program to obtain a mentor early in your career. Our Law School Outreach Committee has made great strides this year in bridging the gap between young lawyers and those still in law school. As recent graduates, you are the perfect ambassadors in facilitating contact between the groups. Our Philadelphia 2020 committee is for those of you who are politically minded. As recent national news coverage has indicated, Philadelphia is poised for greatness. The residential real estate construction boom in the city anticipates an influx of new residents. Will the new arrivals come? If so, how will they change the character of a city known for clinging to old traditions? More importantly, do we have the political and civic infrastructure to meet the needs of a rapidly changing 21st century city? On Friday, Sept. 16, the YLD will host Zach Stalberg, former editor-in-chief of the Philadelphia Daily News and president and chief executive officer of the Committee of Seventy, who will discuss these issues and more.

The best reason to get involved with the YLD, bar none, is the friendships that have sold her on a greater involvement in the YLD. I have no doubt that she will one day be one of the leaders of our organization. I hope you will follow Jen Y’s lead, and become involved with the YLD early in your legal careers. I look forward to meeting many of you at our events in the coming months.

Lavender Law Conference
Oct. 27 - 29 in San Diego

The National Lesbian and Gay Law Association will hold its annual Lavender Law Conference from Oct. 27 – Oct. 29 in San Diego. More than 500 attorneys, law professors, students and members of the judiciary are expected to attend. The conference will offer 36 workshops to teach attendees practical hands-on, nuts-and-bolts information on LGBT law presented by leading litigators, policy analysts and legal careers specialists. For more information, visit www.lavenderlaw.org.

Association Forms Nominating Committee

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


The committee has scheduled dates for its next meetings. They are Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005, at 12 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 13, 2005, at 4 p.m.; and Friday, Oct. 14, 2005, at 4 p.m.

Offices for which candidates are being solicited are vice chancellor, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer and five seats on the Board of Governors, three of which are to be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Each Board seat carries a three-year term. Individuals who wish to be considered for any of the above offices should submit a resume of their background and indicate the position for which they wish to run. Materials should be submitted to the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua, c/o Susan Knight, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., 11th Floor, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107-2911, no later than 5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005.

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Justice Newman to Address Section on Sept. 7

Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Sandra Schultz Newman will address members of the State Civil Litigation Section at the Section’s Wednesday, Sept. 7 meeting. The meeting begins at 12 p.m. in the 11th Floor Conference Center of Bar Association headquarters, 1101 Market St. Lunch is available for $7.50 for those members who register in advance. For more information, contact Stephanie Krzywanski at (215) 258-6560.
Attorneys Wanted: Foster Pepper & Shefelman PLLC maintains the premier Pacific Northwest Real Estate practice and an extensive national Real Estate practice. Our Real Estate practice group, Seattle Office, is seeking one or more senior associate/junior partner level attorneys (6+ years of real estate experience), with extensive experience representing developers, promisors, and investors in real estate projects; familiarity with entity and financing structuring, including drafting LLC operating agreements and reviewing loan documentation; experience with all aspects of transactional due diligence; and experience with lease, SNDA, and enjoined review and drafting. Strong academic background and excellent skill level in real estate sales, financing, leasing, and development. Candidate should have either strong real estate transaction experience, with some real estate finance experience, or strong real estate finance experience, with some transaction experience. Provided the candidate has proven client development and management skills, no book of business is required for out-of-town candidates. Salary commensurate with experience. Please visit our website at www.foster.com for more information about our firm.

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

Judge Beck was appointed to the Superior Court by Gov. Dick Thornburgh in 1981. She was elected state-wide to a 10-year term in November 1983 and retained in 1993. She is the first woman to serve on the Court. Judge Beck assumed the judgesship after serving as vice dean of the University of Pennsylvania Law School where she also taught. Prior to that time she was a faculty member at Temple Law Center. Her route to the bench included a bachelor’s degree from Brown University, magna cum laude, and a law degree in 1967 from Temple Law School, night division, where she was first in her class.

“I taught in the day school at Temple and the night school at Temple and I taught at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. And I must say my favorite students were always the night students. Being a night student is a long haul. Teaching night students was wonderful because they were very goal-directed and really serious about becoming good lawyers,” she said.

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

“There seems to be an appropriateness about getting the award inasmuch as Sandra Day O’Connor has retired already from the court and I’ll be retiring from this court at the end of the year,” she said. Judge Beck will become chief financial officer of the Independence Foundation, a non-profit organization that supports organizations that provide services to people who do not ordinarily have access to them.

“I’ve been a lawyer since 1967 and this is the end of my active legal career. You’re giving me such a great sendoff with this award. I’m really thrilled,” she said.

