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2006 Bench-Bar Conference

"Greatest Show on Earth" Sept. 29 – 30

The Philadelphia Bar Association’s 2006 Bench-Bar Conference, to be held at the Tropicana Casino and Resort in Atlantic City, N.J., on Sept. 29 and 30, will feature 19 different programs with up to 75 hours of CLE credit and all-star panels.

One-day Bench-Bar Conference packages also are available, as are individual tickets to the Friday, Sept. 29 Grand Reception and After Party. The Bench-Bar Conference brings together the legal community for continuing legal education seminars and provides an opportunity to foster the working environment between judges and attorneys.

The Bench-Bar Conference is sponsored by LexisNexis, Thomson West, USI Colburn Insurance Service, Veritext and JAMS.

The Bench-Bar Conference is chaired by Ronald A. Kovler and Laura A. Feldman. Register online at philadelphpabar.org.

For more information, check out the Bench-Bar preview guide in this edition on Pages 11-14.

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Arthur G. Raynes (1934 -2006)
A Passionate Lawyer and Family Man

by S. Gerald Litvin

He whirled to the tune of a different fiddler, but it wasn’t some anonymous, bearded minstrel astride a shaky shtetl roof who set the tempo. With the lilt of klezmer in his soul and the glow of love in his heart, Arthur himself wrote the melodies that guided his journey through life. And we all felt the rhythms of his dance!

Fiercely devoted to Diane, his children and his grandchildren, Arthur Raynes was never self-conscious about the intensity of his passion for those he loved most. Totally dedicated to what was in the best interests of his clients, this talented lawyer achieved victories for them that were always solid and frequently spectacular. Genuinely committed to the welfare of his community and, particularly, the plight of those in need, his participation and leadership in charitable activities were legendary. And yet, with all the successes for which he was recognized and by which he was largely defined – the loving husband/father/grandfather, the talented lawyer, the stalwart community leader and philanthropist – he will be remembered by many, particularly his friends, as a charming and generous man with a twinkle in his eyes whose default position was making people happy, teaching them to laugh.

Arthur was a dominant personality in Philadelphia over many decades. There was an open love affair between him and those with whose lives his intersected. And, because of the versatility and expanse of his involvement in legal, civic, and charitable arenas, he was always in contact with great numbers of people. So, what was it about this unique and charismatic lawyer/citizen that made us love him even as much as we admired and respected him? What facets of his personality evoked that aura of affection and joy in which we were visibly immersed when we were in his company? What law of physics or principle of chemistry infused us with the warmth of good feeling that radiated from this gentle and gracious man?

While Arthur loved to laugh, his particular focus was laughing at himself. He lovingly exploited the foibles of his family’s Eastern European heritage, delighting in the richness of his cultural roots and ethnic history, poking fun at his own transformation from Ro-

Arthur G. Raynes served as Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association in 1990.

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Bench-Bar ‘06: The Best of Everything

by Alan M. Feldman

The Brennan 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. A list of previous winners and a description of the award follows.

[More on the 2006 Bench-Bar Conference on Atlantic City Pages 13-16.]

Laura Feldman and Ron Kovler promise a Bench-Bar Conference for the entire profession: for every segment, every age group, every discipline and every law firm or legal department. They’ve been sure to involve the Bar Association’s many sections and committees so that a variety of topics are covered with many prominent judges and lawyers as speakers and panelists.

For example, The Probate and Trust Law Section will present “Good Will Hunting,” which will cover what litigants need to know about probate and estate matters. “Jury Magazine” will be the Business Law Section’s program on employment contract law. And the same Section’s “Business Risk” will look at employment law mediation. In “The Verdict,” the State Civil Litigation Section will take a look at cross-examination in medical malpractice cases. “Double Indemnity” will cover risk management and “Back to the Future” will discuss e-filing in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. As you might expect, in “War of the Roses,” the Family Law Section will probe ways to combat fraud in family law. The Workers’ Compensation Section program “9 to 5” is an examination of everything you wanted to know about workers’ compensation but were afraid to ask. Association members can receive a 5 percent rating credit on their Association-sponsored Lawyer Professional Liability Insurance from US Colburn when they register for “Double Indemnity,” a program on risk management with US Colburn Insurance Services. In order to qualify for the credit, a firm of one to three people must have at least one attorney attend. A firm of four or more people must have 50 percent of the practicing attorneys attend or a minimum of 25 percent if at least one of the participants is a full partner in the firm.

As for “Footloose,” that will be the after-party that follows our Friday night Grand Reception appropriately tagged “As Good As It Gets.” Because the Bench-Bar won’t be all education, we’ll be partying, as well. And we’ll also be hearing from big-name speakers such as Dan Abrams, MSNBC News’ chief and anchor of MSNBC’s “The Abrams Report,” who will be our Saturday luncheon speaker and Emmy-winning journalist Lynn Doyle, host of “It’s Your Call with Lynn Doyle” on CNN who will open our Conference on Friday as the moderator for a panel discussion on judicial independence.

When I asked Ron and Laura to plan the Bench-Bar Conference I felt like I gave them “Mission: Impossible” because I charged them with the task of making CLE fun. But they showed me they can do “The Right Thing” because they’ve come back with a Conference that rightly bills itself as “The Greatest Legal Show On Earth.” It’s extensive, it’s inclusive, it’s substantive, and, most important, it’s fun. So make sure that you register for the Bench-Bar Conference today so that you can join us in Atlantic City on Sept. 29 and 30 and experience “The Best of Everything.”

[Visit the Philadelphia Bar on the Web at philadelphiabar.org • Look for Bar Reporter Online e-newsbrief every Monday and Thursday morning]
Mary Robinson, the first woman to serve as president of Ireland and the former United Nations high commissioner for human rights, will deliver the keynote address at the Philadelphia Bar Association’s October Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon on Monday, Oct. 30 at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue.

“It’s fitting that on the day we celebrate the achievements of women in our profession, we are honored to have Mary Robinson as our keynote speaker at our October Quarterly Luncheon. As the first woman president of Ireland and the United Nations high commissioner for human rights, as well as an accomplished barrister, Ms. Robinson has been a world leader in the struggle to promote the fundamental rights of all people,” Chancellor Alan M. Feldman said. “We look forward to hearing from this global opinion leader, who has made a difference for so many throughout the world.”

The Association also will present its annual Sandra Day O’Connor Award to Roberta D. Pichini and Justice William J. Brennan Distinguished Jurist Award at the event. Tickets are $50 and can be purchased at philadelphiabar.org.

A longtime champion of human rights, Robinson has been outspoken during her career as an advocate for the rights of women, the availability of contraceptives, and the rights of gays and lesbians.
15th Anniversary of the Public Interest Section

Litigators, Shoppers Can Help Victims of Abuse
by Rosemary Pinto

One of the goals of the Association’s Women’s Rights Committee is to be a force in ensuring that women are not deprived of equal rights in our society. Unfortunately, every 15 seconds a woman is severely beaten in the United States. Four women are killed each day in the United States by their spouse. In Philadelphia, 15,000 protection from abuse orders are issued each year.

The Women Against Abuse Legal Center, Inc. provides victims of domestic violence with legal counsel and advocacy. The center has just five attorneys to assist with regard to custody cases. It has 700 volunteers and the program receives more than 1,000 calls a month. The center effectively handles the representation of these victims through the PFA process. Abuse victims, however, are often left with few resources, and need legal assistance in matters of custody, support and divorce.

