Failed Judicial Selection System Needs Change

by Andrew A. Chirls

Now that the primary election is behind us, it’s obvious that anyone paying attention to the way judges are chosen in Philadelphia is bound to come away with a host of strong feelings, all pretty much negative.

The words that immediately come to mind are: outrageous, disgraceful, pitiful, obscene. And those are the milder terms.

How else to react to a system that openly courts convicted felons as election advisors? That measures the worthiness of judicial candidates by how well they can sing karaoke? That has judicial candidates handing ward leaders envelopes containing checks for $1,000 or $2,000 in return for possible endorsements, and party-endorsed candidates forking over as much as $35,000 to the Democratic City Committee?

This is the judicial electoral system as it now functions in Philadelphia.

Obviously, we need a new non-elective system for choosing judges — one that isn’t beholden to cronyism, election day “street money” and the “what-have-you-done-for-me-lately?” mentality that too often passes for civic involvement in Philadelphia.

But a new merit selection system will take years to accomplish. The state legislature must enact a constitutional amendment proposal. The proposal must be passed in two successive sessions. Continued on page 9.
Your employees are out there making shipments.
How do you manage it all from here?
Bar Leadership: A Chance to Give Back to the Profession

by Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua

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State Civil Litigation Section

Judicial Team Leaders Discuss Procedures

by Heather J. Holloway

Judicial team leaders from the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas spoke on the status of their teams and the impact of their caseload on their individual procedures at the State Civil Section’s May 4 meeting.

Panels included Judges Allan L. Tereshko (2002 team leader), Sandra Mazer Moss (2003 and pre-2002 team leader), Arnold L. New (2004 team leader) and Jacqueline F. Allen (2005 team leader). Judge William J. Manfredi, administrative judge for the civil division, provided a history of the team program, which began in 1992 with 46,000 active cases, each taking about seven years to get to trial. Now, the most complex cases come to trial within less than 30 months. The forum provided those in attendance with an opportunity to hear the preferences of the team leaders. Judge Allen said that much of the information is already available in written format within the 2003 and 2004 editions of Civil Administration at a Glance. The 2005 edition will be available shortly.

Judge Tereshko’s team is winding down and includes approximately 300 active and deferred cases. The reduced caseload allows Judge Tereshko to carefully review the active remaining cases, which are now in pre-trial and trial mode. He is also examining all deferred cases to determine if they can be listed for trial or otherwise disposed.

Judge Tereshko becomes involved in each case before assigning it to a member of his team, in order to resolve scheduling and administrative issues. By way of contrast, the approximately 3,250 cases of the 2004 team prevented Judge New from becoming intimately involved in each case. For example, the size of his team’s caseload at this time prevents Judge New from granting requests for specific trial dates. Although he explained that a date-certain trial is easier for him to manage administratively, Judge New said that there are not a sufficient number of available judges for date-certain assignments.

Judge New’s cases are currently in a pre-trial mode. He attends pre-trial conferences four days a week, each scheduled in 20 to 30 minute intervals. He said his schedule does not permit settlement efforts. If counsel desire a settlement conference, they should write to request one and it will be scheduled before Judge New or a judge pro tem. He also said that if counsel receive a call from his chambers for a settlement conference they should advise if the case is not likely to be settled so that the conference may be cancelled.

Judge Moss and Judge Allen said they lead their teams in similar fashion. Their caseloads and management styles allow each to become more involved in the settlement discussions and disputes. Both Judge Moss and Judge Allen said they will discuss settlement at the pretrial. Judge Moss advised that counsel with the most knowledge of the case (not necessarily trial counsel) should appear for the continued on page 16
Appellate Courts Committee

Justice Newman Touts Virtues of Mediation

by Sunah Park

You won’t find a bigger fan of mediation than Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Sandra Schultz Newman. “I am for mediation in every single area - trial courts and appellate courts,” she told members of the Association’s Appellate Courts Committee at their May 11 meeting.

Justice Newman said that when she was a litigator, she participated in the Superior Court’s now-defunct mediation program then run by Judge Hoffman, and recalled that it was a very successful program. “We settled a lot of cases,” she said.

Justice Newman said medical malpractice, personal injury and matrimonial cases lend themselves especially well to mediation. Justice Newman, a member of the board of Drexel University, has seen firsthand the “phenomenal results” of Drexel’s mediation program. Because the actual parties participate and claimants get to confront the doctors, people feel like they get their “day in court” at the mediations. Although she supports mediation at the trial and appellate level, Justice Newman said she believes a greater degree of candor occurs in appellate mediation since all of the issues have been clarified at trial. She specifically identified the Commonwealth Court’s mediation program as an example of a successful appellate mediation program.

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Justice Newman also spoke of appellate practice, generally, and her views from the bench. In no uncertain terms, she stressed the paramount importance of the brief. “The pen is mightier than the sword … I can’t emphasize that enough,” she said. She has seen all types of briefs, from the mundane to the truly poor. She relayed her preference for citations to published opinions versus memorandum opinions and revealed that although she appreciates the tone of briefs to be adversarial, it should not...
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Mentoring Can Break Glass Ceiling

by Natalie Klyashtorny

The Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Commission on Women in the Profession recently released its 11th Annual “Report Card” on female achievement within the profession. The statistics are sobering, to say the least. At a time when women comprise at least 50 percent of law school graduates, they are still overwhelmingly underrepresented in positions of power. In a survey of the 100 largest law firms in Pennsylvania, women comprise 44 percent of all associates, a figure that would seem accurate in light of the 50 percent graduation rate. At advanced positions, however, the percentage of women begins to decrease. Women comprise only 18 percent of partners, 17 percent of equity partners, 24 percent of practice group and department heads, and 16 percent of managing partners.