The Sandra Day O’Connor Award was established in 1995 to recognize the important contributions that women attorneys have made to the legal profession. Previous winners of the Sandra Day O’Connor Award include U.S. District Court Senior Judge Norma L. Shapiro, the late Justice Kilduff Stout, former justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court; Deborah K. Willig, first woman Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association; Martha J. Brennan of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP; the late Judge Judith J. Jamison; Ellen T. Greenlee, chief defender of the Defender Association of Philadelphia; former Chancellor Audrey C. Talley, and U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Dolores K. Sloviter (former Chief Judge); U.S. District Court Judge Anita C. Brody; Leslie Anne Miller, first woman president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association; Lila G. Roomburg of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP; the late Judge Judith J. Jamison; Ellen T. Greenlee, chief defender of the Defender Association of Philadelphia; former Chancellor Audrey C. Talley, and U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Marjorie O. Rendell.

Good Deed Award Nominees Sought

The Executive Committee of the Real Property Section is seeking nominations for this year’s Good Deed Award. The deadline for receipt of nominations is Monday, Sept. 15.

Award nominees must be an individual presently or formerly in private practice, public service, corporate, government, judiciary, and/or academic; or a person who has contributed in a meaningful way to the practice of real property law. A donation will be made to the Philadelphia Bar Foundation in the honoree’s name at the Section’s Annual Meeting in November. Invitations will be sent out in October. Visit philadelphia-bar.org for additional information as it becomes available.

To nominate someone for the award, please send their name and supporting statement to Susan Kupersmith, Esq., Sirlin Gallogly & Lesser, PC, 1529 Walnut St., Suite 600, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

Workers’ Comp Reception Sept. 9

The Workers’ Compensation Section will sponsor a reception for attendees of the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions Convention on Friday, Sept. 9 at the Union League of Philadelphia, 145 S. Broad St.

Tickets for the event are $42 for Section members; Workers’ Compensation Bureau judges and commissioners are welcomed as guests of the Section.

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Bench–Bar 2005 to Feature Judicial Panelists
16 Seminars, 6.5 Credits Available

by Jeff Lyons

Federal and state judges will be among the panelists for seminars at the Association's Bench-Bar Conference at The Quarter at Tropicana in Atlantic City, N.J., on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. The Conference offers 6.5 CLE credits.

“We are certain that this year's conference will offer a wide variety of CLE and therefore attract a broad cross-section of members. The courses are thoughtful and thought-provoking and feature top speakers in their respective practice areas,” said Conference Co-Chair Sayde J. Ladov.

“I hope that members will consider bringing their families and significant others to the conference to enjoy the amenities of the Tropicana,” she said.

The programs feature a mix of judges, practitioners and scholars with expertise in their fields. There are 16 different seminars from which to choose.

The Bench-Bar Conference is one of the few opportunities to meet informally with the judiciary to exchange ideas as to how our excellent court system can be made even better,” said Conference Co-Chair Mitchell I. Bach.

“I have personally seen how attorneys and judges working together can collaborate to make revolutionary changes in our courts. We hope that you will join us to strengthen the bond of bench and bar, to participate in some excellent CLE and enjoy a great time,” he said.

Prices to attend the full conference are $445 for Association members, $295 for Association members who work for nonprofit or government agencies or are members of the Young Lawyers Division and $495 for nonmembers.

One-day Bench-Bar Conference packages are also available, as are individual tickets to the Friday, Sept. 30 Grand Reception.

Hotel reservations must be made separately by calling (800) 247-8767. Mention “Philadelphia Bar Association/2005 Bench-Bar Conference” to take advantage of the special rate of $185 per night plus taxes. Hotel reservations must be made by Friday, Sept. 9, 2005.

Non-Attorney Guest Registration - $150 Per Guest

Each attendee must fill out a registration form in its entirety (non-attorney guests may be included on the form). Make checks payable to Philadelphia Bar Association and mail to: 2005 Bench-Bar Conference, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., 11th Fl., Philadelphia, PA 19107, or pay with your credit card below and fax to (215) 238-1159. This form is also available at www.philadelphiabar.org. NOTE: Hotel reservations must be made separately by calling (800) 247-8767. Mention “Philadelphia Bar Association/2005 Bench-Bar Conference” to take advantage of the special rate of $185 per night plus taxes. Hotel reservations must be made by Friday, Sept. 9, 2005.

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2005 Bench-Bar Conference Schedule of Events

Friday, Sept. 30

12 - 2 p.m. ........................................... Opening Luncheon
2:15 - 3:15 p.m. .................................. Track One Seminars
   • Evidence with the Hon. Mark I. Bernstein, Part I
   • The New Bankruptcy Law
   • Real Estate: Eminent Domain and Other Considerations
   • Immigration: Representation of the Mexican Community – A Case Study
3:15 - 3:30 p.m. .................................. Break
3:30 - 4:30 p.m. .................................. Track Two Seminars
   • Evidence with the Hon. Mark I. Bernstein, Part II
   • Dealing with the News Media: Ethical and Practical Considerations
   • Important Considerations in Developing a New Law Practice
4:30 - 5:30 p.m. .................................. Closing Luncheon