Custody exchange is the one time where batterers still have contact with the victim. Moreover, the point of separation is the most dangerous time for victims and their children and, of course, that is also the time when custody cases are initiated. Providing advocacy in custody cases is vital. The majority of clients have children and need information and representation in their custody cases. Often, women will return to their abuser if they believe that they will not be able to retain primary custody of their children. Moreover, abusers frequently use custody litigation as a way to control and harass the other parent. Legal support is essential to victims involved in the custody process. The Women Against Abuse Program simply does not have the funds or the staff to help these victims.

The huge backlog in referrals leaves abuse victims without many basics like housing and financial support, in addition to the primary worries of their own safety and the safety of their children. In order to assist these victims, the Women’s Rights Committee will be working with Women Against Abuse to provide these victims with volunteer attorneys to assist with regard to custody exchange.

Committee Spotlight: City Policy

Members Join to Learn Inner Workings of City
by Jeff Lyons

The Association’s City Policy Committee serves as an informal liaison between the city government in all of its forms and the Association. “Recently the committee has provided a forum to learn more about particular city policy issues and to figure out ways for other members of the bar to contribute to public discussion,” said Marilyn Cutler, who along with former Chancellor Andrew A. Chitits, serves as co-chair of the committee.

Guest speakers also will provide committee members with insight into the way the city works. “We had City Solicitor Romy Diaz talk to us. He’s a good example of what we hoped to achieve. He told us what he thought were the important issues facing his office that might be interesting to members of the bar. He talked about a wide range of issues—from ethics and campaign funding to gun control and violence in the city,” she said.

Former city Councilman Michael Nutter, now a candidate for mayor, visited the committee earlier in the year and talked about his work with tax reform and other issues. Future meetings will include people from the city Commerce Department and what they’re doing to attract more knowledge-based industries to the city, Cutler said.

There have also been discussions to try and get foreign trained lawyers to sit for the Pennsylvania Bar exam. Members of the committee come from all different practice areas. “There are people who come to our meetings whose practices are fairly diverse. We have one family law attorney who brings an interest on the future of family court. But the people who come are people who are interested in making the city more business friendly and making city procedures more transparent,” Cutler said. “However diverse the group is, their interest in city policy far surpasses the scope of their practices. And that’s a good thing. Our view is to try and get foreign trained lawyers to sit for the Pennsylvania Bar exam.”

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Congressman Chaka Fattah, a long-time advocate for public education, will be the keynote speaker at an Oct. 16 Chancellor’s Forum “How Pennsylvania School Funding Jeopardizes Philadelphia’s Future (And What You Can Do About It)”.

The lunchtime meeting, hosted by Chancellor Alan M. Feldman in the 11th floor Conference Center of Bar Association headquarters at 1101 Market St., is open to the public and begins at 12 p.m. with a free lunch, followed by Fattah’s presentation at 12:30 p.m. and then a question-and-answer period.

According to Education Week, Pennsylvania ranks among the most unequal states in the nation (43rd out of 50) in education funding. Other figures show that 27% of the state’s 506 school districts have gaps greater than $3,000 per student in what they spend compared to the top spending school districts. State data show if Philadelphia were able to spend the same amount as the average district in the Philadelphia five-county region, it would need $2,125 more per student or $448.4 million per year.

Philadelphia, the largest school district in the state, is once again facing a financial crisis. Philadelphia has the highest class sizes in the region and those numbers are expected to increase during the 2006-2007 school year due to budget cuts.

“Everyone knows that for Philadelphia to truly become a great city, it must have a public education system that gives all of its children a real chance to learn and realize their potential. To achieve that objective, we need to fund our schools in a fair and equitable way. It’s time for us to begin this important public debate, and to take action to reform an unfair existing system of education funding,” Feldman said.

Congressman Fattah, who represents Pennsylvania’s Second Congressional District, has supported various innovative educational initiatives during his career. He was the architect of the nationally funded GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs), the largest pre-college awareness program in this nation’s history. GEAR UP has contributed nearly $2 billion toward the educational advancement of low-income students. Locally, Fattah created CORE Philly Scholarship, which serves students residing in Philadelphia. Another of Fattah’s legislative achievements, The College Retention Program, has provided more than a million students with financial assistance in the form of grants, low-interest loans and college work-study programs, in an attempt to help meet the cost of attaining a post-secondary education. The program aims to retain students by offering resources to help them complete school and be fully prepared for success after graduation. Fattah is serving in his sixth term in the U.S. House of Representatives. He represents the Second Congressional District of Pennsylvania, which includes parts of Philadelphia and Cheltenham Township. Fattah also served six years as a state representative and another six as a state senator.

To register for this event, visit philadelphiabar.org or contact Dawn Burger at 215-238-6567 or by e-mail at dburger@philadelphiabar.org.
Foundation Launches Programs

by Robert D. Lane Jr.

Usually, I use these monthly columns as a means to encourage people to get more involved in the Bar Foundation. I ask readers to get into the habit of regular giving to the Foundation, so that we can give grants to organizations that provide legal services to those who need our help.

This month, I’d like to tell you about some new programs we have launched, and let you know about things we’re working on for the future.

Raising the Bar Campaign

Last year, at the initiation of two of our grantees, we began preliminary talks to investigate the feasibility of a combined fund-raising campaign – something similar to a United Way for legal services. We met with the managing partners of dozens of law firms and the executive directors of legal services organizations. We wanted to hear their thoughts, suggestions, and even apprehensions about the prospect. As a result, we launched the Raising the Bar Campaign, which currently has brought more than $1 million to support legal services (53 of which are new firms that didn’t have a history of giving to legal services). In the first seven months of 2006, the campaign has raised more than $1.4 million – a 25 percent increase over giving for all 12 months of last year.

IOLTA Grants

For the first time, the Bar Foundation has partnered with the Education Center to put together a proposal to the Interest on Lawyers Trust Account Grants. For the first time, the Bar Foundation is an easy “fit” for many nonprofits helping with consumer banking, it could go to a charity that is close to the nature of the issue of the lawsuit – for instance, if it was a lawsuit that dealt with consumer banking, it could go to nonprofit organizations helping with personal finance, bankruptcy, home ownership, etc. We have been working with many attorneys who handle these cases, reminding them that, since we fund so many different organizations, the Bar Foundation is an easy “fit” for the resolution of any number of these cases. In the last two years, we have received more than $160,000 in IOLTA awards.

Pro Se Help Desk

Just as last year we met with grantees to explore the possibility of a combined fund-raising campaign, this year we are meeting with federal judges and their staff to investigate whether the Bar Foundation can help launch a pro se help desk. The help desk would assist people filing their own lawsuits. Courts in other jurisdictions have begun similar initiatives with much success. As a result of these help desks, all parties benefit – the filers and lawyers who are working on pro se cases.

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Football Days Cut Short, He Tackles New Career

The former Penn State player, paralyzed in just his fifth collegiate game, is now a law student and liaison to the YLD.

by Jeff Lyons

Adam Taliaferro's football career ended on Sept. 25, 2000, when he suffered a devastating spinal cord injury while tackling an opposing player. Doctors initially gave him just a 5 percent chance of walking again.