Taking these figures into consideration, retention of women clearly remains an area in which the legal profession lags behind. What is the cause of this problem and what can we do to solve it, or at least, to help alleviate it?

I recently attended a meeting of the Women’s Rights Committee that featured the Report Card’s author, Professor Marina Angel of Temple University’s Beasley School of Law. Angel was adamant that women’s underrepresentation in positions of leadership was no coincidence, but the result of a campaign to minimize women. Her presentation was followed by a lively discussion during which one Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas judge decried the low number of female litigators she sees in her courtroom. According to the judge, the women that she usually sees are there to assist male lawyers. The woman sitting next to me, a partner at a major law firm, said that young female lawyers at her firm do not seem to want partnership. Professor Angel’s response was that it was not surprising that a lot of women would not want partnership when the barriers are being continuously set higher and higher.

As I ponder the issue of the alleged glass ceiling, I think several factors remain at play. The legal profession continues to function as if the single-wage-earner family still predominates. Twenty or 30 years ago, in most cases, male attorneys were the sole breadwinners and had stay-at-home wives.

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YLD Reaches Out with Law Week Events

YLD Executive Committee member John Papianou and Jessica Richman offer legal advice at the YLD’s Law Fair at The Gallery at Market East on May 4.

Philadelphia Phillies vice president Michael Stiles models an apron from Bull’s BBQ at Citizens Bank Park during the Lawyer for a Day event on May 6. Stiles, a former U.S. attorney, discussed his experiences as a judge, district attorney and baseball executive.

Villanova University men’s basketball coach Jay Wright (left) and Philadelphia Mayor John F. Street address jurors at Juror Appreciation Day ceremonies on May 4 at the Criminal Justice Center.

Chancellor-Elect Alan M. Feldman addresses new citizens at a naturalization ceremony at the U.S. Courthouse on May 2. More than 75 people from 27 different nations took the oath of citizenship at the event.

Past Chancellor Edward F. Chacker and YLD Chair Natalie Klyashtorny greet essay contest winner Raymond Lim (left) on May 6. As winner of the Edward F. Chacker Essay Contest, Lim received a $1,000 college scholarship.

Sheryl A. Axelrod, a former member of the YLD Executive Committee, talks to students at the High School for the Creative and Performing Arts as part of the Lawyer in the Classroom Program on May 5.
Chancellor Andrew A. Chirls

By Stacey Z. Jumper

Business litigators in Philadelphia County have the advantage of having their cases heard by judges who have focused their attention solely on business-related issues in the Commerce Program of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County.

Judges Howland W. Abramson, C. Darnell Jones II and Albert W. Sheppard Jr. strive to provide litigants with an arena in which to try even the most complex commercial matters in an expedited fashion. It appears they are succeeding. In the Commerce Program, instituted in 2000, each judge sees each case from beginning to end and the average time period for resolution of a commerce case is approximately 24 to 30 months.

Judges Abramson, Jones and Sheppard, along with Supervising Civil Division Judge William J. Manfredi, appeared before members of the Business Litigation Committee on May 3 to provide insight into practicing before the Commerce Court from a judge's perspective. They offered practice tips to counsel and reminded them about simple procedural issues, such as always submitting a Rule to Show Cause with petitions or making sure that pre-trial memoranda are filed before the pre-trial conference so that the judge has an opportunity to review it.

The judges in the Commerce Program hear a wide variety of business and commercial matters, ranging from disputes between or among business enterprises relating to transactions, business relationships or contracts; to declaratory judgment actions brought by insurers as well as coverage and bad faith actions brought by insureds involving business or commercial insurance policies. Section B(2) of the Administrative Docket 02 of 2003 issued by the Court of Common Pleas sets forth a list of the 10 specialized areas for Commerce Program cases. Additionally, this Administrative Docket 02 of 2003 sets forth the protocols that apply to all cases within the Commerce Program. While the Commerce Program was designed to hear disputes between businesses, the judges may accept a case between individuals and corporations if there are business issues at stake. These cases are evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

The judges also provided insight into what they expect from counsel practicing in the Commerce Court. In particular, Judge Abramson noted that counsel should not expect that filing preliminary objections will stay a case. "If you believe pendency of preliminary objections warrant a stay of the case, ask for one," he said. Judge Abramson also noted that if you wish to file a reply or sur-reply in a matter, you must first receive permission from the judge. Judge Sheppard requested that attorneys refrain from filing by letters and Judge Jones also prompted counsel to remove any information regarding their law firm from proposed orders.

The judges’ comments were offered at a Business Litigation Committee meeting on May 3 before the Committee’s May 3 meeting.

Business Litigation Committee Chair Lee Applebaum (from left) meets with Judges C. Darnell Jones II, Howland W. Abramson, William J. Manfredi and Albert W. Sheppard Jr. before the Committee’s May 3 meeting.

Saturday, June 11
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We, as citizens, need for them to live up to their leadership positions by working to make sure that merit and qualifications are part of the system. The alternative to this is the same old failed mechanisms. Philadelphia cannot afford that. We must demand action from our political leaders now. (This column originally appeared in the Philadelphia Daily News on May 18, 2005.)

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Arbitration Panels? The Case For and Against a "Rocket' Docket" will be chaired by Amy B. Ginsensky and will feature former Chancellor Abraham C. Reich and Judith P. Meyer as well as U.S. District Court Judges Harvey Bartle and Juan R. Sanchez with reports by Chief Judge Gilles, Clerk of Court Michael Kunz and U.S. Bankruptcy Court Chief Judge Diane Sigmund. Tuition, which includes breakfast and lunch, is $389 for members of the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania or any county bar association. Tuition for members admitted after Jan. 1, 2001 is $229; nonmembers, $169; paralegals attending with an attorney, $99; paralegals attending alone, $129; judges and judicial law clerks, $75; and $65 for judges and judicial law clerks admitted after Jan. 1, 2001.

