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Bar Election Vote Totals Released

During the Association's annual election of officers and members of the Board of Governors on Dec. 5, Bar members elected Audrey C. Talley to serve as Vice Chancellor in 2001. She received 1,505 votes in a contested election for the post with Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua, who received 1,389 votes.

In the election for Board of Governors members, Bar members elected Kathleen D. Wilkinson (1,865 votes), Jane Leslie Dalton (1,739 votes), Joseph A. Sullivan (1,683 votes), Linda E. Rosen (1,627 votes) and Albert S. Dandridge III (1,392 votes) to fill five open seats on the Board of Governors. Board candidate Jeffrey B. McCarron received 1,194 votes, Michael T. Farrell received 904 votes and Allan K. Marshall received 469 votes.

The following offices were uncontested: treasurer, Gregory H. Mathews; assistant treasurer, Cheryl L. Gaston; secretary, Carl "Tobey" Oxholm III; and assistant secretary, Sayde J. Ladov.

The Young Lawyers Division election for members of the YLD Executive Committee was held along with the Barwide election. In that contest, division members elected Sheryl L. Axelrod (443 votes), Sheri McKay (405 votes), Jeffrey A. Bartos (377 votes), Dara A. Penn (374 votes), Melanie Reneé Ellerbe (359 votes), Louis J. Presenza Jr. (333 votes) and Tobias Millrood (317 votes) to fill seven seats on the YLD Executive Committee. Remaining YLD candidates were Melanie J. Earle (260 votes), Jennifer L. Perlberger (251 votes), Matthew S. Marrone (205 votes) and Alan Nochumson (184 votes).

A total of 2,894 votes, including 560 absentee ballots, were cast in the election.

Primavera Outlines His Goals as Chancellor

by Robert Nigro

Speaking to Bar members at the Association's Dec. 5 Annual Meeting, then-Chancellor-Elect Carl S. Primavera urged lawyers to "use their knowledge, affluence and power to improve the Association, the profession and the legal system." He also pledged to advance the Bar's twin goals of service to the public and the profession by reaching out to the Bar's partners in the business community, state and federal courts and government, the public-interest community and other local and national bar associations. Primavera unveiled his plans for 2001 on the eve of his becoming the Bar's 74th Chancellor on Jan. 1.

In his remarks, Primavera first discussed his plans to advance the Bar's service to the public and the profession, stating that for the Bar to continue as a force for public good, the Association must remain committed to helping all Bar members succeed in their practices.

"This is regardless of their type of practice: solo and small-firm, mid-sized or large firm, government or pro bono," he said. "It does not matter whether we are litigators or transactional lawyers, as the things which we have in common far exceed our differences. We must understand that as each group succeeds and grows stronger, it is not at the expense of another group but with a real benefit of greater strength for our entire Association."

Primavera also pledged that in 2001 the Bar would:

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Photo by Robert Nigro

Carl S. Primavera outlines his goals for 2001 as he speaks to Bar members during the Association's Dec. 5 Annual Meeting in the Crystal Tea Room in the Wanamaker Building. Primavera became the Bar's 74th Chancellor on Jan. 1.

Photo Highlights Inside!

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Tarasiewicz Named as Bar's New Publications Director

by Daniel A. Cirucci

Mark A. Tarasiewicz, who served as the Association's senior public relations associate from 1995 through 2000, has been appointed as the Bar's director of publications and new media.

In that capacity, Tarasiewicz assumes overall responsibility for directing the publication of the *Philadelphia Bar Reporter* monthly newspaper, *Philadelphia Bar Reporter Online* weekly e-newsbrief, *The Philadelphia Lawyer* magazine, the annual *Legal Directory* and

other related communication vehicles including the Association's Web site, www.philadelphiabar.org. Tarasiewicz began his new role on Jan. 1.

As senior public relations associate, Tarasiewicz publicized Bar events and activities, maintaining close ties with the news media. Among his duties, he arranged for Bar members to offer advice and commentary on legal issues of the day on local television and radio programs. He placed many stories about the Association in print, broad-

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Good Came From Nation's Election Deliberations

by Carl S. Primavera

"Let there be no doubt: While I strongly disagree with the court's decision, I accept it. I accept the finality of this outcome."

Those words were spoken by Vice President Al Gore in his gracious and measured concession of Dec. 13. Surely, this was a moment of great significance with huge stakes, a moment in history.

But who among us at one time or another has not known a similar moment of finality—a moment of judgment—in our own professional dealings or even in our personal lives? The law teaches us that there must be an outcome, one way or another. There must be a final decision. There must be an end to the road.

And that is one of the reasons why this disputed election wound up in the courts in the first place. The participants knew that the justice system would eventually provide a route to finality.

It needs to be said that we have witnessed once again a rigorous testing of our system in the full glare of the public spotlight and the system has met the test. Over a period of weeks, under intense scrutiny, our justice system performed well.

In the process, the public has been treated to a firsthand lesson in how the ideal of the Rule of Law actually plays out in practical, everyday legal terms. The entire country listened to and absorbed arguments about the federal system; the difference between state and federal laws; the boundaries and operations of trial and appellate courts; and the meaning of our federal Constitution. Complex issues were examined, dissected and digested, and not just by the principals in the legal proceedings, but by ordinary citizens. People talked with one another about judicial procedure and the meaning of terms such as "vacating" an order, "remanding" a decision back to a lower court or accepting a case for

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review under "certiorari." And when the United States Supreme Court accepted the case and decided to hear arguments and release the audio of those arguments for everyone to hear, rapt attention was the order of the day.

Of course, I would have preferred a live telecast of the court's hearing. Our Bar Association has long favored television in the courtroom, and TV coverage worked well for the Florida hearings that were held on this matter. But the high court wasn't prepared to go that route, so the justices did the next best thing. In a way, the audio option proved to be even more compelling because people had to listen carefully to every word without the distraction of live images. This forced everyone to focus intently on the words and the arguments. The presentation was whole, complete and, to a great extent, refreshingly resistant to sound bites. It wasn't easy to kernalize. Even in the end, when the final ruling was released, all the talking heads in the world had a hard time characterizing it at first. The newscasters and commentators had to pause and take the time to actually read the decision word by word and page by page. They couldn't ignore the simple power of the words.

Though there is finality to our work, the law does not produce simple thumbs-up or thumbs-down edicts, even when the decision would appear to have that ultimate effect.

All of the servants of the justice system performed admirably. So this was a proud chapter, it seems to me, for lawyers and judges and for the system itself. But more importantly, it was in many ways good for the nation. We learned from this.

The law accommodates the special circumstances of each and every case. The facts are different. The questions vary. The arguments change. Through it all, as even the most complex case unfolds, the law strives to remain as Aristotle defined it in the first place: reason free from passion.

Fortunately, this case did not have the gruesome and shocking elements of the O.J. Simpson case or the sensationalistic elements of the impeachment proceedings against President Clinton. That proved to be an advantage because the lack of those distractions helped us all to focus on the legal issues at hand. Consequently, I believe that this case was a far better learning experience for the public. It was much more instructive and even seemed to play better in the court of public opinion.

And finally, it must be noted that all of the lawyers and judges behaved very well. The proceedings were respectful and orderly. The arguments were well thought out and well presented. The principals all did their homework. Timetables and deadlines were met as the process moved along with remarkable swiftness. All of the servants of the justice system performed admirably.

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renewed commitment to the value of understanding and cooperation. In some small but nonetheless significant way, we have been thrown together by all of these events. Quoting Thomas Jefferson, our new president-elect expressed a sentiment that we should all now share: "The steady character of our countrymen is a rock to which we may safely moor ... Unequivocal in principle, reasonable in manner, we shall be able to do a great deal of good to the cause of freedom and harmony."