"We were playing Ohio State and I went to make a routine tackle and unfortunately, I broke my C-5 vertebra that paralyzed me for a little while; for almost seven months," said Taliaferro, who played just five games in his freshman year at Penn State before the injury.

Taliaferro never lost consciousness after the fateful play. "I remember making the hit. You know the feeling when your foot goes to sleep where there's a tingling feeling? Well, from my neck down, that's what it felt like. I didn't feel anything. I was like my body wasn't there. It was one of the weirdest feelings I've ever felt in my life," he recalled.

The play happened close to the Penn State sideline, which allowed team trainers to quickly come to his aid. Taliaferro was injured on a Saturday and had spinal fusion surgery in Ohio two days later. He was airlifted back to Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia later that week, where he remained in intensive care for two weeks. He was then transferred to Magee Rehabilitation in Philadelphia where he began the long rehabilitation process. He was walking just seven months after he was injured.

"When I first got injured, when they saw my CT scans and my X-rays, they told my parents I had a 3 percent chance of walking again. My parents refused to believe that and never told me how bleak the outlook was. So I was in the hospital and in rehab thinking, 'Hey I got injured, but I'm going to get better.' I never knew there was a chance I'd never walk again. When I finally got some movement back in my toe, that's when we realized I had a good chance to walk again and that's when my parents told me 'hey, you have a high chance you weren't going to walk again,' " said Taliaferro, now entering his second year at Rutgers-Camden Law School.

Taliaferro originally planned to study finance; but never got the opportunity to do it because he was injured just five weeks into his freshman year. "I had to withdraw from Penn State after my injury. So I took the whole year off, just rehabbing. I went back to Penn State that summer and met with my academic advisor and took a career guidance test and it came out with the law. I took a few classes – there was a business law class that I really enjoyed – and that's basically where it blossomed. I did an internship with the National Football League Players' Association down in Washington with their legal department. I split my summer and worked with a sports agent and I really fell in love with it and wanted to do the sports agent thing," he said.

Taliaferro spent this summer as a summer associate at Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP, where he worked mostly in employment law. "After my first year of school, I wasn't too sure about which way I wanted to go with the law. Being a summer associate exposed me to a broad range of topics. I got experience in a lot of different areas of the law this summer. I really enjoyed working in employment law, but that could be because I did more of that this summer than anything else. Right now, I'm kind of like a sponge. Anything that's thrown my way I'm looking to explore. Just the law in general is very interesting," he said.

While recovering from his injury, the Voorhees, N.J. resident said he got cards and letters from people all over the country, urging him not to give up.

"My parents and my coaches from South Jersey and the Penn State alumni were terrific to me. People that I had never met in my life were sending me cards. I get stuff from people all around the country who either saw my injury on TV or read about it. I had a terrific support system and so many people to thank and that's why I have to give back in some capacity," he said.

That support led to the formation of the Adam Taliaferro Foundation. "My foundation actually started from my high school coach. When I first got injured, my high school coach, Larry Ginsburg (from Eastern Regional High School in Voorhees, N.J) wondered how we were going to pay for the care for my injury. With a spinal cord injury, the bills from surgery and rehab can be astronomical. Lucky for me, the NCAA and Penn State had insurance that covered everything that my injury entailed. I didn't have to worry about paying for anything," he said.

"We saw there were a lot of people in the hospital who weren't as fortunate as me and were worrying about how they were going to pay for their injury care. We thought we could help these people out in some sort of way and raise funds for people who had the misfortune of suffering a spinal cord injury," Taliaferro said.

Today, I am a visiting scholar and very interested in learning about American jurisprudence and the Constitution and strongly believe that exposure to the American legal system can lead to useful contributions to Chinese legal reforms.

"An old Chinese saying is that understanding would benefit two, competition would hurt two. Let's have more communication to bridge the two. I believe in this world needs peace and development under understanding and communication."

Jianli Song is a judge on the Supreme People's Court in the People's Republic of China.
Bar Must Act to Halt Violence in City

by Michael B. Hayes

As of this writing, 244 people have been killed in the City of Philadelphia this year. Two hundred forty-four lives have been needlessly lost. Two hundred forty-four people will never come home again. Two hundred forty-four individuals with hopes, fears, thoughts and emotions are gone forever.

Now double, or triple, that number -- those 244 -- to include the perpetrators of these homicides, along with their aids and abettors, in the roll call of the lost in Philadelphia. Next, we must include the thousands of people who mourn for the 244 men, women and children whose lives were stolen from them in Philadelphia so far this year. Among the mourners are the parents of the lost, who bear the unnatural pain of outliving their children, and the damned, who bear the overwhelming guilt of seeing their flesh and blood grow into murderers. Brothers and sisters, wives, husbands and children, all have been left behind in the wake of these senseless killings. Finally, add to the tally the throngs of young people who have come to glamorize street violence and gunplay -- they are most at risk to become the next murder victims and perpetrators in our city. Put it all together, and you begin to see the staggering effects of violence in Philadelphia.

It is not enough for our elected officials to try and make headway in their uphill struggle to stem the flow of guns being used to commit these murders. Nor will the problem be solved by the employment of 100, 500, or even 1,000 more police officers to patrol the streets. In addition, while we must begin to seriously address the socioeconomic issues that fundamentally contribute to our culture of violence -- even that effort will not, by itself, put a stop to the murder of our fellow citizens.

Law-abiding citizens are afraid to go home again. Two hundred forty-four lives have been needlessly lost. Two hundred forty-four lives have been needlessly lost. Every household, every neighborhood, every school, every church, every place of business that people frequent has been affected by the violence. The law-abiding are afraid to go home again. The long and the short of it is this: too may people, young and old, have lost faith in the rule of law here in Philadelphia. The results have been staggering effects of violence in Philadelphia.

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The young lawyers division will hold its family fall Spooktacular on Sunday, Oct. 22 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at sesame place in Langhorne, Pa.

Admission is $50 for adults and $20 for children and includes food and beverages, a sing-along and meet and greet with sesame place characters, VIP seating at the stage show "Countdown to Halloween" and participation in the sesame place rock around the block parade.

Children are invited to dress in costume and trick or treat throughout the park, tour the Count's Castle and take a hayride.

Visit philadelphia bar.org to purchase tickets for this event.

YLD Family Fall Spooktacular Oct. 22

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Not coincidentally, street justice is becoming more and more prevalent – with deadly results. The growing inability of law enforcement to successfully investigate and prosecute the serious criminals in our midst only contributes to the lawlessness and, ultimately, the homicides we see reported by the media every day.
Medicaid Commission Member to Speak Oct. 17

by Beth Huffman

Joseph W. “Chip” Marshall III, a member of the Medicaid Commission selected by Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt, will discuss the commission’s two-year project and upcoming report in a lunchtime meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 17.

The meeting is co-sponsored by the Public Interest Section, the Business Law Section’s Health Care Law Committee and the State Civil Litigation Section’s Medical-Legal Committee.

Marshall, 52, is chairman and CEO of the Temple University Health System, which includes five hospitals, 8,000 employees and approximately $1 billion in annual revenues. Prior to assuming his current position in 2001, he was an attorney specializing in corporate health law.

The Commission advises the secretary of health and human services on ways to modernize the Medicaid program so that it can provide high-quality health care to its beneficiaries in a financially sustainable way. It consists of elected officials, state health department officials, public policy organizations, individuals with disabilities and others with special expertise.