Saturday, Oct. 1

7:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. ......................... Breakfast
   • The 4th, 5th and 6th Amendments (and their Pennsylvania Counterparts) in the post-9/11 Universe (NOTE: This program runs from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.)
9:30 - 10:30 a.m. .............................. Track One Seminars
   • Medical Malpractice Issues and Updates – Part I
   • Updates of the Implementation of the New Class Action Law
   • Effective Technology for Commercial Trials: Bring Your Case to Life and Show the Jury Your Perspective
   • Workers’ Compensation Updates, Hot Tips and Subrogation: Do’s and Don’ts
10:30 - 11 a.m. ........................................ Break
11 a.m. - 12 p.m. .............................. Track Two Seminars
   • Medical Malpractice Issues and Updates – Part II
   • Mediation and other ADR Advocacy in the Commerce Case Program:
     Paradigm Shift for Litigators
   • What Every Lawyer Needs to Know About Juries
   • Family Law Updates on Divorce: Equitable Distribution, Support and Custody
   • Tax Consequences of Settlements, Judgments and Payments of Attorney Fees
12:15 - 2 p.m. .................................. Closing Luncheon

Philadelphia University of Law Prof. Leonard Sosnow will be the panelists for Saturday’s 8:30 a.m. program “The 4th, 5th and 6th Amendments (and their Pennsylvania Counterparts) in the post-9/11 Universe.”

Richard Srolel, Donald E. Matsoukos, Andrew L. Braunfeld, Benjamin A. Post and Common Pleas Court Judge Sandra Mazer Moss will be the panelists for the 9:30 a.m. program, “Medical Malpractice Issues and Updates – Part I.” Part II of the program continues at 11 a.m.

Sherry R. Savet, Robin Locke, Najole and Alan Kaplinsky will be the panelists for the 9:30 a.m. program, “Updates of the Implementation of the New Class Action Law.”

Family Law Section Chair Milton S. Savage Jr. is the course planner for the 9:30 a.m. program, “Emerging Issues in Family Law: The Status of Grandparents’ Rights and the Effect of Same-Sex Marriage on Pennsylvania Law and Policy.” Margaret Klaw is the moderator for the program. Common Pleas Judges Robert I. Matthews and Mark Momjian are the panelists for the grandparents’ rights portion of the program, while Momjian, Macey Sobel and Helen Canale are the panelists on the same-sex marriage topic.

Workers’ Compensation Bureau Judge Marc Harrison, Matthew W. Wynn, Michael Mudrey and Ronald A. Kovler are the panelists for the 9:30 a.m. program, “Workers’ Compensator Update: Hot Tips and Subrogation: Do’s and Don’ts.” Judge C. Darnell Jones, Rudolph Garcia, Howard D. Scher and James DeCrecenzo will be the panelists for “Effective Technology for Commercial Trials: Bring Your Case to Life and Show the Jury Your Perspective” at 9:30 a.m.
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Regional restaurants including New York's Carmines, Philadelphia's Cafe Libre Restaurant and Rum Bar, and Las Vegas' Red Square join well-known national restaurants including P.F. Chang's China Bistro and the Palm Restaurant. Other restaurants include Brulle', Corky's BBQ & BBQ, Ping's Golden Dynasty, Il Verdi, Wellington's Steak and Seafood and Hosters.

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Houdini's Magic Shop
Straight from the Las Vegas Strip, the art of magic comes alive at Houdini's Magic Shop. Houdini's Magic has made the finest selection of magic tricks, pranks, gags, books, instructional videos and more appear. A theater right inside the store allows guests to check out amazing live performances hourly.

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A Most Appealing Spot in Northern Liberties

Sovalo
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by Skinny D. Bockel

If Hollywood were to do the life story of Third Circuit Senior Judge Edward R. Becker, it might have to hire Joseph Scarpones, Sovalos co-owner and chef, to play Judge Beckers young Republican years. Joe is almost a replica in physique, facial similarity, intensity and talent (albeit with food rather than honky-tonk piano).

And if it were the life story of Third Circuit Judge Marjorie O. Rendell, then Karey Scarponi, Josephs wife (and the other Sovalo co-owner and manager), would astonish you with her near look-alike beauty, sensibility and brilliant composure.

So I giggle, as will most attorneys when first meeting Karey and Joe, at their visible risible resemblances to these two finest federal benchmarks.

But one cannot rest on looks alone. The Scarpones have made Sovalo a most adulated Italian eatery, culminating as its executive chef. Karey, who managed Tra Vigne’s dining rooms, was born, bred and buttered in California’s Simi Valley. 3,000 miles from Drexel Hill (as the crow flies), and millions of miles (as the mind wanders). Up the culinary ladder they ascended together, in Philadelphia they’ve imported whatever rings true.

Shining dark rosewood floors are at your feet. Painted stamped tin ceilings are high above. Gold-orange shaded wheel-chandeliers complement identically opalescent bulbed wall sconces, highlighting marion chairs and rectangular tables clothed in white linens. A tiny transparent fish bowlette sits tabletop holding an even tinier lit candle. Framed mirrors intermingle with floral wallpaper to complete the walls. Large wine glasses are in place, at attention, adding glitter and glassy class.