That is a goal worthy of the new year and the new administration.

Carl S. Primavera, partner in the law firm of Klehr, Harrison, Harvey, Branzburg and Ellers LLP, is Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association. His e-mail address is chancellor@philabar.org.

LETTERS

Kudos to Hebble

To the Editors:

I want to supplement the words of appreciation for Nancy L. Hebble expressed in the December 2000 *Philadelphia Bar Reporter*. The commendations from the editors and former editors of the Bar's publications were well deserved, but would have had no reason to mention Nancy's many

contributions to women lawyers.

As co-chair of the Bar's Women in the Profession Committee for the past two years, I know of Nancy's many contributions to our committee and its members. Her energy, enthusiasm and vision sustained the growth of our committee and its projects to enhance and support women in this profession. Nancy frequently presented the committee with new ideas and approaches. She used her talent to take the seed of an idea, project or event and present it in a well-planned and effective way. With her

support, events simply fell into place. She would gently prod to keep plans going forward and to avoid last-minute crises. And her wry wit enhanced the pleasure of working with her. The committee's success is a tribute to her talent and commitment to the advancement of women lawyers.

Nancy, thank you for all you have done over the years for the committee, its co-chairs and its many members. We will miss you, but we will also celebrate your future successes.

Jane Leslie Dalton

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Governors Honor Chancellor Davis, Departing Members

by Robert Nigro

During the Board of Governors' Dec. 21 meeting, the Board saluted Doreen S. Davis, who was concluding her service as Association Chancellor, and honored Board members who were completing their terms on the Board.

During the tribute to Davis, former Bar Chancellor Mark A. Aronchick commented on the "wonderful spirit at the Bar" that he has seen in the last few years, adding "I'm so glad I had a chance to work with all of you, especially Doreen. I wanted to thank you and reflect on all the good I see."

Former Chancellor Chacker also praised Davis' accomplishments this year, which included presiding over the launch of the Bar's new award-winning Web site at www.philadelphiabar.org.

During her year as the Bar's 73rd Chancellor, Davis also carried out a crusade for enhancing civility in the profession, which encompassed bar-wide discourse on the issue; the Bar's new Principles of Professionalism developed by the Federal Courts Committee; a CLE course developed by

the committee and the Bar's Young Lawyers Division; and the Association's work to help shepherd the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania's new Code of Civility into reality.

The Bar also undertook its latest survey of Philadelphia lawyers under Davis' Chancellorship.

Under her watch, the Association also tackled trade issues for lawyers, including backing the development of certain kinds of multidisciplinary practices, urging reform of the court-appointed counsel fee payment system and honoring family-friendly workplaces.

As she was being honored for her accomplishments, Davis in turn honored several Board members who were completing their service on the Board.

Departing Board members include Aronchick, 2000 Young Lawyers Division Chair Molly Peckman, American Bar Association Delegate Abraham C. Reich, 2000 Philadelphia Bar Foundation President Carol G. Huff, Criminal Justice Section representative Jack M. Myers, Family Law Section rep-

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During the Board of Governors' Dec. 21 meeting, 2000 Bar Chancellor Doreen S. Davis (left) presents a plaque of appreciation to former Bar Chancellor Mark A. Aronchick at the conclusion of his service to the Board.



Also honored by Chancellor Davis (left) at the meeting is outgoing Board member and Criminal Justice Section representative Jack M. Myers.

Photos by Robert Nigro



Chancellor Davis also presented departing Board Chair Andrew A. Chirls (right) with a ceremonial gavel to recognize his service as chair in 2000.

Members Approve Bylaw Revision

During the Bar's Annual Meeting on Dec. 5, Bar members voted to adopt a proposed change to Section 602(B)(1) of the Association's Bylaws.

The change adds the post of Philadelphia City Solicitor to the ranks of the local officeholders in the Association, local government, the courts, law enforcement and public- and special-interest bar associations who serve on the Philadelphia Bar Association's Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention.

The members' approval follows the Board of Governors' vote at its Oct. 26 meeting that approved proposing the change to the membership.

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Young Lawyers Division

Renee Chenault Keynote Speaker at Luncheon

by Robert Nigro

NBC NEWS 10 co-anchor and attorney Renee Chenault told an audience of young lawyers that growing up during the civil rights movement in America stoked her desire to be a lawyer, seeing that "the way to make a difference in peoples' lives was through the law." Chenault was guest speaker at the Young Lawyers Division's Annual Meeting Luncheon on Dec. 7 in the Philadelphia Marriott Courtyard Downtown Hotel.

Admitting, however, that her career path as a lawyer on Wall Street led her away from her reasons for becoming a lawyer, Chenault said she wondered what she could say of relevance to an audience of lawyers, given the fact that she stopped practicing law in 1986 after having been a practicing lawyer for only three years.

Chenault said she regretted comments she made in an interview upon her return to Philadelphia as a broadcast journalist, in which she said that practicing law in a big firm was "boring" and that the only difference one could make in society was through television. "But no longer do I see television as the ultimate instrument for doing good," she said. Adding that television has the potential for great good, she said that "far too often we fall way short of that potential. On the flip side, I think there is a great opportunity to make a difference through practicing law. My problem was that I didn't give it a chance."

Chenault went on to urge young lawyers to stick with the law through the initial doubts they might have about their qualifications and/or skills.

"Trust me, if you are where you are, if you're sitting here today, you know exactly what you need to know. You're there because you're good and you can make a difference."

Chenault stated, however, that she had no regrets about her newer career in television news, recalling how the job gave her a "front-row seat to some of the biggest stories of our time ... I have been touched by people in a way that I think I never would have had the opportunity to have experienced, perhaps, in another career."

Speaking about the then-still-disputed Presidential election, Chenault added, "When you talk about making a difference ... who better than the judiciary and who better than lawyers to



NBC NEWS 10 co-anchor Renee Chenault addresses attendees of the YLD's Annual Meeting.

address this incredibly close election?"

In conclusion, Chenault said that she was proud of what the legal profession does. "Keep up the work," she urged. "Don't give up!"

Also during the event, the Young Lawyers Division presented its Craig M. Perry Service Award to Crystal Fritsch, coach of the award-winning J.R. Masterman High School mock trial team, and its F. Sean Peretta Service Award to Barbara G. Eisenbud, founder

and executive director of Champions of Caring. The nonprofit agency is dedicated to educating, sensitizing and empowering young people to improve their communities.

In addition, the division honored outgoing YLD Chair Molly Peckman and heard James E. Elam IV's plans for his term as chair in 2001. Elam's goals for this year are outlined in his first "YLD Update" column on page six of this issue.



YLD Executive Committee member Eric H. Weitz (left) congratulates outgoing YLD Chair Molly Peckman for her year of service to the division. At right is 2001 YLD Chair James E. Elam IV.



During the YLD's Annual Meeting on Dec. 7, Stephanie Oliver (right), a junior at University City High School, presents the YLD's F. Sean Peretta Service Award to Barbara G. Eisenbud, founder and executive director of Champions of Caring. Oliver is a Champion of Caring in her community.



Simeon Poles (at lectern), now an undergrad at Temple University, presents the YLD's Craig M. Perry Service Award to Crystal Fritsch, coach of the award-winning J.R. Masterman High School mock trial team, of which Poles was a member.