The commission’s first report, submitted last September, included suggested reforms that projected an $11 billion savings — $1 billion more than the goal. The second report, due Dec. 31, 2006, will provide recommendations to help ensure the long-term sustainability of Medicaid. The proposals will address key issues such as:

• How to expand coverage to more Americans while still being fiscally responsible.
• Ways to provide long-term care to those who need it.
• A review of eligibility, benefits design, and delivery.
• Improved quality of care, choice and beneficiary satisfaction.

The second report will also consider how to address the major issues affecting Medicaid under three different scenarios:

• An assumption that federal and state spending continues at current paces;
• An assumption that Congress chooses to lower the rate of growth in the program; and
• An assumption that Congress may increase spending for coverage.

Marshall also currently serves on the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board and is a former member and chair of the Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission, the body responsible for administering and enforcing the Ethics Act, which regulates the conduct of virtually every public employee, elected official and candidate for public office in the state.

The meeting will be held in the 11th floor Conference Center at Bar Association headquarters, 1101 Market St. The event, open to all Association members, begins at 12 p.m. with lunch, followed by Marshall’s presentation at 12:30 p.m. Lunch is $7.50 and registration is available at philadelphabar.org or by contacting Dawn Burger at 215-238-6367.

Pro Bono Open House Fair Oct. 12

The Public Interest Section’s Law Firm Pro Bono Committee will hold a Pro Bono Open House Law Fair on Oct. 12 at the offices of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll LLP, 1735 Market St., 42nd Floor.

Representatives from more than 16 pro bono referral programs and public interest law centers will be available to speak about volunteer opportunities at their organizations. This event is free and open to all members of the bar. Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP by Oct. 10 to Lisa Whiteley at (215) 864-8187.
The Association’s 2006 Bench-Bar Conference offers a weekend of top-quality programs and camaraderie, with as many as 75 CLE credits available to attendees at the Sept. 29-30 event in Atlantic City.

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The Bench-Bar Conference brings together the Philadelphia legal community for continuing legal education seminars and provides an opportunity to foster the working environment between local judges and attorneys. The 2006 Bench-Bar Conference is chaired by Ronald A. Kovler and Laura A. Feldman. More information on the conference is available at philadelphiabar.org.

The conference opens on Friday, Sept. 29 at 12 p.m. with “Independence Day,” a panel discussion on judicial independence. The panel will be moderated by journalist Lynn Doyle of CN8, the Comcast Network. Panelists include former Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Russell M. Nigro, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge John M. Younge, former Chancellor Clifford E. Haines and Northampton County District Attorney John Morganelli.

The plenary session “Giant,” follows at 2:15 p.m., with a state of the court address. Panelists for the program include Pennsylvania Supreme Court Chief Justice Ralph J. Cappy, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas President Judge C. Darnell Jones II, Philadelphia Municipal Court President Judge Louis J. Pesunza and supervising and administrative judges.

The Young Lawyers Division will present “Good Night and Good Luck,” a program on media and the law. Attendees will learn how to develop good relationships with the media within the bounds of the Rules of Professional Conduct. Panelists include Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Frederica A. Masiah-Jackson, former Chancellor Abraham C. Reich, Chancellor-Elect Jane I. Dalton, Hank Grezlak (editor of the Bar Reporter) and others.

For more information and to register for the conference, visit philadelphiabar.org.
of The Legal Intelligence), The Philadelphia Inquirer reporter George Anastasia and Michelle Durham. The program will be moderated by Shira Goodman.

In “The Verdict,” the State Civil Litigation Section program will take a look at cross-examination in medical malpractice cases. Panelists for this program include Robert T. Swoiat, James E. Collerson Sr., Roberta D. Pichini, Daniel F. Ryan, Kevin H. Wright and James E. Beasley Jr.

“Stand by Me” is a Family Law Section program on the 3 Ps of school selection issues in custody litigation – public, private or parochial. Panelists, including Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Family Court Supervising Judge Margaret P. Murphy (Domestic Relations Division), Mark Momjian, Stephen J. Anderer, James A. Nolan and moderator Elaine Smith, will discuss factors used in adjudicating school selection disputes. They will also address what resources are available to family lawyers to compare and contrast schools and school districts. Emphasis will be on trial preparation, expert witness involvement, evidentiary concerns, appellate ease law, etc.

The Business Law Section program “Risky Business” will look at employment law mediation with moderator Scott Cooper and retired U.S. District Court Judge Diane M. Welsh, Stephen G. Console, Carol Goedano, Cynthia A. Locke, Judith Ann O’Boyle and Joseph A. Torregrossa.

USI Colburn Insurance Service will sponsor the Grand Reception. “As Good As It Gets” at 6:50 p.m. Thursday, August 10. “Footloose” begins at 8:30 p.m. with music and dancing.

Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 30. The State Civil Litigation Section opens Saturday’s programming with “Breakfast at Bernstein’s” – a look at evidence with Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judges Mark I. Bernstein and Larry Benedict. Thomas Wilkinson is the course planner.

Paul Kazazis, assistant executive director of the Bar Association, Carl H. Delcastro and Shelly Lavout will present “Double Indemnity,” a program on risk management with USI Colburn Insurance Services.

The Criminal Justice Section’s “And Justice for All” will look at cross-examination in the movies with moderator Jules Epstein and panelists including Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judges Jeffrey P. Minetart and Teresa M. Saarmora along with Wendy Goldstein, M. Matthews. The program is broken up into two parts – The Art and Skill of Cross-Examination and The Law of Impeachment and Confrontation Rights.

“Jerry Maguire – Show Me the Money” will be the Business Law Section’s program on employment contract law. Panelists include Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Albert W. Sheppard Jr., Stephen M. Foxman, Marc J. Zucker and moderator Michael D. Ecker.

The Family Law Section’s “War of the Roses” will look at everything from duped dads to fraudulent conveyances – coping with fraud and deceit in modern family law practice.

Panelists for this program include Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Edie C. Fox, Meredith Brennan, Megan Watson, Elaine Smith and moderator Mark Momjian.

The Workers’ Compensation Section program “9 to 5” is an examination of everything you wanted to know about workers’ compensation subrogation but were afraid to ask. Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Sandra Mazer Moss, Workers’ Compensation Bureau Judge A. Michael Stryder, Lennard Cohen, Michael D. Schiff and Joseph Hankins are the panelists.

In the Real Property Section’s “The Money Pit,” panelists will discuss preventing fights between contractors and owners and real estate practice tips for the unwary. The panel includes Judy F. Berkenman, Kenneth J. Friedsch and Christine Paul.

The Probate and Trust Law Section will present “Good Will Hunting,” continued on page 13.

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2006 Bench-Bar Conference Registration Form
Sept. 29 – 30, 2006 – The Tropicana, Atlantic City, NJ

(Please Note: Judges will receive separate conference materials)

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: 2006 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.

Electronic registration is also available at www.philadelphiabar.org. NOTE: Hotel reservations must be made separately by calling (800) 247-8767. Mention “Philadelphia Bar Association/2006 Bench-Bar Conference” to take advantage of the special rate of $185 per night on Thursday and Friday nights and $225 on Saturday night (plus taxes). Hotel reservations must be made by Friday, Sept. 15, 2006.