One copy of the course materials is included in the registration fee. These materials are not available for separate purchase.

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sions. Then, the state’s voters must approve the change. That’s a fine long-term goal. But the current situation is so dire that we can’t wait. It demands action now. And there are a few things that can be done quickly—if the powers-that-be are sincerely willing to address the issues.

If party leaders and others are as unhappy with the current judicial selection circus as they say they are, they can take measures to correct the situation. To begin with, they must start to act like leaders. They can act responsibly and maybe even help restore faith in the process if they assert leadership and centralize endorsements around a system that methodically evaluates the candidates on the basis of clear, objective, thorough criteria. That evaluation mechanism is already in place. It’s called the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Judicial Commission. With the involvement of lawyers and non-lawyers, the Commission methodically evaluates the background and qualifications of the candidates, evaluates their strengths and weaknesses and dispassionately determines, over hundreds of hours, whether they are “Recommended” or “Not Recommended” for election to the bench.

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26th Annual Charity Run Raises $65,000
by Michael J. Berkowitz

Nearly 700 runners and walkers of all ages turned out for the Association’s 26th Annual Charity Run and Walk on May 15, raising more than $65,000 for the Support Center for Child Advocates.

The Bar Association competition was won by Neill W. Clark of Berger & Montague and Carmon M. Harvey of Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP. It was Clark’s seventh consecutive win in the Bar Association Competition. Stuart Calderwood was the overall winner of the race.

The legal team competition resulted in two-way ties for first and third place. Hecker Brown was led by second-place finisher Kevin J. Baum in his age group and John J. DiChello and Tracey Shellhammer, both fourth-place finishers in their respective age groups. Blank Rome was led by first-place finisher Gary R. Owens in his age group and Suzanne Fletcher and Dawn Joslin, both fourth- and fifth-place finishers in their respective age groups.

Bar Foundation’s 17th Golf Outing June 27 at Phila. Cricket Club
by Maureen Mingey

At this time of year, you can’t pick up the newspaper or turn on the television without learning of a special event to benefit some cause. Bike-a-thons, road races – plus it seems like there’s a fund-raising special event just about every night this spring. We are in the middle of fund-raising season.

The Bar Foundation has its event, too. Our 17th Annual Golf Outing will take place on June 27 at the Philadelphia Cricket Club.

The Golf Outing is a unique opportunity for lawyers (and those who work with lawyers) to make a difference. But while they’re making a difference raising money for organizations that provide direct legal services to the poor and disadvantaged, they also can have fun, too. It’s a great day.

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Friday, Sept. 30, 2005
12 p.m. Opening Luncheon
2:15 p.m. CLE Programs
3:15 p.m. Break
3:30 p.m. CLE Programs
6:30 p.m. Grand Reception
Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005
9 a.m. Breakfast Buffet
10:30 a.m. Break
11 a.m. CLE Programs
12:15 p.m. Closing Luncheon

2005 Bench-Bar Conference Registration Form

Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, 2005 - The Quarter at Tropicana, Atlantic City, NJ

(Please Note: Judges will receive separate conference materials)

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Dear Colleagues,

Please join us at the Philadelphia Bar Association's Bench-Bar Conference on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, at The Quarter at the Tropicana Hotel and Resort on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City. Last year, the renewal of the Bench-Bar Conference was a tremendous success. Now, this annual conference is once again a mainstay of our program calendar.

The return of the Bench-Bar Conference to the Boardwalk and the continuing dialogue between our lawyers and the judiciary is attracting much interest, and we expect a large turnout for our plenary sessions, workshops and social events. This will be a conference for the entire profession: for every segment, every age group, every discipline and every law firm or legal department. Its continuing legal education component alone offers a choice of 18 different courses and up to 5.5 credit hours. We have included the participation of many sections and committees and will feature many prominent judges and lawyers as speakers and panelists.

Don’t miss this opportunity to refresh and renew your sense of professionalism, meet new friends, become better acquainted with the judiciary and enjoy all the amenities of one of the region’s finest hotel/spa destinations.

Looking forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely,

Andrew A. Chirls
Mitchell L. Bach
Sayde J. Ladov
2005 Bench-Bar Co-Chairs

The Quarter Getting Rave Reviews

by Jeff Lyons

With its opening last fall, The Quarter at Tropicana Resort and Hotel has become New Jersey’s largest hotel. The Tropicana features more than 2,100 guest rooms, including the new Havana Tower, with 505 luxury rooms, 45,000 square feet of meeting space, and 2,400 new parking spaces. The 200,000-square-foot dining, shopping and entertainment complex is located right on Atlantic City’s world-famous Boardwalk, with 220 yards of ocean beach frontage. The Quarter at Tropicana provides visitors with more than 16 restaurants, while offering three times the entertainment, shopping and spa options than any other hotel casino in Atlantic City. Through a three-story, streetscape that brings Old World Havana back to life, The Quarter presents an impressive array of world-class restaurants, including: Cuba Libre Restaurant and Rum Bar; Caminé’s, Red Square; and P.F. Chang’s China Bistro. Nightlife options include: The Sound of Philadelphia; 32 Degrees Luxe Lounge; The Comedy Stop Cabaret & Cafe; and Planet Rose. Luxury retail businesses include: Brooks Brothers; MONDI; Zinman Furs; and Brandes Jewelers. In addition to dining, shopping and entertainment, The Quarter is also home to bluemercury, one of the East Coast’s most lavish luxury spas and apothecaries.