Photos by Robert Nigro

Judicial Candidates Urged to Contact Commission

The Association's Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention evaluates the qualifications of people wishing to join the judiciary. Commission Chair Nicholas J. Lisi reminds all individuals who wish to be considered for appointment to the Philadelphia Common Pleas or Municipal Courts or who are considering filing for the May 2001 primary election as judicial candidates should contact the commission, c/o Philadelphia Bar Association Executive Director Kenneth Shear, to obtain a copy of a judicial evaluation questionnaire and a copy of the commission's guidelines and bylaws.

In order to ensure that each candidate receives a full and fair evaluation, the completed questionnaire must be returned promptly to: Judicial Commission, 1101 Market St., 11th floor, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107-2911.

Candidates who have previously been evaluated by the commission are invited to contact the Association to determine whether their ratings are current by calling the Judicial Commission liaison, Mary Kate Szalwinski, at (215) 238-6337.

Candidates are reminded that under the commission's guidelines, any candidates standing for election who do not participate in the commission's evaluation process will receive "not recommended" ratings.

Annual Meeting

David T. Sykes Receives 2000 Fidelity Award

by Robert Nigro

During the Association's Dec. 5 Annual Meeting, attorney David T. Sykes received the Bar's First Union Fidelity Award for his efforts to establish, nurture and sustain the Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project (CBAP), which provides legal help to indigent Philadelphians.

Presented by the Association and First Union Bank, the award honors faithfulness to the legal profession's highest standards. Specific award criteria include significant accomplishments in improving the administration of jus-

tice, preferably in Philadelphia, arising from voluntary activities.

Since its founding in 1992, CBAP has become a national model for those who want to provide pro bono bankruptcy services to the indigent. The agency serves more than 500 clients a year and has more than 200 lawyer volunteers.

In accepting the award, Sykes, senior partner and vice chair of Duane, Morris & Heckscher LLP, said in brief remarks that for a project like CBAP to be a success, "you need a lot of help from others who believe in the mission of the project," and thanked several once and

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Photo by Robert Nigro

During the Bar's Dec. 5 Annual Meeting, David T. Sykes (left) receives the First Union Fidelity Award from Noel Turner (center) of First Union Bank and Fidelity Award Committee Chair Paul A. Tufano. At right is 2001 Association Chancellor-Elect Allan H. Gordon.

The Affiliates half-page ad

Division Chair Sends Out Call for Role Models

by James E. Elam IV

As I take the reins of the Young Lawyers Division as its chair in 2001, I have a challenge for all members of the YLD, and indeed, for the entire membership of the Philadelphia Bar Association.

I concentrate my practice in entertainment law, and I recently attended a conference in the Virgin Islands to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Black Entertainment and Sports Lawyers Association. At the event, I had the privilege of meeting Harvard Professor Cornell West, listening to him speak and having a private audience with him later, where we talked in confidence.

As Professor West spoke of what was going on in the world 20 years ago, I got a strange grin on my face, and he asked me what was wrong. I replied that while I was sitting there, listening to him, I was thinking that I was in the Virgin Islands, and 20 years ago, I couldn't have told anyone that the Virgin Islands existed! All I knew was my own little world of Southwest Philadelphia.

It's a familiar, closed little world where you know your friends and family and the corner store. But you don't see a lot of things.

Yet, living there, I always knew that I wanted to help other people to see the world, to see some light, to see life.

That's part of the challenge I have for all of you, a challenge that had its origins, I think, in how and where I grew up.

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I was the first college graduate and the first lawyer in my family. But up until I was 21, I'd never met a lawyer. I'd never been on an airplane. Things like this were opportunities I never had as a youth.

A sad but true reality for me is that, if you're African-American and you're successful, people assume one of two things: that you're from a family of privilege or, if you're from an area such as mine, that you're somehow special.

Well, I'm not special at all. There are hundreds, if not thousands, of very intelligent, eager youths in the city.

So my challenge to you is to work with us to reach them and touch their lives. Work with the Philadelphia Bar Association and the Young Lawyers Division to show some of these kids the light. Show them the world. Show them the opportunities that are available to them as attorneys and in other careers.

I challenge you to help me provide

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role models for these kids, and not just on paper. I mean for all of us to get out into the communities and work with them, interact with them, talk to them.

Help us to give local youths something to aspire to.

I also challenge you to help us provide food, clothing and legal assistance to the indigent whenever you can.

Finally, I challenge all of you to help us maintain the outstanding tradition of the Philadelphia Bar Association, and to help us keep the Young Lawyers Division the strongest, most productive division of the Bar Association.

That's the work we must accomplish this year.

But those of you who know me know I'm not an all-work-and-no-play kind of guy. So I look forward to having more networking opportuni-

ties for young lawyers. I want to build stronger relationships with minority bar associations and other sections of the bar with which we don't usually get a chance to interact. I look forward to producing joint programs with them, and having them join us at our happy hours and other social events.

I also need the senior bar to come out and work with young lawyers and help them realize some of the opportunities that are available to them--to help them to learn and to interact with you, the people who are now our mentors and our leaders. Help give young lawyers the opportunity to learn from you.

So I ask you, young lawyers and more senior lawyers alike, to join with me and accept my challenge.

Together, we can achieve greatness.

James E. Elam IV, associate in the law firm of Dilworth Paxson LLP, is chair of the Young Lawyers Division. His e-mail address is elamje@dilworthlaw.com.

Young Lawyers Division

Holiday Prize Winners Announced

Several young lawyers won prizes at the Young Lawyers Division's annual Holiday Party on Nov. 29 at The Five Spot.

Prize winners are **Elizabeth J. Feeney** of Piper Marbury Rudnick & Wolfe LLP (\$100 gift certificate to The Palm); **Kim R. Jessum** of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP (\$50 gift card from Lord & Taylor); **Marnie E. Simon** of Stevens & Lee (two movie tickets); and **Michael T. Farrell** of Braverman Kaskey & Caprara (two movie tickets).

The event was sponsored by JuriStaff Inc., the Bar Association's endorsed career planning and placement services provider. JuriStaff also provided the prizes.

Elder Law Committee Is Moving!

Gordon Wase, chair of the Bar's Elder Law Committee, has announced that, to reflect the evolving nature of the committee's work, the committee has moved from under the umbrella of the Family Law Section to the auspices of the Probate and Trust Law Section. The change is effective as of Jan. 1.

Wase invites all interested Bar members to attend committee meetings and join the committee. Beginning on Thursday, Jan. 11, brown-bag luncheon meetings are scheduled for noon on the second Thursday of each month in the 10th floor Cabinet Room at Bar Headquarters, 1101 Market St.

More information about the committee may be obtained by contacting Wase at (215) 732-3426 or esawndrog@aol.com.

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cast and online media. He wrote daily "Legal View" radio scripts, oversaw the Association's Speakers Bureau, wrote and designed brochures and flyers and served as public relations liaison to the Bar's Young Lawyers Division.

In 1999, Tarasiewicz was tapped to oversee the development of a completely new Association Web site. The site, which debuted early last year, won immediate acceptance from Bar members and was recently honored with the National Association of Bar Executives (NABE) Luminary Award, recognizing it as the best bar association Web site in the nation.

A Philadelphia native, Tarasiewicz came to the Association from American Lawyer Media Inc., where he served as managing editor of *Pennsylvania Law Weekly*. Prior to that Tarasiewicz was a reporter for *The Legal Intelligencer*.