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### 2006 Bench-Bar Conference Schedule of Events

**Friday, Sept. 29**
- 12 - 2 p.m. Opening Luncheon
  - “Independence Day” – Panel discussion on judicial independence
- 2 - 2:15 p.m. Intermission
- 2:15 - 3:30 p.m. Plenary Session
- 3:30 - 4 p.m. Intermission
- 4:45 - 4:55 p.m. CLE Seminars

**Saturday, Sept. 30**
- 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8 - 9:30 a.m. CLE Seminars
- 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. CLE Seminars
- 10:45 - 12:15 p.m. Intermission and Hotel Checkout
- 12:30 - 2:15 p.m. Closing Luncheon
- 2:30 - 4:15 p.m. CLE Seminars

### News Items

- **Nigro, Morganelli on Panel for Judicial Independence Debate**
  
  The opening luncheon of the Association’s 2006 Bench-Bar Conference on Sept. 29 will be highlighted by a panel discussion on judicial independence.

  Russell M. Nigro, former justice on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, will be joined by Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge John Milton Younger, former Bar Association Chancellor Clifford E. Haines and Northampton County District Attorney John M. Morganelli.

  Emmy-winning journalist Lynn Doyle, host of “It’s Your Call with Lynn Doyle” on CNN, will moderate the panel on judicial independence. Doyle’s debate-style show focuses on the issues of the day and has featured such nationally known attorneys as the late Johnnie Cochran.

  In November 2006, Justice Nigro became the first appellate judge to lose a retention vote since Pennsylvania instituted the yes-no vote in 1969. A 1973 graduate of Rutgers University School of Law, Justice Nigro served eight years in Common Pleas Court before being elected to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 1996.

  Judge Younger was elected to the Court of Common Pleas in 1995 and again in 2005. A native of Philadelphia, he earned his law degree in 1981 from Howard University School of Law.

  A litigator with more than 30 years of experience, Haines is active in both the Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Bar Associations. He is a member of the Academy of FederalJudges and served as Chancellor of the Bar Association in 1997.

  Morganelli, a four-term district attorney, graduated from Villanova Law School in 1980. Known for his tough stand on crime, Morganelli has been an outspoken critic of the judicial pay raise. The past-president of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association, he has appeared on national news programs such as CNN’s “Lou Dobbs Tonight” and “The O’Reilly Factor” on Fox News.

### MSNBC’s Dan Abrams to Offer Closing Remarks

**by Beth Huffman**

Dan Abrams, NBC News’ chief legal correspondent and anchor of MSNBC’s “The Abrams Report,” will deliver the closing luncheon address at the Association’s annual Bench-Bar Conference at the Tropicana in Atlantic City, N.J., on Saturday, Sept. 30.

“The Abrams Report” premiered as a news/talk format program in 2002. The show’s topics are varied and include not only legal issues, but national politics and current events from around the world. In recent years, Abrams has covered the trials of Scott Peterson, Michael Jackson and Zacarias Moussaoui.

In June, Abrams was named general manager of MSNBC. Abrams began making special reports for NBC in 1995 and has reported regularly on NBC’s “Nightly News,” “Today” and “Dateline NBC.” He joined NBC as a general assignment correspondent in 1997. With NBC, he has reported on...
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President Clinton’s impeachment trial, the Oklahoma City bombing trials, the Susan McDougal trial, the Jon Benet Ramsey murder probe and the legal battles over Elian Gonzalez.

He began his television career as an anchor and reporter for Court TV in 1992. Abrams covered various high-profile trials while with Court TV, including the O.J. Simpson murder trial, the International War Crimes trial from The Hague, and the assisted-suicide trials of Dr. Jack Kevorkian.


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by Skinny D. Bockol

One enters into this “shoulsang” through portal curtains with eyes' pupil narrowing and gazing upon Moroccan houey hanging lamps and recessed multi-colored bulbs. The men's room, if you require it, for instance, is lighted as red as the sands surrounding Marrakesh.

In this vertiginous atmosphere, you notice intricately curved black wrought iron bases, which support tables of inlaid tile surfaces. Long banquettes along the wall to your left are adorned with scarlet cushions. They are bolstered for human sips by emerald green embroidered pillows. An odd monkey sits framed an inch within the picture of an orange-capped trained squirrel whose contents are heated by vored smoke via a hose attached to a “Sheesa Lounge.” The younger set seem to gravitate to water pipes in droves at about 10 p.m. One inhales fruit-flavored smoke via a hose attached to a chamber whose contents are heated by charcoal. Tobacco leaves are shredded and soaked with honey or molasses or pepper and promptly deposit the voluptuous taste throughout.

Before you know it, a waitperson arrives with a welcoming tall shot—of spearmint tea. A sip corroborates that you are now in a different hemisphere. Your cerebrum is in Meknes or Fez, and your medulla is in a marvelous medina. The setting is startlingly authentic. When you compliment the staff on all the caring touches they say, “very happy to hear” with an affectionation and accent last recalled in conversations at Jerusalem cafés.

And, in fact, Shouk is the Hebrew word for “souk,” with its culinary emphasis on Israeli cuisine. All portions are served on small plates, meant to be shared. Three “mezze” per person seems to suffice. So start and don’t miss hummus with tahini ($5), lamb kebab ($8), the egg, hummus and sunflower seeds grilled flatbread ($6), ground lamb with mint yogurt flatbread ($9) and kubbbeh ($7). (Pita bread is garnered gratis.)

The last first. “Kubbbeh” are crusted carrot dumplings engorged with ground chicken and infused with cinnamon. The sweetness claims your tongue as it curls from the tension of taste buds being tantalized. Lips become expectant for it as you smack them with delight. The dumplings are round and capable of being taken wholly into one’s mouth. Crush and swoon.

Placate the palate with a piece of ground lamb flatbread whose coverlet is yogurt doused by mint. The flatbreads are three inch round pita-dough pizzas, inaudited with Israeli inspired toppings. The lamb is coarse and crusty, soared gracefully by the minty yogurt. Mint hints.

The topping with egg, hummus and sunflower seeds assembled perfectly hard-boiled egg divers and pastes them onto pureed chickpeas mixed with sesame oil. Sunflower seeds add an affordance that lingers without lan-

The “hummus and tahini” are served in a bowl in which the bigness surrounds the green parsleyed tahini. Most patrons simply swoosh a pita piece through the bowl and promptly deposit the voluptuous vegetarian concoction as close to their layzynx as possible. Teeth are hardly necessary. Swallowing is involuntary.

The owners, Yisrael “Yis” Tigay and Georgia Vass appear often to coddle Shouk’s customers. Tigay is renowned for his hummus-making and his humorous banter. Vass adds a background in Greece to the Mediterranean eclectic menu.

“This establishment is still a work in progress,” says Tigay confidently. “We intend to make the interior even more intimate. We are always recreating re-
cipes to serve our neighbors really ex-
quisite Israeli, Greek, Egyptian and Sy-
rian delicacies.” Believe it or not, the talented new chef is Carlós Izagirre, a Venezuelan. Go know.

The most different accommodation at Shouk is the upstairs hookah parlor or “Sheesa Lounge.” The younger set seem to gravitate to water pipes in droves at about 10 p.m. One inhales fruit-flavored smoke via a hose attached to a chamber whose contents are heated by charcoal. Tobacco leaves are shredded and soaked with honey or molasses or pepper and promptly deposit the voluptuous taste.
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Our bereaved community is still saddened by the loss of Arthur Raynes, and will long mourn his passing. Those who knew him best will surely miss him most. Of course, we can identify other philanthropic citizens and great lawyers and, if you look very hard, you may even find a few who are able to make people laugh. And, no doubt, other such talented individuals will emerge from time to time in the future. But there is not now, nor is there likely ever to be, another... Arthur Raynes.