A preprandial bellini (9.75) is pampered by prosecco with white peach. Its perfecly prepared in a frothy champagne glass, and is redolent of the perfumes of those seated at Harry’s Bar in Venice, and of those surrounding the liquor cabinet of the buffet at the Hotel Cipriani. Here, the old Italian you need know is “bellini-me.” As the drink is sipped, a light lude lingers in your ears. Peach fuzz coats the tongue’s tip, which topples into as much liquid as it can trickle forward. The Bridge of Sighs appears before your closed eyes, as you exhale.

Your reverie is interrupted by the apperance of an easel of olive and white bread chunks, provided gratis, with a paste of churned white beans, garlic and calamati olives. Have some, but not much. Its the first underlaying for what’s to come; simply tantalizing the palate. Order your wine by the bottle, from notable vineyards of Italy or California ($24 and up), or by the glass (most in the $7.25 range).

Share an order from the menu’s “antipasti” or “pasta” categories. The chef accommodates by serving half portions on two plates. For instance, you cant possibly devour the roasted organic polenta with salsa rosa and balsamic vinegar (8.25) by yourself. The wedge of baked polenta is as thick and rich as pie. The corn is milled to a course but coursey pulpy, vibrating with flavor. An aroma of roasted red peppers, garlic and basil rises from beneath the polenta whose comy tush has been tickled by salsa rosa and aged vernal balsamic vinaigrette. Baby red and yellow tomatoes (sweet 100’s, halved), garnish the plate.

The pasta of choice should be pappardelle with butake and braised rabbit surgo [sauce] and parmiagano ($16.25). Nothing better defines Joe Scarpones pompously powerful pairings. Wide noodles glisten and glide over bits of dark rabbit in a brown brosicing cheese-laden sauce. The fat elongated pasta strands swagger on your fork, challenging you to gulp it all. And you do, gratefully groaning in response. Taste buds flourish in the aftermath as your teeth tenderly tangle with the lush leftover soupcon of rabbit. Brush, bold, delicious.

Don’t allow my fondness for thickness to dissuade you from ordering “seconds” of grilled swordfish with onion souffle, baby fennel and heir-

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Applications are now being accepted by the Philadelphia Bar Foundation for the Morris M. Shuster Public Interest Fellowship program. This program is intended to assist public interest lawyers who face large student loan obligations that threaten their ongoing service as public interest attorneys.

This program was established in 2003 as a result of a generous donation by Morris M. Shuster to the Philadelphia Bar Foundation. Shuster’s generous contribution inspired another individual (who wishes to remain anonymous) to contribute a matching amount of money in 2003 so that the Philadelphia Bar Foundation could double the program’s capacity. The Philadelphia Bar Foundation greatly appreciates these generous gifts.

The Bar Foundation is pleased to announce that three Shuster Fellowships, each for up to $5,000, will be awarded in 2005 to qualified applicants. As a result of the program’s expansion, the eligibility guidelines have been revised to make the program accessible to an increased number of dedicated public interest attorneys in need of loan repayment assistance. The revised guidelines are as follows:

- Two Shuster Fellowships will be awarded to eligible public interest attorneys who have five or more years of work experience and one additional Shuster Fellowship will be awarded to an eligible public interest attorney with three or more years of work experience.
- To be eligible for the Shuster Fellowships, an applicant must be a full-time lawyer at a qualifying organization, who is financially eligible and has completed the requisite number of years of work experience at one or more nonprofit organizations principally involved in the delivery of legal services to clients (regardless of geography).
- A qualifying organization is a current grantee or eligible grantee of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation that is principally involved in the delivery of legal services to clients.
- An applicant is financially eligible upon demonstration that he or she has an annual student loan repayment obligation that equals or exceeds $5,000 or 10 percent of his or her annual gross income, whichever is less.
- An annual student loan repayment obligation is the yearly amount required to be repaid by the applicant arising from all student loan indebtedness exclusive to the applicant.
- The amount of the Shuster Fellowship will equal the amount of the applicant’s annual student loan repayment obligation or $5,000, whichever is less.
- Only one Shuster Fellowship may be awarded to a qualifying organization each year.
- Past recipients of Shuster Fellowships are ineligible to apply for another fellowship for a period of three years.

Please note that the deadline for submitting an application for a Shuster Fellowship to the Philadelphia Bar Foundation is Thursday, Sept. 15. The Fellowships will be announced in September. Further details will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Mingey at the Bar Foundation at mmingey@philabar.org or 215-238-6334.

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The Urban Courts Symposium
“Compelling Issues Confronting Urban Courts” will be held at Loews Philadelphia Hotel from Sept. 14 to 16.

The event is sponsored by the First Judicial District, the Philadelphia Bar Association and the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

The symposium will feature programs on court performance standards, criminal law, multicultural access and problem solving courts. There will also be an interactive media plenary session.

Guest speakers at the symposium include Prof. Erwin Chemerinsky of Duke University (Sept. 15 luncheon) and Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson of the Wisconsin Supreme Court (Sept. 15 dinner).