A *cum laude* graduate of Temple University, Tarasiewicz is a member of NABE, the Philadelphia Public Relations Association and the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE). He has lectured at the ASAE



Mark A. Tarasiewicz

Management and Technology Conference, at the American Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division Conference and at the Public Relations Society of America's World Congress, sharing ideas on new media development and implementation. He is a member of the Temple University Young Alumni Association and serves on the Silent Auction Committee for the Police Athletic League's Annual Dinner.

Bar's Annual Prayer Breakfast Inspires Lawyers

by Robert Nigro

The Association held its second annual Interfaith Prayer Breakfast for the Philadelphia legal community, "A Lawyer's Life: Spirituality, Civility, Humility," on Nov. 21 in the ballroom of the Westin Philadelphia Hotel.

During the event, Rev. Vernal E. Simms Sr., president of the Black Clergy of Philadelphia and Vicinity and pastor of Morris Brown A.M.E. Church, spoke of lawyers' "struggles with fairness, justice and doing the right thing." He said that while lawyers face obstacles in their profession, prayer "puts God with you, and in this time of Thanksgiving, we have a lot to thank God for."

He added that all people have a responsibility to be a representative of

and due dignity. Don't just make a living; make a life. What a wonderful burden and privilege you have!"

Rev. Thomas R. Betz, director of the Office for Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and director of the Chinese apostolate for Holy Redeemer Chinese Catholic Church and School, spoke about humility. He noted that "those who have others at their beck and call are honored in our society, and too often those who serve are shunned."

However, Betz opined, "a true believer must have a respect for the lowly, recalling that Jesus often sat with so-called low people and chose them as his followers. "The kingdom of God," he said, "will not be found in the palaces of power, but in the alleys."



Rev. Thomas R. Betz



Breakfast Co-Chair Gerard J. St. John

Mindful that he was speaking to lawyers, Rabbi Gutterman advised his audience to "please be humble, but also be proud. Act with due diligence and due dignity. Don't just make a living; make a life."

God and to "hear from him everyday," as well as to acknowledge a higher power and ask that power what is expected of us. He also spoke of the importance of humility, noting that instead, people often "think more highly of themselves than they ought to. ... People forget how they got where they are. We need to remember that we didn't get there by ourselves," but rather with the help of someone, such as a school teacher, professor or fellow church member.

"You ought not to forget that you are a child, a son or daughter of God, and you need Him."

Rabbi David Gutterman, executive director of the Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia, spoke to the interrelatedness of mankind.

"Pray to God as if it all depends on Him, not as if it all depends on you," he urged.

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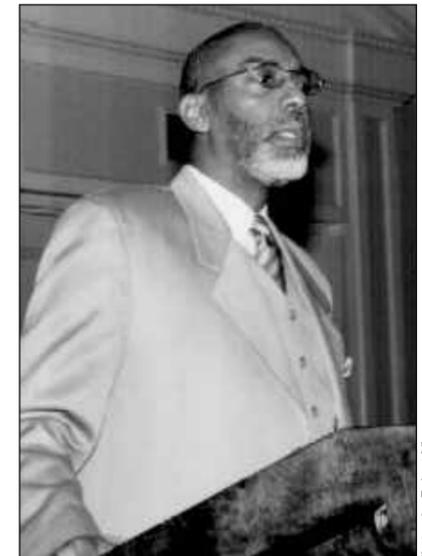
He added, "Don't forget that while you worked hard, you had breaks—your health, families that raised you, intellect. Don't think you are better than those who have achieved less."

Betz urged breakfast attendees to spend some professional time and energy on the poor. "If all you know is securities regulation," he quipped, "go learn something useful! Work with your hands. Sometimes we have to do our own work. It's good for the soul."

The breakfast's honorary chair was retired U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit Judge Arlin M. Adams, of counsel to the law firm of Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP. Prayer Breakfast co-chairs were Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Criminal Division Supervising Judge Legrome D. Davis, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Orphans' Court Division Judge Anne E. Lazarus, attorney Gerard J. St. John of the law firm of Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP and Philadelphia City Solicitor Kenneth I. Trujillo.



Rabbi David Gutterman



Rev. Vernal E. Simms Sr.

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Bar's Sections, Committees End Year on High Note



Professor Amelia Boss of Temple University's Beasley School of Law (center) received the Business Law Section's fourth annual Dennis H. Replansky Memorial Award during the section's annual reception on Nov. 30 at the Pyramid Club. Presenting the award were 2000 Section Chair-Elect Ann C. Mulé (left) and 2000 Chair Audrey C. Talley.



At the Family Law Section's annual dinner on Dec. 6, the section honored the Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program (VIP)'s aid to children and families. VIP Executive Director Margaret M. deMarteleire (center) accepts an award on behalf of VIP, presented by outgoing Section Chair Lise A. Fisher (left) and 2001 Chair Michael L. Viola. The event was held at the Marriott Courtyard Downtown Hotel.



Deputy District Attorney Raymond Harley (left) received the Criminal Justice Section's annual Justice Thurgood Marshall Award during the section's annual reception Nov. 30 in the Mayor's Reception Room at City Hall. Presenting the award to Harley are newly appointed Common Pleas Court Judge Denis P. Cohen (center) and 2000 Section Chair Isla A. Fruchter.



On Dec. 12, the Probate and Trust Law Section honored Common Pleas Court Judge Edmund S. Pawelec (center) upon his retirement during the section's annual meeting at the PBI-PBEC Education Center. Presenting a resolution honoring the judge are incoming chair Edmund L. Harvey Jr. (left) and 2000 Section Chair Margaret E. Sager.



As part of the Tax Section's annual meeting on Dec. 6 at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel, Harry T. Lamb (left) and Victor F. Keen presented a CLE workshop, "Tax Aspects of Equity Compensation: Corporations, Partnerships and Limited Liability Companies."



Real Property Section Chair Robert A. Prentice (right) presented the section's second annual Good Deed Award to attorney Mitchell E. Panzer of Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen LLP during the section's annual luncheon at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel on Nov. 16.



The Committee on the Legal Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men presented its fourth annual Advocate for Justice Award on Dec. 12 to Susan Feathers (left), director of the Public Service Program at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. 2000 Committee Co-Chair Tiffany L. Palmer (right) presented the award during the committee's annual holiday party at Bar Headquarters.

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Bar Lauds New Statewide Lawyers' Civility Code

On Dec. 7, immediate past Bar Chancellor Doreen S. Davis thanked the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and its Chief Justice, John P. Flaherty, for adopting a new Code of Civility for all judges and lawyers in the state "to underscore the importance of courtroom conduct in resolving disputes and upholding the dignity of the legal profession."

tively to ensure the successful implementation of this code to enhance the dignity of the profession of law, thus furthering public trust and confidence in the system."

In his remarks, the justice thanked the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges for its assistance in developing the guidelines. Davis also

thanked the conference and its president, Judge Gary P. Caruso of Westmoreland County.

"We've worked closely with Judge Caruso and with the conference to help bring about this Code of Civility," Davis said. "We owe a great debt of thanks to the conference for their fine work."

She concluded, stating that the Bar Association would work with the court and the state's organized bar to make the principles of the new code "an integral part of everything that we do. In Philadelphia these principles will be our highest priority. We owe nothing less to our clients."

The new code is expected to build upon existing standards of conduct in the Pennsylvania Rules of Court and to be followed on a voluntary basis.

A hallmark of Davis' service as Chancellor was her crusade to enhance civility among litigants, lawyers, judges and court personnel. The Bar's work on that front included the Board of Governors' discussions about civility during the Board's annual retreat last January. Later in the year, the Board adopted new Principles of Professionalism promulgated by the Bar's Federal Courts Committee and the Young Lawyers Division. Last fall, the committee and division jointly presented a continuing legal education course on civility.