In its May 20 edition, the Philadelphia Daily News listed 15 not-to-be-missed...
attractions in Atlantic City. Four of the attractions are located at The Quarter. The New York Times called The Quarter’s bluemercury spa “minimalist in design, cool and white” that “takes visitors away from the noise and activity.” The Daily News said that at Red Square, patrons can ask a manager for either a mink coat or a Russian soldier’s uniform. “Then stand in the restaurant’s display window, inside an octagonal freezer lined with bottles of vodka. You’ll be cold, but laughing.” At Brulee dessert bar, the New York Times said “if you’re a big spender, you can drop $1,000 for a fudge brownie served with a crystal atomizer of port wine. A server spritzes your tongue with port, you take a bite of brownie, then you repeat the process for a yummy combination. And yes, you get to take home the crystal.” The Quarter’s karaoke bar, Planet Rose, is what the New York Times called “a loud and funky place featuring an open mike for brave crooners - 80s pop knowledge is a must here - and a private room where guests can book their own karaoke parties and control the music at the bar for the entire evening.”

The Washington Post raved about The Quarter. “Hang around The Quarter long enough on a weekend, and you can almost set your watch by the level of activity. Mornings are quiet, as partiers sleep it off. Afternoons belong to the older set, lunchers, shoppers and gawkers,” wrote the Post’s Jim Deiner. “There’s a lot to gawk at. Fountains burble throughout the Quarter, which is replete with stained glass, mosaics, Caribbean-style hanging lights, marble archways and wrought-iron railings,” Deiner wrote. “By 7 p.m., Carmine’s, a family-style Italian eatery imported from New York, is full, its patrons overflowing onto the ‘street.’ P.F. Chang’s China Bistro already has a wait list...It’s not until the music starts that the Tropicana truly lurches to life.”

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The Association’s first Bench-Bar Conference in October 1958 was a very informal affair that followed the Association’s October Quarterly Meeting and it consisted of a brief and limited series of workshops attended by judges and lawyers at a Center City hotel. But Bar leaders were encouraged by the initial session and by September 1959, what had now become officially known as the annual Bench-Bar Conference expanded to a full-day program. About 125 lawyers and judges attended the 1959 program.

By 1960, Bar leaders were ready to move the conference away from the city “to keep the participants from going back and forth to their offices and to allow them to devote undivided attention to the conference.” Atlantic City seemed to be the logical place for such sessions and for many years that followed the conference was held in Atlantic City, usually over an autumn weekend after Labor Day.

During the 1960s, the conference moved among several Atlantic City hotels including the Holiday Inn, the majestic old Traymore Hotel and the newer Deauville. During the same time, the conference began to attract nationally known speakers and workshop participants. The 1972 conference at Host Farm in Lancaster, Pa., attracted the largest Bench-Bar audience up to that point – more than 600 judges, lawyers and their guests. The main panel discussion on Saturday focused on prison reform and included former prison inmate James R. Hoffa.

In 1978, registrants were able to hike down the Boardwalk from their headquarters at the Deauville Hotel and get a glimpse of Atlantic City’s first hotel-casino – Resorts International. In 1988 and 1989 the conference met in the shadow of the U.S. Capitol at the new Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, D.C. In 1990 the conference moved to Baltimore’s Inner Harbour and then returned home to Philadelphia in 1991 under the theme “Homecoming.”

In 1993 the Bench-Bar Conference opened the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia. Except for a brief return to Baltimore in 1995, the conference remained at the Convention Center through 1996. In 1997, the conference was held at Eagle Lodge (now the Ace Center) in Lafayette Hill, Pa.

The Bench-Bar Conference returned to Atlantic City last year, with a wildly successful event at the Borgata Hotel, Casino & Spa. Nearly 500 people attended.
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versatile for me to say so, but I believe we still buy into the many gender stereotypes, including the stereotype that there is something wrong and inherently unfeminine in being aggressive and in asserting our worth. A more concerted effort must be made to make sure that female attorneys develop the business development and political skills, among others, that are necessary to advance to positions of leadership.

What can each of us do? First, it is important to recognize that as far as we have come, there still is not a level playing field for women and more needs to be done. Look at your own position within your firm and the legal profession, and figure out how you can best help the situation. Unfortunately, not enough people are willing to go out on the proverbial limb and speak up. Perhaps bring up this topic at your next partners’ meeting or volunteer to mentor a young female attorney. I have heard many successful people, attorneys and non-attorneys alike, discuss the positive impact that mentorship has had on their careers. Making a difference can sometimes be as simple as being a sounding board for somebody or as hard as being the one out front challenging ingrained norms. If we all work together and help each other, however, there are no limits to what we can accomplish to make the law a more worthy and human profession.

Maureen Mingey is executive director of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation.

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cross the line where it stops having a “good feeling.” She said that, although rare, attorneys have been reported to the disciplinary board for committing such an offense. She cautioned lawyers to check their cases and statutes to the very day of oral argument. Justice Newman also revealed that amicus briefs are very important to the court as the justices get the most information from those briefs. Also, the court has no “red light” so there is no official cut-off time for arguments. Each justice, however, has different rules and procedures as to how long arguments can proceed. Justice Newman made a point of telling the audience that the Supreme Court is a “hot” court. They read the briefs, they know the facts and the justices are prepared. Therefore, Justice Newman advised the practitioners to “say what you have to say, answer the questions and get off.” She also noted that the Supreme Court is a “cordial court” that does not try to embarrass the attorneys appearing before it.

Regarding the Supreme Court’s allocatur analysis, Justice Newman said that if an intermediate appellate court’s opinion is published, the case is more likely to be granted allocatur, the reason being that a published opinion involves issues that may affect more people in the Commonwealth as opposed to unpublished opinions that affect only the parties involved.