The symposium kicks off with a reception on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at Jenkins Law Library from 5 to 7 p.m.

Programs follow on Sept. 15 and 16.

Philadelphia lawyers are invited to register for the symposium and attend the breakout sessions and workshops.

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Koom tomato ($21.95). The fish is too thinly sliced, and too tamely bathetic, albeit perfectly grilled. This seafood entree seems bland in contrast to most other combinations.

Instead, attach your molars to the grilled hanger steak, purple mashers, pepperoni in padella ($19.50), ordered “medium” for tenderest texture. Bountiful slices of dark red-centered beef are mounted over the best mashed potatoes in the city, topped with roasted red peppers, all spiked with pepperoni and mild chilies and served in a semi-soup bowl. The meat’s edges are seared black, giving an initiating crunch to the first mouthful. Hold onto your seat when you plunder the potatoes, for you will feel faint with exuberance. The names of every deity pass through your mind’s dietary linguistics, until you pick two or three of them to shout out loud.

End with strawberry sorbetto and lemon granita ($5.50), a two-scoop mix to clear your lawyerly worries, if any, coldly away. Northern Liberties now has its finest restaurant. Judges Rendell and Becker should find this establishment most appealing.

TERVET OLLA, VISIT AMICITIA

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Thank-You Note Can Make Difference in Job Search

by James LaRosa and Gary Mintz

Thank you letters are a part of common practice these days. As new hire candidates, you can demonstrate your consideration and respect for the interviewers who took time out of their busy schedules to interview you. Let them know you value what you have learned by sending them a thank you letter. It is a way to express your appreciation and show the employer you are serious about career growth.

Career Corner

You’ve just completed what you believed was a successful job interview. What should you do now? Many candidates say that they typically do not send any type of “thank-you” correspondence after interviews. The opinion from most of these candidates is that a hiring decision is not going to be based on a thank-you note, but rather the substance of what was discussed in the interview.

It is probably best to assume that the employer will be interviewing several strong candidates for the position. In that case, a timely and well-written thank-you may help tip the scales in your favor, especially if other candidates do not send a thank-you.

A thank-you should be sent, if for no other reason, than others competing for the job may do so.

Another important reason to send a thank-you is because it demonstrates that you follow through on tasks, as well as an interest in the position - most likely two points you highlighted during the course of the interview. Never underestimate the importance of letting the potential employer know of your interest in the position, especially after the interview when you should know a lot more of the specifics about the position. We must get at least one thank-you e-mail each month forwarded to us from a client that contains errors. Errors seem to be more prevalent in e-mails than mailed correspondence, possibly because people often think of e-mail as more of an informal method of communication. No matter what method you are using, try to get another set of eyes to look at your letter for errors that you may miss. Common mistakes include spelling errors that may be missed by spell check, misspelling the names of one or more of the people you have interviewed with, incomplete thoughts.

As for how to decide between e-mail or a mailed letter, go with whatever makes you more comfortable. There are pros and cons to both methods. A written letter often appears more professional and may show a greater effort than an e-mail. An e-mail presents a more immediate response that may be found to be more relevant in today’s world. Also, in some cases, e-mail presents an opportunity to start an online dialogue with the potential new employer. Any type of e-mail dialogue beyond the thank-you e-mail should be initiated by the prospective employer, not the candidate.

Try to determine during the course of the interview if those interviewing you are regular users of e-mail. As unlikely as it may seem to most of us, there still are those who do not use e-mail on a regular basis. If you are interviewing in someone’s office and there is no computer on the desk, that may be an indication that regular mail is the better route to go. You may interview with several people and learn that one person out of the group does not use e-mail. Even if you send the others a thank-you e-mail each month forward to us from a client that contains errors. Errors seem to be more prevalent in e-mails than mailed correspondence, possibly because people often think of e-mail as more of an informal method of communication. No matter what method you are using, try to get another set of eyes to look at your letter for errors that you may miss. Common mistakes include spelling errors that may be missed by spell check, misspelling the names of one or more of the people you have interviewed with, incomplete sentences and incomplete thoughts.

The post interview thank-you letter they feel that an enthusiastic new hire has the best chance for success. Candidates want to know if the thank-you letter needs to be mailed via U.S. Mail or if it can be e-mailed. We are of the opinion, from speaking with clients, that either method is perfectly acceptable.

The most critical point is that the correspondence must be well written and cannot have any typos, obvious grammatical mistakes or any other type of errors. This seems like a rather obvious point, but the truth is, we must get at least one thank-you e-mail each month forward to us from a client that contains errors.

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The best impression is made by sending a personal thank you to each person you interviewed with, rather than to the most senior person with a “CC” to everyone else. Always think what someone else competing for this job may do, and try not to do less than they may do.