Last month, Davis lauded the new code, calling it a "bold, important step that sends a strong, clear signal to the entire legal community. The court has now given us guiding principles that should strengthen everyone's resolve to act with a sense of courtesy, professionalism and decorum. This will be a great benefit to clients and certainly improve the justice system as a whole."

The guiding principles, offered through two sets of specific responsibilities—one for judges toward lawyers and fellow judges and one for lawyers toward the court—include:

- Lawyers and judges must conduct themselves with professional integrity and personal courtesy;
- Courtesy and civility are observed as a matter of course; and
- Integrity and courtesy are indispensable to the practice of law and administration of justice.

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Commenting on the new code, Justice Flaherty said, "The ideals of fairness, civility and justice should guide our actions. It is absolutely critical for judges and lawyers to work collabora-

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Association's Annual Meeting Highlights



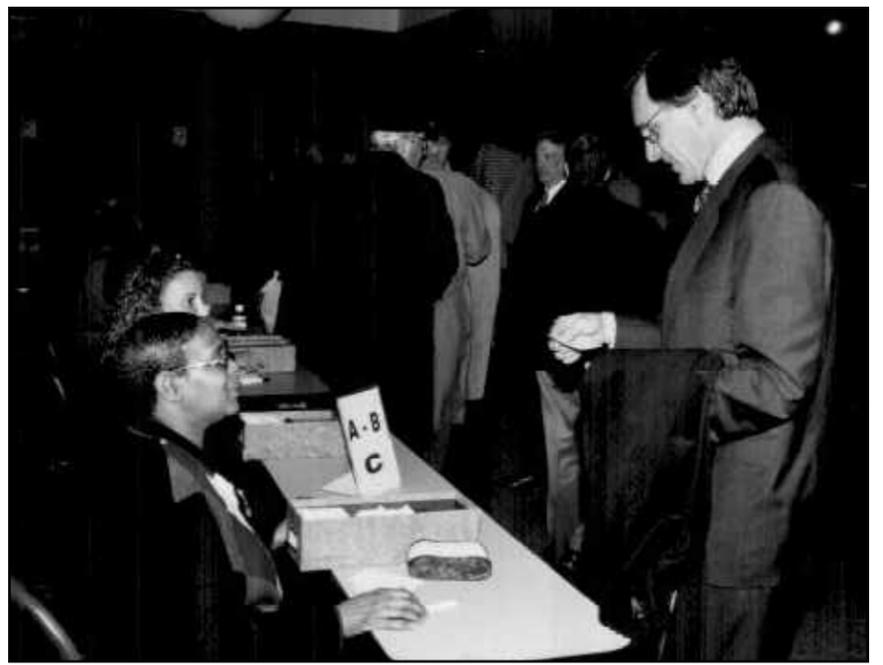
During the reception, Christina Primavera (right) and her son Andrew are joined by 2000 Philadelphia Bar Foundation President Carol G. Huff.



Also at the reception, Carl and Christina Primavera (right) greet Board of Governors member Jeffrey M. Lindy (left) and Barristers' Association of Philadelphia President Leigh M. Skipper.



During the reception, Chancellor-Elect Carl S. Primavera (second from left) chats with (L to R) his mother, Marie Piccoli Primavera, his sister-in-law Edie and his father, Joseph Primavera.



Bar staffers Florence White (seated, front) and Melissa Engler assist former Bar Chancellor Mark A. Aronchick during the Bar's Annual Election.



During a Dec. 5 reception preceding the Bar's Annual Meeting, then-Chancellor-Elect Carl S. Primavera (second from left) joins (L to R) Common Pleas Court Judges Norman Ackerman, Nicholas M. D'Alessandro and Chief U.S. Magistrate Judge James R. Melinson. They are joined by Primavera's son, Andrew.



After the Bar's Annual Election, Election Procedures Committee Chair Henry J. Lunardi prepares to tally the votes.

Photos by Robert Nigro

Young Lawyers Division

Harvest for the Homeless Successful Again

by Marla A. Joseph

From Nov. 17 to Dec. 2, the Young Lawyers Division sponsored its annual Harvest for the Homeless clothing and necessities drive, organized by Caren A. Silverman of Lexis-Nexis and myself.

During the drive, Philadelphia Bar members made donations of clothing, necessities and toys at the following locations: Hangley Aronchick Segal & Pudlin, 1515 Market St., Lexis-Nexis and Dilworth Paxton LLP.

Again this year, first prize goes to Hangley Aronchick Segal & Pudlin. Under the leadership of office manager Janet Walker, the firm facilitated contributions that nearly filled our entire truck. We would also like to thank Bob Freeman from Worldwide Management for his assistance in facilitating an enormous amount of donations at the 1515 Market St. location.

The success of the drive would not have been possible without the generous donation of a moving truck provided by David Mermelstein, owner of Active Realty Company. Special thanks to our following truck drivers, who navigated the truck throughout the Philadelphia area during rush-hour traffic: Jordan Luber of the law firm of Sacks Weston Smolinsky Albert & Luber and David R. Joseph, associate at Rudolph, Dorian, Goldstein, Rochestie, Wisniewski & Taylor.

The YLD extends its gratitude to Thomas G. Kessler of Morgan Lewis, who provided us with access to the firm's loading dock to sort hundreds of



Some of the volunteers who assisted with the sorting process for Harvest for the Homeless included (front row, L to R) Kristen J. DiPaolo, Harvest for the Homeless Co-Chair Caren A. Silverman, YLD Vice Chair Marnie Simon, David R. Joseph and YLD Chair-Elect and Harvest Co-Chair Marla A. Joseph. In second row are (L to R) Glenn M. Massina, John Ehmann holding his daughter, Madison Ehmann, YLD Financial Secretary Melissa Schwartz, Jerel Hopkins, Andrew Behrend, Thomas G. Kessler and YLD Chair James E. Elam IV holding his son, James E. Elam V.

pounds of clothing, necessities and toys that were delivered to the following homeless shelters: Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission, St. John's Hospice and the Salvation Army.

The YLD also thanks the following harvest volun-

teers: Association Board of Governors member Albert S. Dandridge III, immediate past YLD Chair Molly Peckman and Avalina Elam.

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Marla A. Joseph, associate in the law firm of Sacks Weston Smolinsky Albert & Luber, is Chair-Elect of the Association's Young Lawyers Division.

Membership Benefits

More Participants Join Association's 2001 pARTnership Card Program

When Bar members pay their 2001 Association dues, they will receive their new pARTnership Card, which offers discounts and savings at several Philadelphia-area cultural institutions.

The pARTnership Card Program has been developed by the Association and Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts and is sponsored by USI Colburn Insurance Service. Bar members are reminded to mention and/or present the card when ordering tickets or making reservations. Certain restrictions may apply and may vary by institution. Inquiries should be directed to the applicable cultural institution.

In recent weeks, several additional participants have joined the pARTnership Card program.

Additional pARTnership Card Participants:

Elfreth's Alley Association - Offer to be announced.

Frankford Style Community Arts Organization - free classes with family membership purchase, 10 percent discount on purchases and \$20 discount on ads placed in the organization's ad book.

Historic Fallsington Inc. - 50 cents off admission and 10 percent discount on store purchases.

Ebenezer Maxwell Mansion - two-for-one admission for up to four people.

Penn Presents - \$3 off ticket price.

Philadelphia Singers - two-for-one admission.

Village of Arts and Humanities - Offer to be announced.

Wilma Theater - \$5 off general admission.