RAYNES continued from page 2 denity to Raynes, breaking effortlessly into telling his stories in an accent that somehow managed to sound like a hearty dose of Yiddish wrapped in an accented. He revelled in talking about his early days at the Richter firm and the strange assignments he often received as the lowest lawyer on the letter-head. And who among us did not hear from Arthur descriptions of the two separate wardrobes he maintained: his “fat clothes” for those intervals when he overindulged a secondary passion for gastronomique, and his “thin clothes” for those times when he would slim down and look ten years younger than his actual age? Some of us never knew exactly which of the two Arthurs we liked most, probably because we loved both so much!

His generosity was legendary. Not only did he provide substantial fund- ing for a variety of medical, education- al and other important causes, he was almost outrageous in showering gifts upon his friends and acquaintances. Once you were on Arthur’s holiday gift list, it was literally impossible to get off – there was simply no way to stop those cases of wine from being deliv- ered to your front door! When one protested, Arthur would answer, “But I do it because I love you!” While his extraordinary acts of generosity to institutions and causes were no secret, few are aware of the quiet gestures of kindness and support he extended to those around him, whether lawyers in his firm, lawyers who no longer prac- ticed with him, or just some people who needed a boost. His year as Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association was memorable. Arthur strove to instill a renewed sense of civility to the bar that, with growing numbers of oppos- ing segments, was sometimes con- tentious, and he succeeded. Then, in true trial-lawyerly fashion, he sought to create a visual expression for his concept that the court system was dependent upon three essential com- ponents: with the purchase of a three legged stool – one leg representing the courts, another the bar and the third the public – he convincingly demon- strated that if any of the three legs was removed or weakened, the system would fail. When teased about the fact that his picture appeared on the front page of The Legal Intelligencer with in incredible frequency, he was neither apologetic nor embarrassed. He acknowledged the situation with an appreciative chuckle as though the daily repetition of his countenance in our faces was a good thing, and, in fact, it was. Most importantly, he dis- charged his responsibilities as Chancellor with that uniquely Raynesian combination of charm, good humor, wisdom and grace that became the hallmark of his administration.

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Silliness Like “Strangers” in Short Supply

by Marc W. Reuben

A movie called “Strangers with Candy” opened (and possibly closed) recently. It had very little publicity and was a continuation of a Comedy Central series in which Amy Sedaris played a 47-year-old ex-con who returns to high school to complete her education. In this film she returns to help her comatose father, who seems to react to good news about her. She wears cheap, glittery clothes with faux fur, and heavy makeup. In short, she looks like many trashed women who try to prolong their youth. Her attempts to fit in with her father’s new family and the kids in high school make up the total of the film, which is very funny.

Silly is the best word for the film. In this age of offensive and hurtful articulation, it is wonderful to see the gleeful exhibition of deliberately bad jokes played for audiences who are supposed to know better. The art of being silly has largely passed from the scene in these sophisticated times. Those of us who mourn the passing of the Three Stooges and Benny Hill, did not celebrate them for the violent and often offensive content of their work, but because of the fact that all they did was so deliberately fake and we all knew it. That silliness is what makes “Strangers” in Short Supply this age of offensive and hurtful articulation.

The first funny movie was an Edison clip of a man looking into a dry hose. At once the water streams out and drenches him. It is ill-fitted romance, everyone who has been fooled by a slow hose. At once the water streams out and drenches him.

Part of being funny is being silly. Of knowing that man shouldn’t be staring into a hose, or realizing that Chaplin should not be in a boxing ring with a slugger—the scene in “City Lights” of him artfully staying behind the referee is one of the funniest things in film; The Stooges singing the sextet from Lucia under a balcony (“Oh Elaine, oh please come-out come-out. Cedric’s here. He wants to see’ya babe”) – Curly’s real-life daughter is named Elaine: “Who’s on First?” – it is all fake designed to make us appreciate the futility of the human condition and the ways we often go about trying to deal with it.

How about when people tell us “this would be funny if it weren’t so serious” as a way of expressing futility without humor? Silliness is a way of viewing the inequalities presented by reality. Fools running our foreign policy; rehashes proclaiming cowardly opposition, the legislature in the service of the few rich, and the opposition in the thrall of the few rich, patriotism equated with doctrine and differing opinions equated with treachery. The whole framework of the nation turned upside-down. The foulest way of discussing the situation is by placing blame, by scapegoating and calling people names, even in a funny way, and blaming them for national failure.

The art of being silly is the art of not hurting people and making your audience realize you are joking. Bob Hope, probably the most graceful monologist of them all, tried for a while to inject conservative political views into his work and failed. Not because he had grown less talented, but because he was pointing at people (in this case, liberals) who were vitiated by others and in need of defense.

Silliness is the avoidance of finding victims. Everything is deliberately fake. It is parody without prejudice. It is gone from modern American tastes and that is sad. No child today can laugh at Jack Benny, let alone laugh at himself, because laughter is seen as a sign of derision, and humor as a mark of worthlessness. As a result, the crop of funny people has been reduced to awkward clowns who make funny faces and exaggerate sarcastic phrases in place of wit and deliberate foolishness. What is silly is often reduced to teenage slapstick, while foolishness for adults is often viewed as arcane.

The absurd humor in “Strangers with Candy” is gross, for adults who can laugh at themselves, and very silly, and very, very funny. The scene where the over-age cheerleader attempts to seduce the big man on campus is hilarious, as is the clicking noise she makes with her gold toenails while walking barefoot. It is all tasteless and deliberately so. We may laugh at ourselves and our foibles because no one is diminished. It is silly. Long may it wave.

**FEASTS TO FAMINE**

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**What TV Show Are You Embarrassed to Admit That You Watch?**

“I am embarrassed to admit that I watch the Antiques Roadshow. It is just too amusing to watch peoples’ reactions when their priceless antique pieces turn out to be worth $7.00 at the local Walmart.”

- Robert Surh

“MXC is a Japanese game show on Spike TV where the contestants run an obstacle course. They have two men that do commentary in Japanese, but it’s dubbed in English and it’s hilarious.”

- Elizabeth Johnson

“I watched an entire episode of the paintball championships on ESPN. I had no idea what I was watching and was bored out of my mind, but it was quite entertaining compared to studying for the bar exam.”

- Edward Easterly

The first funny movie was an Edison clip of a man looking into a dry hose. At once the water streams out and drenches him. Funny? It was to everyone who has been fooled by a slow hose.

**Shikky D. Bockol** is a sole practitioner and advisory editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter. His reviews are available online at www.Chidul.com.
Notice to Philadelphia Bar Association Members

(Editor’s Note: The following proposed amendments to the Association’s bylaws address the creation of a Law Practice Management Division of the Philadelphia Bar Association.)

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 June 29, 2006 Board of Governors meeting and were approved for submission to the members at the October Quarterly meeting to take place on Monday, Oct. 30, 2006 at Noon at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue. Article VIII shall be amended and restated as follows:

ARTICLE VIII — DIVISIONS

Section 800. Divisions; Additional Divisions.
(A) The Divisions of the Association shall be as set forth in this Article. (B) Additional Divisions may be established by amendment of these bylaws as provided in Section 1100. The establishing bylaw shall identify the membership or subject matter of the Division, which shall not be a recognized area of substantive or procedural law or the practice thereof.