The thank-you should be sent promptly. If you are sending via a regular mail, it is best to get it out the day of the interview. If sending via e-mail, I recommend sending in the evening on the day of your interview, or early the next morning (before it a.m.). As we all know, lawyers work long hours, and by sending a thank-you e-mail in the evening, or early the next morning, it often has less chance of being missed than if sent during the course of a busy day when e-mails may be overlooked or not opened.

Keep the letter as short as possible. Thank the interviewer for their time, make sure to express your continued interest in the position – especially after hearing more of the specifics, and possibly provide some additional information that you feel may be helpful that you may have forgotten to raise in the interview. Typically a thank you should end by stating that you look forward to hearing back from the interviewer in the near future.

The post interview thank-you letter most likely will not make up for a poor interview, but it can reinforce a positive interview an prevent other strong candidates from getting a step up on you in competition for the position.

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Lawyers of Distinction Reveal Keys to Success

by Maria A. Feeley

Four highly talented, respected and successful lawyers: Four exceptional legal minds, Four recipients of the Sandra Day O'Connor Award. Four mentors, four role models and four trailblazers. The stories were inspiring, the passion was energizing and the advice was priceless when U.S. District Court Senior Judge Norma L. Shapiro, Ellen T. Greenlee, Philadelphia's Chief Public Defender, Deborah R. Willig, the first woman Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association; and Audrey C. Talley, the first African-American woman Chancellor of the Association, shared their passion for the law and commitment to the Association. The meeting was relevant to all lawyers, not just the women who packed the room, during the July 26 meeting of the Women in the Profession Committee.

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According To...

If You Were Not a Lawyer, What Would You Be Doing?

"I'd probably be acting, modeling or dancing. I can also see myself as an interior decorator or personal trainer."

- Regina Parker

"I'd rather be a pitcher or shortstop for the Phillies or a radio DJ. Unfortunately, my arm and my voice foreclosed those possibilities."

- David S. Cohen

"I think I would be dancing with a West African dance company, performing around the world; using my carpentry skills to help build decent housing in developing nations (when I'm not dancing, of course) and finally, spending more quality time with my family."

- Markita Morris-Louis

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by Marc W. Reuben

One of the joys of seeing the new film "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," as presented in the IMAX process, is the sheer wonder of the overpowering sound system. So loud was the sound projection at this theater in King of Prussia that the sea of little children could not whine and twitter above the sound of the film. After a point, many of the little darlings got frustrated when they could not even shout above the movie, and so they shut up in surrender. The pair of little girls in front of me, no more than 6 years old, were so intent on asking questions of their doting parents that they spent the majority of time, so it seemed, tagging on the heels of their guardians. But since they could not be heard and did not know American Sign Language, they were undone in their darling efforts to make sure no one could enjoy anything. It warmed me to the depths of my heart to see the little ones so bested. Going deaf while watching a movie should have some spiritual reward after all.

The movie itself is a wonderful Tim Burton creation, taken from a story by the macabre Roald Dahl. The story is a child's version of the seven deadly sins, but without most of the sins adults are so used to practice. There is gluttony of course, and envy, but also not listening to parents, over-achieving and spoiling children, among other modern vices. The film is, if you view it as a creation for children only, rather creepy. But the fact is that this film is most definitely not for children only, although they are the ones most likely to fancy it. Adults in America tend to violence and pornography these days, and a delicately woven morality tale is something they would have to be forced to see. Since they won't do it on their own, a children's tale shell is a wonderful gimmick.

Tim Burton is an inventive director and a very sly man. His films are heavily influenced in the visual sense by the German silent work of men like F.W. Murnau and Fritz Lang. You can see the off-center and tilted sets and the geometric designs and the swirling lines throughout this movie. They harken to moments in films like "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari" (1920), "Metropolis" (1927) and other classics of German expressionism. The look of this film relies upon the absurd, much as the Wizard Of Oz did in 1939, with its continued on page 21

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.

Thursday, Sept. 1
Civil Rights Committee – meeting, 12:15 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.
Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee – meeting, 12:15 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.

Monday, Sept. 5
Labor Day – Bar Association offices closed.

Tuesday, Sept. 6
Philadelphia Bar Foundation Board of Trustees – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Family Law Section – meeting, 4 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Wednesday, Sept. 7
Delivery of Legal Services Committee – meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.
State Civil Litigation Section – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center: Lunch: $7.50.

Thursday, Sept. 8
Legislative Liaison Committee – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.
Committee on the Legal Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.

Friday, Sept. 9
Women's Rights Committee – meeting, 12:15 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.
Philadelphia Bar Reporter Editorial Board – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Cabinet Room.

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

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

Wednesday, Sept. 14
Appellate Courts Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.
Insurance Programs Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center.

Thursday, Sept. 15
Family Law Section Executive Committee – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room.
Professional Responsibility Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Friday, Sept. 16
Social Security and Disability Benefits Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center: Lunch: $7.50.

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

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

Tuesday, Sept. 20
Board of Governors Cabinet – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Wednesday, Sept. 21
Workers’ Compensation Section Executive Committee – meeting, 10:30 a.m., 11th floor Committee Room.
Workers’ Compensation Section – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center: Lunch: $7.50.
Bar-News Media Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.
Family Law Section Adoption Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Cabinet Room.
Federal Courts Committee – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.
LegalLine – 5 p.m., 11th floor LRIS offices.