Sarah Park, an associate at Thorp Reed & Armstrong, LLP, is an associate editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.

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Effective Motion Practice

By Heather J. Holloway

The Third Circuit Court of Appeals recently published a list of criteria that must be met to justify a motion for emergency relief. Among these criteria, urgent need, the existence of emergency, and the risk of losing an issue are identified as prerequisites for filing an emergency motion. Judges Allen and New agreed that the circumstances giving rise to the request must be extraordinary.

July 12 Panel to Discuss Practice in City

The Association’s Young Lawyers Division and the Membership Committee will co-host the panel discussion “Practicing Law in Philadelphia” on Tuesday, July 12 at noon, in the Association’s 11th Floor Conference Center. The program is geared toward the needs and interests of summer associates and summer law clerks.

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“A lawyer who represents himself has a fool for a client.” Abraham Lincoln

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The majority of Judge Moss’ cases are more complex cases that are easing out of the discovery stage. She explained the three main responsibilities of litigators in the discovery process. She said the good faith prerequisite to a discovery motion is mandatory, not only in form but in substance. Better communication is needed between counsel. She said emergency motions must represent a true emergency. The fact that the discovery deadline is approaching is not emergent. Judge Moss said the third point is that once the deadline for discovery has passed, only a motion for sanctions for failure to comply with an earlier order will be heard. An untimely motion to compel, said the third point is that once the deadline for discovery has passed, only a motion for sanctions for failure to comply with an earlier order will be heard. An untimely motion to compel, styled as a motion for sanctions, will not be heard.

Despite her strict adherence to the rules of discovery court, Judge Moss advised the audience of her open-door policy, noting that counsel may call to arrange a conference. Likewise, Judge Allen advised that she is available to hear counsel, by request, to assist in the resolution of a dispute. Accordingly, if a record is needed, counsel may arrange a conference in court or by telephone when no record is required. Judge Moss further advised the audience of her strict adherence to trial dates. The date may be changed due to an emergency or unforeseeable circumstance. Many of her cases are trial pool cases, in which case counsel will be provided overnight notice. When counsel receive a trial pool assignment, they should promptly advise Judge Moss of every date that may represent a conflict. If special circumstances require assignment of a trial date certain, a request should be made with an explanation of the circumstance.

The judges differed in their approach to petitions for extraordinary relief. For example, Judges Moss and New agreed that the circumstances giving rise to the request must be extraordinary. The fact that a case is complex or that counsel has a busy schedule is not extraordinary. Recent joinders, consolidations, or new and recent diagnoses that require an update to expert reports may be extraordinary. Where Judge Moss prefers short, concise motions with a proposed order that will not disturb the trial date, judge New prefers lengthy, thorough motions setting forth all circumstances of the situation and supporting authority and a global revision of the deadlines, including the trial date. Judges Allen and New expressed concern with regard to the level of preparedness (or lack thereof) of counsel when appearing for scheduled conferences. Judge Allen has started a practice of making sporadic and unannounced appearances at case management and settlement conferences before a judge pro temp. Judge New has started to fine counsel who fail to file a settlement conference memorandum before a conference with a judge pro tem. Further, when counsel request a settlement conference with Judge New, he said he will deny the request if it is apparent that counsel shunned the efforts of the judge pro tem to settle the matter.

Heather J. Holloway, an associate at Rawle & Henderson LLP, is an associate editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.
Workers' Compensation Section

Judge Leadbetter Offers Update to Members

by Jeffrey S. Gross

Commonwealth Court Judge Bonnie Leadbetter and Commonwealth Court Prothonotary Daniel R. Shuckers recently provided members of the Workers' Compensation Section with current statistics of filings with the court, gave some important practice tips involving proceedings before the court and discussed recent developments in Workers' Compensation. Shuckers indicated that appeals from the Workers' Compensation Appellate Board (WCAB) represent the largest single group of cases that are heard by the court. For the year ending 2004, there were a total of 679 appeals filed from the WCAB to the Commonwealth Court. The court has consistently affirmed more than 80 percent of the appeals taken from the WCAB in the past 20 years. Fortunately, the court has established a successful mediation program. Approximately 40 percent of the mediations are workers' compensation cases and 45 percent of those cases are resolved amicably. Counsel are encouraged to mediate cases whenever feasible.

Usually, employer/insurance appellants file supersedeas petitions in appeals to avoid having to pay awards pending the appeal. These requests to avoid having to pay awards are very difficult. Counsel are encouraged to mediate cases whenever feasible.

Shuckers also highlighted some recent rulings from the WCAB. Cases that have recently been decided include:


Other important cases discussed were North Penn Sanitation, Inc. v. WCAB (Dillard), 850 A.2d 795 (Pa.Cmwlth. 2004) (C&R's may only be set aside for fraud, deception, due or mutual mistake of fact; The Baby's Room v. WCAB (Stairs), 860 A.2d 200 (Pa.Cmwlth. 2004) (an inconsequential departure from one's job duties still qualifies as being in the course and scope of employment); Gibson v. WCAB (Armco Stainless & Alloy Products), 861 A.2d 938 (Pa. 2004) (certain rules of evidence may not be applicable to workers' compensation proceedings); PNC Bank Corp. v. WCAB (Stamos), 831 A.2d 1269 (Pa. 2003) (common-law marriages contracted after Jan. 1, 2005 shall not be valid); Colpeter v. WCAB (Standard Steel), ___ A.2d ___ (Pa. 2005) (artificially depressed wages received by a claimant for a prior work-related injury cannot be included in the average weekly wage calculation for the second injury); and J.G. Furniture Division v. WCAB (Knodel), 862 A.2d 689 (Pa.Cmwlth. 2004) (specific loss computations must be based on the average weekly wage of the claimant at the time of the remaining of the specific loss and not on the average weekly wage on the date that the injury took place).