Section 801. Combination, Change of Name or Discontinuance of Divisions.
The Board may change the name of, combine or discontinue any Division or Divisions.

Section 802. Membership of Divisions.
(A) All members of Divisions shall be Members except as set forth in Section 802(B) hereof, and any Member may be a member of any one or more Divisions. (B) Any Division may permit one or more non-lawyers to serve as members of the Division or any committee thereof, and unless otherwise approved by the Board no non-lawyer may be an officer of any Division.

Section 803. Division Organization and Procedures; Reports.
(A) Each Division shall adopt such bylaws and other regulations for its organization, governance and conduct of its business as it deems appropriate, not inconsistent with the Charter, bylaws and resolutions of the Board. (B) The officers of each Division shall be the Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and such other officers as are provided in its bylaws. In lieu of a Chair, a Division may have two or more Co-Chairs, in which case any reference to the “Chair” of a Division in these Bylaws shall refer to any Co-Chair, as determined by the Division. (C) No Division may assess dues on its members unless first authorized by the Board. (D) There shall be no expenditure by the Division of funds not obtained through the Bar Association’s budget process unless first authorized by the Board. (E) At such time or times as the Chancellor or Board shall determine, the Chair of each Division shall transmit a report of its activities to the Chancellor and/or the Board.

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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, Sept. 4
Labor Day — Bar Association offices closed.

Tuesday, Sept. 5
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, Sept. 6
Delivery of Legal Services Committee — meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Rules and Procedures Committee — meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.
Bench-Bar Conference Scholarship Reception — 5:30 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center.

Thursday, Sept. 7
Health Care Law Committee — meeting, 12 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.
Philadelphia Bar Reporter Editorial Board — meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Cabinet Room.
YLID Meet the Bar at the Boathouse — reception, 6 p.m., The Boathouse, Rittenhouse Hotel.

Monday, Sept. 11
Family Law Section — meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.
Business Law Section Executive Committee — meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

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

Wednesday, Sept. 13
Appellate Courts Committee — meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Thursday, Sept. 14
Civil Rights Committee — meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center.
Legislative Liaison Committee — meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.

Friday, Sept. 15
Social Security and Disability Benefits Committee — meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

Monday, Sept. 18
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. 19
Section Chairs — meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Wednesday, Sept. 20
Workers’ Compensation Section Executive Committee — meeting, 10:30 a.m., 11th floor Committee Room.
Workers’ Compensation Section — meeting, 11th floor Conference Center, 12 p.m. Lunch: $7.50.
Adoption Committee — meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Cabinet Room.
Federal Courts Committee — meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Medical Legal Committee — meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.
LegalLine — 5 p.m., 11th floor LRIS offices.

Thursday, Sept. 21
Family Law Section Executive Committee — meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South.
Environmental Law Committee — meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Friday, Sept. 22
Judicial Commission — meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Women’s Rights Committee — meeting, 12:15 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.
Philadelphia Lawyer magazine Editorial Board — meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room.

Monday, Sept. 25
Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee — meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Tuesday, Sept. 26
Criminal Justice Section — meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.
Women in the Profession Committee — meeting, 12 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Wednesday, Sept. 27
Medical Legal Committee — meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

Thursday, Sept. 28
Minorities in the Profession Committee — meeting, 12 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.
Lawyer Referral and Information Service Committee — meeting, 12 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.

Elder Law Committee — meeting, 1 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.
Board of Governors — meeting, 4 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Friday, Sept. 29

Saturday, Sept. 30

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Section 804. Division Meetings.

All Divisions shall meet from time to time at the call of the Chair thereof, and it shall be the duty of the Chair thereof to call a meeting upon the written request of the Chancellor or of any 25 members of the Division.

Section 805. The Young Lawyers Division

(a) The Young Lawyers Division shall consist of all Regular Members

(1) who are under 37 years of age, or

(2) regardless of age, whose third anniversary of their first admission to the Bar of any state has not yet occurred.

(b) Membership of a Regular Member in the Division shall terminate automatically at the end of the calendar year during which a Member no longer fulfills either of the requirements set forth in Section 805(A) above, or at such earlier time as the Member elects to cease to be a Regular Member.

Section 806. The Law Practice Management Division.

The Law Practice Management Division shall be devoted to supporting members in their activities relating to the business of practicing law by offering assistance with marketing, management, technology, and finance.

All Regular Members shall be members of the Law Practice Management Division.

2. Section 900 (B) shall be amended and restated as follows:

Section 900. Sections; Additional Sections.

(b) Additional Sections may be established by amendment of these bylaws as provided in Section 1100 upon petition to the Board signed by 50 or more Members whose principal practice or interest shall be within the contemplated jurisdiction of the Section. The petition shall state the contemplated jurisdiction of the Section, which shall be a recognized area of substantive or procedural law or the practice thereof, and which shall not be in substantial conflict with the jurisdiction of any Standing or Special Committee that will continue after the Section is established.

3. Section 200 shall be amended and restated as follows:

Section 200. The Board.

(a) The members of the Board elected 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 two immediate past Chairmen;

(3) three Members of the Executive Committee;

(4) representatives elected each year by the Sections, and their successors to fill any vacancy in their place during the year in which the vacancy occurs.

(b) If a Member of the Board dies or resigns his or her office, the remaining Members of the Board shall appoint another person to fill the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term for which the deceased or resigning Member was elected. An appointment made to fill a vacancy shall be made at the next regular meeting of the Board following the death or resignation of the Member;

(c) the Immediate Past Chairman of the Section, and his or her successors to fill any vacancy in their place during the year in which the vacancy occurs.

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(5) 15 persons elected by the Members as provided in Section 300(A)(3), consisting of three classes of five Members each, who shall serve for a term of three years, one class being elected each year;

(6) two persons appointed by the Chancellor pursuant to Section 200(D), each of whom shall serve for a term of two years, one person being appointed each year; and

(7) the Chair and Chair-Elect of the Young Lawyers Division.

(b) The Chair of the Law Practice Management Division.

(c) The President of the Philadelphia Bar Association Foundation shall be an ex officio non-voting member of the Board.

(d) The Editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter, the Association’s delegates to the American Bar Association’s House of Delegates, and the Association’s Zone Governor to the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Board of Governors shall be entitled to be present and to be heard at all meetings of the Board.

(3) On or before January 15 of each year, the Chancellor, upon consideration of the recommendation from the Committee on Minorities in the Profession with respect to such appointment, shall appoint a Member who is a member of a racial minority as a member of the Board, pursuant to Section 208(A)(6).

(4) No member of the Board may designate another person to represent such member at a meeting of, or to cast any vote in the deliberations of, the Board.

Section 1000. Classes of Membership; Rights.