Friday, Sept. 23
The Philadelphia Lawyer Editorial Board – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Monday, Sept. 26
Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Minorities in the Profession Committee – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.

Tuesday, Sept. 27
Section Chairs meeting with Chancellor – 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Criminal Justice Section – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center: Lunch: $7.50.
Compulsory Arbitration Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.
Women in the Profession Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Wednesday, Sept. 28
Medical-Legal Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.
Committee on the Legal Rights of Persons with Disabilities – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.

Environmental Law Committee – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center: Lunch: $7.50.

Thursday, Sept. 29
Philadelphia Bar Foundation Finance Committee – meeting, 8:30 a.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.
City Policy Committee – meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.
Environmental Law Committee – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center: Lunch: $7.50.
Elder Law Committee – meeting, 1 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room.
Board of Governors – meeting, 4 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Friday, Sept. 30 – Saturday, Oct. 1
Bench-Bar Conference – The Quarter at Tropicana, Atlantic City, N.J. Information: philadelphia-bar.org

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oversized and lopsided and undersized devices. The entire look of the picture
is fantastic. The color, with its bright
subjects and dark backgrounds, is at
once frivolous and threatening. There
is, so we are told by the sets, a price
to pay for thoughtlessness toward others
when you are enjoying yourself among
the candy. Taken as a whole, this film is
an artistic piece from any angle. Not
since “Oz” has there been so a compre-
ensively excellent effort to bring life
to a seemingly simple story for chil-
dren.

Johnny Depp, who I think may be
the finest American actor around, cre-
ated the image of Willy Wonka, owner
of the vast and mysterious chocolate
factory. According to what I read about
this characterization, he made himself
into a mix of Michael Jackson and
Captain Kangaroo. The white-pow-
dered face of Wonka, the conductor’s
suit and the deliberate obliviousness of
his character were the perfect blend of
whimsy and creepiness that would
alarm parents and charm children – a
lesson in itself for anyone wise enough
to take it up. The film itself is about
a seemingly simple story for chil-
dren. 

This movie does have more humorous
features. But it is good to see it in fine
minus the rolling “r’s” and grand ges-
tuations tend to work from the outside
in. The movement of the body, the
look of the face and eyes give us the
character. In this film, Depp created
someone with little expression in the
eyes. His work was done through a
white patina and various nods and
gestures and sounds. Branulo, God rest
his wonderful soul, could not have car-
rried this off. Olivier and Gielgud yes.
This is the grand old style of acting
minus the rolling “r’s” and grand ges-
tures. But it is good to see it in fine
form and Depp is wonderful at what
he does.

Just how refreshing a film like this
really is needs no further elucidation,
especially if you attend one of the the-
eraters playing it for the general public.
In a past life, I used only to go to crit-
ic’s screenings. There were no general
public. In the years spent away from
the changing mores, I did not see gen-
really more modest.

In this theater I was unable to hear
them, or see much of them, and that
was very good. For here was a wonder-
ful film and for once, I did not leave
the coliseum depressed by the boorish
behaviors of the spectators.

September
CLE COURSES

Sept. 8 10th Annual Bankruptcy Institute

Sept. 13 Fundamentals of Estate & Trust
Administration

Sept. 14 Advanced Civil Practice

Sept. 14 Internet Piracy

Sept. 15 Advanced Issues and Practical Application of
2005 Divorce Code Amendments

Sept. 20 Winding Up a Legal Career

Sept. 20 Community Association Law Symposium

Sept. 22 Fighting for Families
An Introduction to the Challenging Work of
Representing Parents in Dependency Court

Sept. 27 Digital Forensics in Civil Litigation

The Temple American Inn of Court
will present “Clarence Darrow - The
Search for Justice” on Tuesday, Sept. 13
at 5:45 p.m. in the Ceremonial
Courtroom of the Federal Courthouse,
601 Market St.

Gary Anderson, one of the foremost
portrayals of Clarence Darrow, will pre-
sent an overview of the legal issues
from Darrow’s controversial career. Ad-
misson is $20 and proceeds from the
performance will be donated to the
Legal Clinic for the Disabled. A cocktail
reception precedes the event at 5 p.m.

Marc W. Reuben, a sole practitioner and advisory editor
of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter, has been writing about
the arts since 1973.
A. Richard Feldman, a shareholder of Barlow, Lexis & Feldman, P.C., was recently appointed to the Pennsylvania Bar Institute Board of Directors.

Sheldon M. Bonowitz, chairman of Duane Morris LLP, has been named to the Barnes Foundation Board of Trustees.

A. Richard Feldman, a shareholder of Barlow, Lexis & Feldman, P.C., was recently elected a vice president of CADE – Helping Children Make Smart Decisions. A Philadelphia-based non-profit organization, CADE provides full-time, trained specialists to area elementary schools where they mentor inner city children on how to avoid drugs, violence, and other self-destructive behaviors.