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Women in the Profession Committee

In-House Counsel Reveal What Clients Really Want

by Gina F. Rubel

Three extremely successful women. Three in-house corporate counsel. Three views on what clients want and expect from their attorneys. A standing-room-only crowd. These were the dynamics during the April 26 meeting of the Association's Women in the Profession Committee.

So what did Wanda Flowers, general counsel, Sunoco, Inc.; Julie Mazza, manager, law firm partner/corporate counsel, DuPont; and Teresa Ciccotelli, senior counsel, Saint Gobain, say that every associate and partner in the room needs to share with their colleagues?

"We don't want surprises!" "We want you to follow our rules!" "Be trustworthy!" "Have integrity!" "Provide value!" "Keep promises!" "Be proactive and not reactive!" "Be efficient, effective, innovative and creative!" "Value our business management processes!" "Be our partners!" and, of course, "Provide excellence!" Flowers, Mazza and Ciccotelli all agreed on these points. Distinctly different corporate cultures and priorities also exist among them, however.

Flowers, who spent 17 years as counsel with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission prior to joining Sunoco, said, "We're not concerned so much about where you went to law school or where you ranked, we want people with integrity and we also look for diversity." Flowers, Mazza and Ciccotelli told the crowd of almost 70 people that "The number one thing in-house counsel wants from outside counsel is no surprises!" She explained that in order to do her job effectively, she needs to communicate with the business decision makers, including those who set and manage the budgets. If outside counsel delivers a surprise that should have been foreseen and it's going to cost a million dollars, that firm will likely not be retained in the future.

Mazza, a native of Greece who immigrated to the United States during her early childhood, manages law firm partnering and corporate counsel for DuPont. Mazza's perspective on what in-house counsel wants was a bit different from the other panelists. She stressed the importance of outside counsel's "willingness to take risks and experiment." She said, "There are many opportunities." Mazza is Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and served as an editor of the Yale Law Journal. Sen. Specter lives in Philadelphia and is serving his fifth term.


The new members of the 60-Year Club include Joseph Bak and Daniel M. Rendine. The 65-Year Club will welcome Arnold R. Ginsburg, Harold B. Lipsius and Percy C. Madera. Two new members will be welcomed to the 70-Year Club - Frank E. Hahn Jr. and Wallace D. Newcomb.

The Bar Medal is presented at the discretion of the Chancellor in recognition of extraordinary service. It is reserved only for the highest accomplishment and most impressive achievements. Previous Bar Medal winners have included former Homeland Security Secretary and former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge, Gov. Edward G. Rendell, the late Judge A. Leon Higginbotham Jr., U.S. District Court Judge Charles Weiner, J. Clayton Undercofier, former Chancellor Joseph H. Foster and Judge William J. Marutani.

Panelists (from left) Julie Mazza, Teresa Ciccotelli and Wanda Flowers meet with moderator Maria A. Fleyer prior to the Women in the Profession Committee's April meeting.

Philadelphia Bar Association June Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon

Monday, June 20 at Noon at Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market St.

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• Honoring new members of the Association’s 50-, 60-, 65- and 70-Year Clubs.

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Every year VIP holds the awards ceremony as a way of expressing our gratitude to both individuals, firms, and businesses who have made a significant contribution to pro bono efforts in Philadelphia in the prior year; said VIP executive director Sharon Browning. “Why do we do this? Because gratitude is one of the finest expressions of the human spirit. We all just really like to say thank you.”

The Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. Award, presented by VIP Board President Thomas E. Zemaitis was given to Barbara & LAW; Dessen, Moses & Thomas E. Zemaitis was given to
Elaine Smith; Michael Repak; and Canuso; John M. Franklin; Jay Meyers; Justice Clinic; Stanley R. Askin; Vito Lieb; and Brian Pinheiro.

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VIP’s Chancellor Award, presented by Association Chancellor Andrew A. Chrisli, was given to Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP; Del %. Rea; Horwitz, DiSandro, Kuhn & Novello, P.C.; Gay Chacker & Mittin, P.C.; McCarter & English, LLP; Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP; Pepper Hamilton LLP; Silverman Bernheim & Vogel; University of Pennsylvania Law School; Villanova University School of Law; Lawyering Together Program and Civil Justice Clinic; Stanley P. Akin; Vito Canuso; John M. Franklin; Jay Meyers; Elaine Smith; Michael Repak; and Suzanne Root.

The Business Recognition Award, presented by Zemaitis, was given to ARACOR; BeeNet; William Enrich (pension appraiser); The Legal Intelligencer; Iron Mountain; Joe Longo of Longo’s Deli; Pennsylvania Bar Institute; and Reliable Copy Service.

Browning presented the Legal Services Recognition Award to Lori Harris; Edgardo Reyes; Walter White; and David Williams. Browning also presented the
ViPeoples’ Choice Awards to Leonard A. Busby; Kimberly Dolan; Marife Domingo; Sean Flemmings; Tyra Gardner; David Harvey; Philadelphia Bar Reporter managing editor Jeff Lyons; David Shipley; and Deen Wessgold. VIP’s LawWorks Award was presented to John Bryck; the Government Award went to Linda F. Townsel; and a Special Recognition Award was presented to Judy Berkman.

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great lawyers out there. We’re looking for people who think about DuPont, the laws that affect our business and our customers, the opportunities provided in the law, including identifying when DuPont should be serving as a plaintiff, and the industry trend.”

Mazza is responsible for managing DuPont’s national network of primary law firms and is a leader in many of the initiatives associated with DuPont’s legal convergence program.