(c) A Legal Administrator. A Legal Administrator for purposes hereof shall be a person who is not a member of the Bar but who is qualified as a legal administrator through education, training, or work experience and who is employed or retained by a lawyer, law firm, government legal body or other law-related entity in a capacity or function which involves general responsibility for business management, marketing, support functions and/or staff personnel of the entity.
O’CONNOR AWARD

Roberta D. Liebenberg, co-chair of the Women in the Profession Committee:

“Bobbie is both a talented, successful litigator and a teacher, friend, and mentor to countless women in the profession. She is a true inspiration and role model, and more than meets the criteria for the Sandra Day O’Connor award. As her friend and partner, I know how often she shares her skills and experience with younger women lawyers, and how devoted she is to helping women colleagues achieve professional success and respect,” said Chancellor Alan M. Feldman. “Bobbie Pichini is one in a million, and has truly earned this wonderful and important recognition.”

A partner with Feldman, Shepheard, Wishiglereniter, Tanzer and Weinstock, Pichini teaches trial advocacy to practicing lawyers throughout the United States at the National Institute of Trial Advocacy. She teaches law students at Temple University’s Beasley School of Law and Villanova University School of Law, and serves as an instructor on the advisory board of Temple’s Master in Advocacy Program. She also has been an active member of the faculty of the Academy of Advocacy.

Pichini has a degree in nursing from the University of Pennsylvania and a B.A. in English Literature from Neumann College. She is a cum laude graduate of the Villanova University School of Law.

The Women in the Profession Committee established the award in 1995 to recognize the important contributions that women attorneys in Philadelphia have made to the legal profession. Previous winners have included U.S. District Court Senior Judge Norma L. Shapiro, the late Judge Judith J. Jamison, President Judge Judith K. Stefano, former Chancellor Audrey C. Talley, U.S. District Court Judge Marjorie O. Rendell, and former Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge Phyllis W. Beck.

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Deborah R. Gross of the Law Offices Bernard M. Gross, P.C. was a speaker at the American Bar Association Convention in Honolulu on Aug. 6. She discussed “Securities Fraud and The Public Benefits of Class-Action Litigation.”

Marc P. Weingarten and Jerry A. Lindheim of the Locks Law Firm presented the CLE seminar “Enter Laughing: Humor as an Effective Tool for Lawyers” on June 6 at the Milk Boy Coffeehouse in Bryn Mawr, Pa.

William A. Denmark, a shareholder with Jacoby Donner, P.C., recently participated in a forum sponsored by the General Building Contractors Association addressing “Current Legal Issues Facing the Construction Industry.”

Evan K. Aidman, a sole practitioner, presented “Personal Injury and Property Damage Claims – Comparing and Contrasting Torah and Secular Law” as part of the Continuing Legal Education Series offered by the Etz Chaim Center for Jewish Studies.

John S. Bifolchik, a sole practitioner, has been elected chair of the Board of Directors of the Citizens Crime Commission of the Delaware Valley.

David F. Stern, an associate with Martin, Banks, Pond, Erbicky & Wilson, served on two panels at the Pennsylvania Bureau of Workers’ Compensation’s Fifth Annual Conference in June. His panel discussed utilizing true second opinions versus independent medical examinations.

Stella M. Tsai, a shareholder with Christie, Barabe, Mortensen and Young, was named as Chair of the Women’s Law Project Board of Trustees on June 16.

Peter A. Muhle, a member of Cozen O’Connor, was recently elected to serve on the board of directors of the SenseLAW Center in Philadelphia. He recently presented at the 4th Florida Property & Casualty Claims Professionals Conference, “Katrina: Claims Greatest Challenge,” held at the Tampa Convention Center.

Jonathan H. Newman, of counsel to Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP, has been appointed vice chair of the Disciplinary Board by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. He has also been reappointed to a second three-year term on the board.

William R. Sasso, chairman of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP, recently was honored with the American Jewish Committee’s prestigious Judge Learned Hand Award for his outstanding leadership in the public legal and professional community.

Ellisa Opstahaun Habratt, a partner with The Delaware Counsel Group LLP, presented “Restrictive Stock Under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware” on June 7 at Taylor Wessing and presented at the 3rd World Women Lawyers Conference held by the International Bar Association in London in June.

Thomas G. Wilkinson, a member of Cozen O’Connor, was recently appointed program chair for the Villanova Law J. Williard O’Brien American Inn of Court, which presents continuing legal education programs for lawyers and promotes professionalism and civility.

Peter R. Rosenzweig, a partner with Marks & Rosenzweig, was a guest speaker at the Financial Executives Networking Group’s Downtown Philadelphia Chapter Meeting on July 10.

Lori L. Halvey, an associate with Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP, recently spoke at the American Conference Institute’s 4th Annual Corporate Counsel’s Form on Conducting and Responding to Internal & Government Investigations on June 25 at the Helmsley Park Lane Hotel in New York City.

Paul J. Gitnik, president of Socucates Inc., has been elected to the Pennsylvania Senate Democratic Committee for the 57th Senatorial District.

Maury B. Reiter, managing principal of Kaplan Stewart Melhoff Reiter & Stein, has been elected Treasurer of Volunteers of America.

James I. Kennedy, an associate with Cozen O’Connor, recently presented at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s CLE program “Familial Corporate Laws for Family Lawyers.” Kennedy’s presentation focused on the legal issues affecting military personnel and what to keep in mind when representing military personnel.

Eric Rothschild and Stephen G. Harvey, partners with Pepper Hamilton LLP, presented the keynote speech at “Evolution 2006.” The address was part of the Society for the Study of Evolution’s Symposium Intelligent Design on Trial: Lessons from the Kitzmiller v. Dover Creationism Case. They also received Pro Bono Awards from the Pennsylvania Bar Association at its annual meeting in Hershey, Pa., in recognition of their extraordinary commitment as lead counsel for the plaintiffs in Kitzmiller. Rothschild also was elected to the Philadelphia Regional Board of the Anti-Defamation League.

Kevin R. Casey, a partner with Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP, was recently appointed president of the Federal Circuit Bar Association at the association’s Eighth Bench and Bar Conference.

Keith S. Ezekiel, a partner at Young, Buchsstab, Caldwell & Heller, LLC, presented a trial demonstration, at the national convention of The American Board of Trial Advocates on the art of cross-examination of a defense expert for its The Masters In Trial Program.

Jocelyn Auerbach, an associate with Steel, Radinick & Raben, recently conducted a staff training at the African Cultural Alliance of North America in Philadelphia. The training focused on how to guide community members through their immigration challenges.

A. Michael Pratt and Barbara A. Sicalides, partners with Pepper Hamilton LLP, spoke at the American Bar Association’s National Conference for the Minority Lawyer in Philadelphia in June. Pratt, Vice Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association, has been elected to a six-year term on the Board of Trustees of Washington & Jefferson College.

Michael B. Reed, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP, has been appointed to the American Bar Association’s Presidential Advisory Council on Diversity in the Profession.

Albert S. Dandridge III, a partner with Schneider Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP and chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Business Law Section, was recently re-elected to serve for a three-year term as an Independent Director for the Philadelphia Stock Exchange’s Board of Governors at the annual shareholders meeting held on June 22.

Herbert N. Fineburg co-founded partner of Eisen Fineburg & McCarthy, P.C., has been elected to the Board of Directors of Wesley Enhancing Living Foundation, a not-for-profit dedicated to providing independent and assisted living to the elderly, as well as skilled-care, for older adults through five facilities in the Philadelphia region.

B. Christopher Lee, managing shareholder of Jacoby Donner, P.C., has been named by the American Arbitration Association to its recently created Construction Arbitrator Master Panel.

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) 238-1267. E-mail: reporter@philabars.org. Photos are also welcome.
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