Stuart E. Beck, principal in the Law Offices of Stuart E. Beck, P.C., addressed paralegals on procedures for entering the parent cooperation treaty at the Trump Plaza Hotel Casino in Atlantic City, N.J. on June 23.

Meyer Silver, a featured speaker on Social Security Disability at the Hepatitis B Foundation’s Annual Conference in July at Delaware Valley College in Doylestown, Pa.

Richard M. Jaworski, a partner with Galland Berger, LLP, was a speaker at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute seminar “Introduction to Product’s Liability Litigation” on July 22.

David Wolfsohn, a shareholder with Hangley Aronchick Segal & Pudlin, was recently appointed to serve on the Board of Directors of Astal Artistic Services.

Sunah Park, an associate at Thorp Reed & Armstrong, LLP, has been appointed to The Advisory Council on Democratic and Peaceful Unification of Korea.

Scott H. Mustin, a partner with Fineman Kerkstein & Harris PC, has been appointed to serve a three-year term as a hearing committee member for District One of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Charles W. Craven, a shareholder with Marshall, Demmerhey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, has been appointed as a vice-chair of the Appellate Advocacy Committee of the American Bar Association’s Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section.

Dennis J. Cogan of Cogan, Petrone & Associates has been appointed to the Criminal Procedural Rules Committee by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

George Martin, a partner with Martin, Banks, Fond, Ibach & Wilson, served as a faculty member for the Annual Update for Civil Litigators program on July 8 at the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association Convention in Philadelphia.

David L. Hackett, an associate with Saul Ewing LLP, has been chosen as a member of the Presidential Meritorious Rank Award Review Board for the U.S. Office of Personnel Management to review nominations for the Presidential Meritorious Rank Award, an elite award given to federal employees.

Gino J. Benedetti, a shareholder with Miller, Allison & Kaspanti P.C., presented as a faculty member at the National Business Institutes Continuing Legal Education seminar on “Federal Civil Practice: A Guide for Pennsylvania Attorneys” on July 20.

Cindy M. Perve, an associate with Flaster/Genberg, has been appointed by Acting New Jersey Gov. Richard J. Codey to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of Burlington County College.

David L. Ladov, a member of Cozen O’Connor, recently appeared on “Law Journal” on Channel 69 SVNIZ. Ladov’s discussion, “Hot Topics in Family Law,” covered issues such as Supreme Court cases and national trends.

Brian J. McCormick, Jr., an associate with Buchanan Ingersoll P.C., has been appointed to the Committee of Seventy in Philadelphia. The Committee of Seventy is a non-profit, non-partisan political watchdog organization dedicated to advancing good government for the city of Philadelphia and its surrounding communities.

Robert J. Coleman, chairman emeritus of Marshall, Demmerhey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, received the Barrack ’68 Alumni Achievement Award from the Temple Law Alumni Association. This award is reserved for those who have shown generous support and unwavering loyalty to the Law School, community leadership, and continuing efforts to advance the profession and practice of law.

Lawrence J. Tabas, a senior partner with Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP, has been appointed as general counsel to the Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania.

Robert M. Goldich, a partner at WolfBlock, has been named co-chair of the Trial Advocacy Subcommittee of the Employment Rights and Responsibilities Committee of the American Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section.

Joseph A. Daly, a shareholder with Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, recently participated in the annual meeting of the Trial Attorneys of America.

Lisa Goldstein, president of Rainmaker Training, presented “Ethical and Strategic Business Development for Lawyers” at the Third Annual Technology Law Forum Conference on Aug. 4. Ethical business development dilemmas concerning Web sites, e-mail and Internet chat rooms were discussed.

Anne M. Montgomery, a member of Cozen O’Connor, recently spoke at the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce’s Young Professionals Network summer associates association’s reception at Brayser Pizza. The event gave summer associates the opportunity to learn about the benefits of networking with other young professionals.

Michael L. Lovitz, a partner at Connolly بو Subind, Fritz, LLP, presented Comic Book Law School, a three day primer on copyright and trademark law, to artists, writers and other creators during the 2005 Comic-Con International, held in San Diego. Comic-Con International is the premier convention devoted to comics, science fiction and related pop art forms, and attracts over 100,000 attendees each year.

Alan C. Kessler, a partner at WolfBlock and vice-chairman of the U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors, was a featured speaker and formally dedicated a new line of stamps featuring presidential libraries on Aug. at Former President Bill Clinton’s Presidential Library in Little Rock, Ark.

Joseph M. Manko and Rodd W. Bender of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP were faculty members for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute seminar, “A Day On Real Estate.”

Names Are News

“People” highlights news of members’ awards, honors or appointments of a civic or community nature: Information may be sent to Jeff Lyons, Managing Editor, Philadelphia Bar Reporter, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., 11th Floor, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107-2911. Fax: (215) 258-1267. E-mail: reporter@philabar.org. Photos are also welcome.
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