The moderator, Maria A. Feeley, a senior litigation associate for Pepper Hamilton LLP, asked about the specialists’ preferences for alternative billing practices. Ciccottelli said, “Business people like discounted rates and alternative fee arrangements. They help to sell the services.” Mazza agreed and added that “alternative billing proposals are becoming standard and expected today. They also identify the value and what success looks like to the client.”

Flowers said the preferences for alternative billing practices depends on each business unit and that it’s not her number one priority but it’s important to remember her company is always seeking “the best we can get for the least amount of money, most efficiently and effectively.”

The meeting concluded with a discussion about how associates, in particular, can stand out in the crowd, build key relationships and generate business. U.S. District Court Judge Anita B. Brody encouraged women attorneys to introduce themselves by name when speaking to others, and repeat their names several times. “The more repetitive you are with your name whether you’re in court or at a meeting, the more likely people are to remember you,” she said.

Other suggestions from the panel included speaking at CLE programs, conducting seminars for clients, creating a dialogue that is informal, getting to know in-house counsel, and according to Flowers, “Have something to say that people want to hear, have confidence, and learn how to toot your own horn.”

Gina F. Rubel is a member of the Women in Profession Committee and is founder and president of Furia Rubel Communications.

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Almost 30 years ago and still a "baby" lawyer, I began working at Education Law Center. My job was to take charge of the Pennsylvania office of the then-New Jersey-based organization. I had never heard of the Center before I saw ELC’s ad for a managing attorney. When I arrived I understood why; the Pennsylvania office was only a few months old and had a staff of four (including me and a secretary). But there was no denying the importance of the Center’s mission – to improve the quality and fairness of Pennsylvania’s public schools, especially for the most vulnerable students. After seven years of a "poverty law" practice at Community Legal Services, I knew that my work was needed. Years of a "poverty law" practice at Community Legal Services, I knew that my work was needed. There was no denying the importance of the Center’s mission – to improve the quality and fairness of Pennsylvania’s public schools, especially for the most vulnerable students. After seven years of a "poverty law" practice at Community Legal Services, I knew that my work was needed.

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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.

Wednesday, June 1

Delivery of Legal Services Committee – meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.

State Civil Rules and Procedures Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Thursday, June 2

Philadelphia Bar Foundation Grants Committee – meeting, 8 a.m., 11th floor Committee Room.

Civil Rights Committee – meeting, 12:15 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee – meeting, 12:15 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.

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

Philadelphia Bar Reporter Editorial Board – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Cabinet Room.

Friday, June 3

Law School Outreach Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

Monday, June 6

Family Law Section – meeting, 4 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Tuesday, June 7

Philadelphia Bar Foundation Board of Trustees – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

Wednesday, June 8

Appellate Courts Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Business Litigation Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

Thursday, June 9

Philadelphia Bar Foundation Grants Committee – meeting, 8 a.m., 11th floor Committee Room.

Legislative Liaison Committee – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.

Friday, June 10

Federal Bench-Bar Conference – 7:45 a.m., Ashbourne Country Club, Oak Lane and Asbourne Road, Cheltenham, Pa.

Law School Outreach Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

Women’s Rights Committee – meeting, 12:15 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: $7.50.

Monday, June 13

Business Law Section Executive Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

Young Lawyers Division Cabinet – meeting, noon, 10th floor Cabinet Room.

Tuesday, June 14

Criminal Justice Section Executive Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

Wednesday, June 15

Workers’ Compensation Section Executive Committee – meeting, 10:30 a.m., 11th floor Board Room.

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er, Coleman & Goggin; McKissack & Hoffman; PC; Neel A. Morris Associates, PC; Pepper Hamilton LLP; Rater Prestia; Raynes McCarty, Binder, Ross & Mundy; Reed Smith, LLP; Sandler & Associates, PC; Semonoff, Orens, Greenby, Greenberg & Torchia, LLC; Wolf Block; and Woodcock Washburn LLP. Substantial funds were also received from legal supporters including Buchanan Ingersoll PC; Cozen O’Connor; Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP; Fox Rothschild LLP; and Pelino & Lentz, PC. Additional funds came from the Philadelphia Association of Paralegals, which entered a group of walkers. Participants were treated to a variety of snacks, drinks and goodies provided by race sponsors. Smoothies and headbands were provided by FirstTrust. Fruit drinks were distributed courtesy of WetOne Athletic towels, bottled water, trucking services and manpower were distributed by Iron Mountain. Notepads, pens, pocket magnifiers and flashlights were distributed by USL Colburn. Participants were also treated to Crystal Lite powdered drink mix. Baseball caps were provided courtesy of Juristaff and fruit, pretzels and flying disk toys were provided by Vertice. Gift certificates were donated by J. Goldberg. Event T-shirts were distributed to all participants including volunteers.

Michael J. Berkelman, a partner at Gasior, Flies, Berkelman, Uiten, & Remiddi, LLP, is co-chair of the Charity Run Committee.

Wednesday, June 1

Philadelphia Bar Foundation Grants Committee – meeting, 8 a.m., 11th floor Committee Room.

Board of Governors Cabinet – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

Family Law Section Executive Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Committee Room South.

Professional Responsibility Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center.

Lunch: $7.50.

Friday, June 17

Mid-Size Firm Committee – meeting, 8 a.m., 11th floor Conference Center.

Social Security and Disability Law Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center.

Lunch: $7.50.

Law School Outreach Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

Monday, June 20


Public Interest Section Executive Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center.

Tuesday, June 21

Compulsory Arbitration Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

Wednesday, June 22

Medical-Legal Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Thursday, June 23

Lawyer Referral and Information Service Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Committee Room South.

Board of Governors – meeting, 4 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Friday, June 24

Law School Outreach Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

Tuesday, June 28

Section Chairs Meeting with Chancellor – meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Criminal Justice Section – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: $7.50.