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Specter Reminisces on Long Career

by Robert Nigro

United States Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) spoke about his life and career as a public servant and his new book, *Passion for Truth*, during a Chancellor's Forum on Dec. 18 at Bar Headquarters.

During the event, Specter touched upon several milestones in his 40-year career, discussing his days in Philadelphia as a prosecutor, rising as a local and national political force, originating the single-bullet theory for the Warren Commission investigating the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, derailing Judge Robert Bork's nomination to the U.S. Supreme

Court, the Clarence Thomas judiciary hearings and President Clinton's impeachment hearings.

Specter said he began writing *Passion for Truth* as an answer to "30 years of criticism" of his single-bullet theory. He told stories of serving on the Warren Commission, studying forensic ballistics data and determining how a single bullet could have struck both President Kennedy and Texas Gov. Connolly. He described his dealings with Jack Ruby in the aftermath of the latter man's killing of Kennedy's assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald.

Stating that *Passion for Truth* "has a

lot of Philadelphia in it," Specter also described several stories of police and judicial corruption in Philadelphia in the 1960s and '70s. Specter spoke of his dealings with judges and lawyers during that time and about the little love lost between him and then-Mayor Frank Rizzo.

In a question-and-answer session following his remarks, Specter said he was most proud of his work to reform the Philadelphia magisterial system and "collection rackets that preyed on the poor people of this city.

"It was a tough town in those days," he added. "It's still a tough town, but not nearly so."



Sen. Arlen Specter

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• Renew and reinvigorate" the Association's relationship with the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce.

Noting his spirit of cooperation with chamber President Charles Pizzi, Primavera said he and Pizzi believe that the two organizations offer "many tangible benefits" for members, clients and the general public.

• Work toward greater cooperation with state and federal courts.

Primavera stressed the importance of the Bar's continuing work with the state Supreme Court and the Philadelphia Municipal Court and the Court of Common Pleas on judicial selection and retention, as well as with an ad hoc committee he will appoint to make recommendations on greater participation within the organized bar

for those dedicated attorneys performing this constitutionally mandated task," he said. "The bench and bar must cooperate as partners in justice. Our profession and the public demand nothing less."

• Celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Bar's Public Interest Section.

Primavera pledged a series of events throughout the year to highlight the legal needs of the poor and acknowledge the "significant contributions of those in our profession dedicated to public service." The recognition, he said, will join a redoubled effort to encourage lawyers' increased commitment and participation in the public interest, "recognizing that effort as the highest calling of our profession."

Primavera also promised cooperation with Philadelphia Bar Foundation President Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua to expand the Foundation's scope and reach.

Primavera said he and other Bar



During the Association's Dec. 5 Annual Meeting, then-Chancellor-Elect Carl S. Primavera (at lectern) applauds Doreen S. Davis (seated) for her accomplishments as Bar Chancellor last year.

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by members of the judiciary.

Primavera also plans close work with local court administration and Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts to find ways to increase citizens' participation in jury service.

The Chancellor also stressed that the Bar will continue to work toward positive reform of the court-appointed counsel program.

"The process must provide both effective counsel for indigents and reasonable and realistic compensation

leaders would work hard to bring all these goals to fruition, while moving ahead with the Bar's New Jersey bona fide office initiative, building upon the Bar's strong relationships with state and local government and increasing the Association's cooperation with other county, state and national bar associations.

"We will also continue our strong support of our sections, the Young Lawyers Division and our standing committees," Primavera said. "We want

to create a climate where attorneys will increase their enthusiasm, commitment and participation by attending meetings, networking and sharing their personal hopes and aspirations as lawyers and as people. This process will also help us in our efforts to attract, retain and elevate women and minorities in our profession.

"I believe that the Bar Association will only survive and prosper if we care enough to come together, face to face, sharing our thoughts and concerns," he added. "We must have real, meaningful, considered and informed participation."

He cautioned, however, that while he will advance Bar election reform to invite more participation, "we should examine carefully anything which simply turns our fine organization into a virtual Bar."

In his remarks, Primavera also thanked the Justinian Society and its leaders, "who worked so hard for so long for so many and now share in my success." In addition, he acknowl-

edged his colleagues at his former firm, Mesirov Gelman Jaffe Cramer & Jamieson LLP, and his current firm, Klehr, Harrison, Harvey, Branzburg and Ellers LLP, for their support as he sought the office of Chancellor.

Primavera also thanked immediate past Bar Chancellor Doreen S. Davis, calling her a strong voice for the Association as she balanced her responsibilities to family and career with "poise, dignity and a great sense of humor."

He also anticipated Allan H. Gordon serving as Chancellor during the Bar's bicentennial year of 2002, "when our Association will be center stage on the local, regional and national scene."

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Philadelphia Bar Foundation Grantees in the Spotlight

Agencies Helping Victims of Domestic Strife

by Sue Wasserkrug

Two Philadelphia Bar Foundation grantees, the Support Center for Child Advocates (SCCA) and the Women Against Abuse Legal Center (WAALC), and a third service organization, Women in Transition (WIT), have joined forces to create the Families Without Violence Project to address problems experienced by families in which both domestic violence and child abuse are present.

The goal of the project is to provide a "massive infusion of resources" to battered individuals—mostly women—and their abused children to ensure their safety, according to WAALC Director Patricia A. Dubin. She added that the need for the project arose from "the realization of a negative impact on children who grow up in households where there is domestic violence."

Frank P. Cervone, executive director of SCCA, the lead organization on the project, added that nationwide, very few programs deal in a comprehensive way with families that are experiencing both child abuse and domestic violence: "The notion of a connection between child abuse and domestic violence is a cutting-edge idea," he said.

Cervone added that the project will enable advocates for victims of

domestic violence to work with advocates for victims of child abuse, in order to assist families to become violence-free.

The agencies are bringing their existing expertise to bear on the new project. For example:

- SCCA already provides legal assistance and social service advocacy to abused and neglected children in Philadelphia, primarily by training pro bono attorneys to serve as child advocates in the Dependency Branch of Philadelphia's Family Court.

- WAALC focuses on representing victims of domestic violence in protection-from-abuse proceedings in Family Court's Domestic Relations Branch.

- WIT is a counseling agency that provides services to women endangered by domestic violence and/or substance abuse, to assist them in making positive changes in their lives.

The project the agencies are developing targets non-abusive parents (usually mothers) with at least one child who has been abused by the other parent who also has been criminally charged with injuring the non-abusive parent or violating a protection from abuse order.

Through the project, intensive supportive services will be provided to the abused child and the non-abusive

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parent, with a focus on improving the bond between the non-abusive parent and child.

The project began last Sept. 1, funded by a grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts.

In addition to providing a comprehensive array of services to families, the project includes a component designed to study the links between domestic violence and child abuse, as a means of understanding how best to help families rebuild their lives without violence.

The first steps of the project included training staff members at the three organizations and creating a protocol to enable them to interact and share information without running afoul of issues of confidentiality, as well as creating outcome measures for the

research portion of the initiative. SCCA and WAALC have each hired a social worker to work with the families and provide case management services. WIT will perform comprehensive need assessments for both the non-abusive parents and children.

The organizations hope to enroll 25 families each year in the project. Recently, the project accepted its first four client families, primarily to test procedures.

"We're seeing the exact problems we envisioned and the solutions we imagined," Cervone said. "We're building the capacity of the system to respond appropriately and adequately," he added.

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International Law Committee

Lawyers Can Be Targets of Advance Fee Fraud

Gene M. Burd

During a recent meeting of the International Law Committee, committee member Dick Atkins reported on international frauds originating mostly from Nigeria but also other parts of Africa.