Women in the Profession Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

Wednesday, June 29

Law School Outreach Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.

Thursday, June 30

Committee on the Legal Rights of Unmarried Cohabitants – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: $7.50.

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PHILADELPHIA BARRISTERS’ SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

Kenneth A. Murphy (from left) meets with Barristers’ Association of Philadelphia President Damon J. Roberts, U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Theodore McKee and CBS 3 news anchor Calvin Hughes at the Barristers’ Annual Scholarship Dinner on April 23 at the Westin Philadelphia. Judge McKee was honored with the Barristers’ A. Leon Higginbotham Award at the event.
Jerrilyn G. Marston, a shareholder at Bazelon Less & Feldman and lecturer in law in the Department of Legal Studies, Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, has won the school’s 2004–2005 William G. Whitney Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the Affiliated Faculty for the fourth time in five years.

Robert D. Liebenberg, a partner at Fine, Kaplan & Black, R.P.C., was a speaker at the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Civil Litigation Section retreat on April 8. She discussed the business of jury selection and the quest for diverse juries.


David Gitlin, a partner at WolfBlock, has been elected President of the America-Israel Chamber of Commerce, Delaware Valley Chapter.


Louis Coffey, of counsel to WolfBlock and president of Coffey Consulting Co., was a featured speaker at the recent annual meeting of the Dispute Resolution Section of the American Bar Association in Los Angeles.

Robert J. Reinstein, dean of Temple University Beasley School of Law, chaired the seven-member U.S. Planning Committee for the Chinese and American Law School Deans’ Conference in Beijing.

Jeffrey L. Dashewsky, an attorney with Dashewsky, Horwitz, DiAndro, Kuhn and Novello, P.C., and member of the Philadelphia Bar Association’s Indigent Program and reappointed to the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Judicial Selection and Retention Committee.

Melissa B. Kurtzman, a partner with The Delaware Counsel Group, LLP, presented on two panels regarding Delaware law issues at the 2005 Spring Meeting of the American Bar Association’s Section of Business Law.

John Rogers Carroll, received the 2005 Bill of Rights Award from the Criminal Law Committee of the Federal Bar Association’s Philadelphia Chapter on May 12.

Arthur Alan Wolk, founding partner of The Wolk Firm, has received the Temple University Beasley School of Law Founder’s Day Award. Wolk was recognized for his achievements as a lawyer, and for bringing honor and recognition to the law school.

Gary A. Zlotnick, a member of Zavain, Baum, DeWito, DeWito, Kaplan, Scharf & Toddy, P.C., spoke on the need for wills, living wills and powers of attorney as a featured speaker at the recent 2005 Estate Planning Seminar of the 38th Legislative District sponsored by State Rep. Jewell Williams.

Aaron Krauss, a member of Cozen O’Connor, has been designated as one of this year’s “40 Under 40” by the Philadelphia Business Journal. The program recognizes the Greater Philadelphia region’s 40 most successful, influential professional leaders under age 40.

Michael J. Lovitz, a partner with Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz LLP, was a presenter at the AUA ABA seminar, ‘Internet Law for the Practical Lawyer’ on April 22 and 23 in Washington, D.C. Lovitz addressed jurisdictional issues in litigation.

Jay Dubow, a partner with WolfBlock, was a course planner for the Eighth Annual Federal Securities Law Forum on April 29 in Philadelphia. The forum addressed the latest developments in corporation finance and enforcement.

Michael S. Saltzman and Krista Frankina Fiore of Fineman Kreisstein & Harris, P.C., recently spoke on the handling of bad faith claims at the 2005 Claims Seminar of the Pennsylvania Mutual Insurance Companies in Harrisburg.

Fran Fattah, an associate at Schneider Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, has been elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Ballet.


William F. Kerr Jr., a partner at Bank Rome LLP, addressed the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Assessors Association on May 6 at the Seven Springs Conference Center in Pittsburgh.

Marc A. Liverant, co-chairman of Kennedy & Liverant LLP, was a faculty member at the Real Estate Purchase and Sales Transactions seminar presented by Sterling Education Services, Inc., on April 12.

Richard J. Bortnick, a partner at Cozen O’Connor, was recently featured in three leading insurance trade magazines. He co-authored two articles on insurance coverage issues for The Inquirer’s Emerging Insurance Dispute. He also served as a source for an article published in Reactions’ March 2005 edition.

David T. Sykes, of counsel to Duane Morris LLP, has been named president of the American College of Bankruptcy, an honorary professional and educational association of distinguished bankruptcy professionals.

Judge James J. Fitzgerald III, administrative judge of the Trial Division of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, received the Brennon Law Society’s Award for Judicial Excellence on March 30 at the Union League.

Peter H. LeVan Jr., a shareholder with Hangley Aronchick Segal & Pudlin, was recently selected to serve on the Mayor’s Advisory Council in Washington Township, N.J.

Pedro J. Rivera, an assistant vice-president at PNC Advisors, has been elected to serve in the Pennsylvania Bar Association House of Delegates.

Lt. Colonel James A. Georgues, an associate with White and Williams LLP, received the Bronze Star Medal for outstanding meritorious service for his work in leading a military police detachment in Iraq. Georgues returned to the United States after completing his tour of duty on Feb. 17.

Michael A. Hamilton, a member of Cozen O’Connor, recently spoke at the Insurance Coverage and Claims Institute Conference in Chicago, where he discussed “General Liability Coverage Considerations in Copyright, Trademark and Trade Secret Litigation.”

George Gordon, a partner with Dechert LLP, was selected by The National Law Journal as one of its “40 Under 40,” a list recognizing 40 of the nation’s leading young attorneys.
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