Atkins, a former chair of the Philadelphia Bar's Criminal Justice Section, is also a member of the International Bar Association and concentrates in international law in Philadelphia.

According to material provided at the meeting, the fraud Atkins described usually starts with a letter, fax or e-mail indicating that the sender is a civil servant in the Nigerian government who has fraudulently obtained tens of millions of U.S. dollars. The person needs help to get the money out of the country, and if the person receiving the message provides his or her bank account number,

the civil servant will transfer the entire amount to the account and the person receiving the money will be able to keep ten percent of the loot for his or her services. The civil servant promises to make all arrangements in Nigeria. However, the mark must act urgently and keep everything strictly confidential.

More than once, I and others attending the meeting had received phone calls from friends and clients who had received messages like this. The people who received them were in danger of being swindled.

How The Scam Works

The scam is known as the "Advance Fee" or "4-1-9" fraud, after the section of the Nigerian penal code that addresses fraud schemes. Information on potential victims is obtained from trade journals, newspapers, libraries and telephone and professional directories. The criminals send correspon-

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dence to people *en masse* with the expectation that someone will answer. Individuals or companies may receive a communication from an "official" representing a Nigerian company or individuals. Recipients are offered millions of dollars if they provide bank account numbers or business letterheads, or, sometimes, travel overseas to complete the transaction.

Often, the reason for the bank account information is not because the fraudsters are trying to access the account directly but because it gives

them a signal that they have hooked another victim. The letterheads are usually used to send forged references to other potential victims.

After a victim provides the initial information requested, the fraudsters will ask for a money advance by wire transfer or mail. If the victim pays, he or she will lose the money but could also receive additional requests for money, explained as unexpected governmental fees or bribes to other officials who want their shares paid in

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Lanza's a Musical Ghost Who Can Still Crack Glass

by Marc Reuben

By the television advertisements that feature lawyers sobbing over the fate of unknown children and other television lawyers with their terrible hairpieces, one cannot miss the many commercials for recordings by the Italian crooner Andrea Boccelli. Mr. Boccelli is very popular, and he has a much nicer voice and more natural hair (or at least more natural-looking hair) than television lawyers. His sponsors make no pretense at civic morality. There is no doubt that they are after your money—although Boccelli's product is more pleasing.

A former student of the great tenor Franco Corelli, Boccelli echoes some of the vocal characteristics of his famous mentor. However, the student either never finished vocal training, or decided that popular songs offered the more fitting arena for his talents. Boccelli has been making the concert rounds all over the world, and audiences love him. He can sing Neapolitan *canzone* in fine fettle and has even sung Rudolfo in a recently released full-length recording of the lovely Puccini opera "La Boheme."

To show how much faith the recording company has in its star, Boccelli is supported by a cast of relative unknowns on the "Boheme" recording. The technology that enables a pop singer with relatively limited vocal endurance to perform a full-

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length opera, even a short one like "Boheme," allows the singer to record in short segments, preventing fatigue and enabling a performer to record a few hours of operatic singing over a period of weeks or months. (This does not apply to Michael Bolton, whose recorded operatic arias actually capture the sound of a bad hairpiece.)

Musical purists frown on recording practices that do not mirror live concert conditions, since performers making re-takes of unsatisfactory segments do not maintain the same spirit from take to take. An uninterrupted performance has its own ebb and flow, but usually maintains continuous character.

The debate between live performance and recorded re-takes has been going on for years.

The fabled conductor Arturo Rodzinski was recording a concerto with the great pianist Gregory Zandor in the '40s, and Zandor took more than

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20 segments before a complete recording could be patched together. When listening to the final product, Zandor turned to Rodzinski and said, "Isn't it beautiful," to which Rodzinski replied, "Yes. Don't you wish you had played it that way?" The recording, a Bartok piano concerto, was a wonderful creation no matter who made it so.

The recording of "Boheme" is probably best viewed with similar magnanimity. After all, the opera is a lovely piece of music, the voices are not horrible, and if the public wants Boccelli singing beloved operas, why shouldn't they have it? In a world where the arts are struggling in the marketplace, it is especially desirable that people who have never heard an opera be made to feel more comfortable if the music is presented to them under cover of popular personae.

You cannot turn on the television without hearing someone hawking one of Boccelli's various recordings. That's fine. But I would like to put in a word for Mario Lanza. It may seem odd that someone should want to do this in Philadelphia, Lanza's hometown. But I have heard people ask who Caruso was, and I never thought I'd hear that in my lifetime.

Lanza was born in Philadelphia in 1920. My father, who drove a truck, was acquainted with him in the 1940s and thought he was a very nice fellow. At the time, Lanza helped with the family food business. Lanza also knew young Philadelphia vocal students like Anna Moffo and Enrico DiGiuseppe. The late Armand DiStefano once told me that the singers used to sit at a table in the rear of the Victor Cafe, where they would sing for each other. The room rumbled with wondrous sound.

The great conductor Arturo Toscanini said that Lanza had the greatest tenor voice of the century. But unlike Enrico Caruso, Lanza did not, until the very end of his short life, spend time studying opera. As a result, he did not record complete performances of any opera (a live performance of him singing Pinkerton in "Madame Butterfly" in New Orleans in 1949 exists, but that's it). Lanza made movies for MGM and performed on radio and record. He was a best-selling artist throughout the 1950s and his

albums still appear in many stores. He died in 1958.

As voices go, Lanza was more than a voice. He was, as Scala director Tullio Serafin once described the immortals of song, a "force of nature." Lanza's untrained voice was more thrilling than that of just about any dramatic tenor, other than the great Caruso, no matter how hard others trained. He knew how to cry as only an Italian singer can cry, and there isn't a recording machine in existence that could capture the volume and tone of that voice. The man must have had the chest cavity of a bull.

At the time Lanza was popular, he also drew wide criticism for not training his voice. And, truth be told, as he reached his final year, he grew chubby and deconditioned and was not able to control his breath well. Hitting a great note is not the apex of operatic skill. The notes before and after the thrills are just as important, and great artists know that.

In the history of song there have been many whose voices could send chills of inspiration through listeners. But as age or drugs or drink begin to wear away at the two tiny chords that enable the great ones to bring forth song, only the trained (and not always them) can endure. Lanza died in training. Mr. Boccelli does not appear to be headed down that road of the formally trained. Opera singers never stop training. But popular singers often gain a sort of permanence in the vocal department through years of performance. We will see much of Boccelli in the future, and gauge the bending of his voice through the years.

As for now, it seems perfectly nice to give the new "Boheme" as a gift to Cousin Zeke and hope that it has an intoxicating effect. Mr. Boccelli should go on crooning in good health. And if he finds singing duets with Sarah Brightman wonderful, so do audiences. Besides, if there is one advantage to Mr. Boccelli being visually impaired, it is that he can sing to his heart's content with Miss Brightman and not be distracted by her sideshow contortions. I have seen snake charmers with more poise.

If the "Boheme" is too much money, go buy a Lanza album. Any Lanza album.



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Philadelphia Bar Foundation

Trustees Give Thanks for Great Year

On Dec. 6, immediate past Philadelphia Bar Foundation President Carol G. Huff (left) presented gifts of appreciation to Foundation trustees (L to R) Larry H. Spector, Rochelle M. Fedullo and Madeline M. Sherry for their work last year as co-chairs of the Andrew Hamilton Ball Souvenir Program Committee. The ball, held Nov. 11, and its accompanying Souvenir Program helped the Foundation raise funds for its grants to local agencies that help the indigent.

Banks Increasing Yields on IOLTA Accounts

Faced with the prospect of reducing the amounts of its grants to programs that provide civil legal assistance to low-income Pennsylvanians, the state IOLTA (Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts) Board recently initiated an appeal to banks to increase their interest rates on IOLTA accounts. IOLTA Board Chair Gerald A. McHugh, of the law firm of Litvin, Blumberg, Matusow & Young, reports that many banks responded promptly and favorably, with 43 agreeing to raise interest rates by an average of nearly one percent.

As a result, the IOLTA Board estimates that nearly \$2 million more will be available for its grants next year.

Three banks—First Union National Bank, National City Bank and Wilmington Trust of Pennsylvania—have been identified by the board as demonstrating exemplary corporate citizenship in responding to the goals of the program as well as their commitment to meeting the escrow account needs of practicing attorneys.

The success of the IOLTA program,

which was established by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, relies upon the cooperation of lawyers and banks.

The program benefits from funds that clients transfer to their attorneys to hold in a fiduciary capacity. For example, a lawyer may receive a deposit and other funds from a client to handle a real estate transaction. Lawyers also may receive funds resulting from a lawsuit or settlement, which must be disbursed to clients and others.

In many instances it is not practical to invest such funds on behalf of the client because they will be held for short periods of time. When the lawyer cannot invest the funds to benefit the client, they are deposited into an IOLTA escrow account. Banks transfer the interest earnings from IOLTA accounts to the IOLTA Board, which awards grants to non-profit organizations and law school clinical programs that provide civil legal assistance to the poor.

IOLTA Fund Executive Director Alfred Azen says that IOLTA accounts

present opportunities to banks since they are a critical link to serving the banking needs of attorneys and can be used as part of a marketing effort to attract new attorney customers.

"Since attorneys often have desirable banking relationships in their own right, and serve as links to business, industry, the community and governments with whom they serve as advisers and leaders, acquiring attorney business is highly profitable to a bank," he adds.

And McHugh notes that First Union in particular responded "very favorably to our request. If all banks would demonstrate the sensitivity that First Union has, many more low-income Pennsylvanians could receive legal help when they are facing a major life crisis."

Only one large Pennsylvania bank has ignored the examples set by other leading banks and the appeals of the IOLTA Board. Some smaller banks also have continued to use low rates even though the Federal Reserve has

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increased interest rates 1.75 percent during the past year. McHugh says that as a result, the IOLTA Board will continue to seek higher interest rates on IOLTA accounts, and encourages attorneys to favor those banks that demonstrate sensitivity to the goals of the IOLTA program.

Information concerning the IOLTA practices of specific banks can be obtained from the IOLTA fund by calling (888) 724-6582.

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advance. The fraudsters often convince their marks of this by presenting various authentic looking documents such as registration certificates, Nigerian government letterheads, seals, false letters of credit, payment schedules and bank draft statements.

If the mark goes along, he or she will be asked to travel to Nigeria to open a domestic bank account or to register with a governmental office. Typically, the victim's "host" will be a customs official who will permit the victim to enter Nigeria without a visa, which is a serious offense. Such entry may be used by the fraudsters to blackmail the victim. Threats of violence and physical harm are not excluded. For example, the U.S. Secret Service reports that in June 1995, an American was murdered in Lagos while pursuing a 4-1-9 scam, and many other nationals have been reported missing.

Government Involvement

Although the Nigerian government states it is fighting the 4-1-9 fraud, according to some sources the scam remains the third largest industry in Nigeria. The U.S. Secret Service estimates that the fraud grosses hundreds of millions of dollars annually and continues to escalate.

There have been reports that high-level officials of the Nigerian government, Central Bank of Nigeria, the Federal Ministry of Finance and the

Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation are involved in the scam. In fact, many victims were given tours of governmental offices, participated in arranged meetings in the offices and were shown piles of cash in the vaults of the Central Bank.

Could You Be Swindled?

Several fraudulent business proposals can be a part of the scam. Most often they fall into the following categories:

- A deceased spouse left a widow tens of millions of dollars but she cannot get it out of the country without bribing government officials because the money was obtained by some illegal means.

- Officials at the Nigerian National Petroleum Company or some other governmental entity inflated the costs of requisitions from western companies and now they must get the surplus of profits out of the country.

- Governmental officials set up dummy companies and over-invoice the government on the contracts that they awarded to themselves. They need your help to move the cash out of the country.

- The Nigerian National Petroleum Company has found oil. Company officials want to purchase the land, but need another party to act as a front in the acquisition.

Where to Get Help

To fight the fraud internationally, the U.S. Secret Service Financial Crimes Unit established "Operation 4-1-9," which receives about 100 tele-

phone calls and 300-500 pieces of correspondence a day related to the scam. In addition, agents have been stationed in Nigeria to assist U.S. citizens who have fallen victim to the scam.

People who have received a letter but have not lost money can fax a copy of the letter to the unit at (202) 406-5031. Victims of the scheme can

forward relevant correspondence to the U.S. Secret Service, Financial Crimes Division, 950 H St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20001 or call (202) 406-5850. More information about the fraud also is available on the Internet at www.treas.gov/usss/alert419.htm or www.superhighway.is/iis/index.html.

Gene M. Burd, sole practitioner, is a member of the Association's International Law Committee.

Looking for a special way to remember someone?

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Through the **Special Way to Remember** program, you can honor a colleague or loved one with a contribution to the Philadelphia Bar Foundation. Since 1964 the Bar Foundation has distributed millions of dollars in attorney gifts and other funds to public interest groups that provide counsel and assistance to the poor, disabled, elderly and children in our community. Your gift will help serve the needs of Philadelphians who have nowhere else to turn for legal services.

If you would like to make a gift to the Foundation as a meaningful expression of respect, please call (215) 238-6334.



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PEOPLE

Stephen A. Cozen, chair of the law firm of Cozen and O'Connor, recently was named as one of the "Power 100" by *Philadelphia Magazine* in its annual list of the area's "mightiest movers and shakers." He was recognized for "leading the fastest-growing Philadelphia law firm" and for his activity in civic causes.



Thomas R. Bond, shareholder in the law firm of Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin P.C., has been elected to serve as a member of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry. The chamber's mission is to foster a healthy business climate in the state and to improve the competitiveness of its members.



Lynne Z. Gold-Bikin, partner in the law firm of Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen LLP, has been elected to serve on the board of trustees of Albright College. As a trustee, she will be involved in making financial decisions for the college and determining changes in its leadership.



Stephanie Resnick, partner in the law firm of Fox Rothschild O'Brien & Frankel LLP, has been elected to serve as vice chair of the board of Womens Way, a funding federation for services for women and children.



Philip L. Hinerman, a member of the law firm of Fox Rothschild O'Brien & Frankel LLP, has been elected to serve on the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Resources Council, the state's oldest citizen action environmental organization.



Joanne M. Walker, principal in the law firm of McKenna, Walker & Capriotti P.C., has been elected to serve as chair of the board of directors of the Mental Health Association of South-eastern Pennsylvania.

Stephen A. Madva, partner in the law firm of Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads LLP, has been elected a fellow of the International Society of Barristers. The society is dedicated to "excellence and integrity in advocacy, the preservation of the adversary system and the right to trial by jury and to the encouragement of young lawyers to enter the field of trial practice."



Theresa E. Loscalzo, partner in the law firm of Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, recently served as co-chair of the Walnut Street Theater's first holiday auction on Dec. 4. Proceeds from the event benefit the theater's educational outreach programs.



Alan C. Kessler, partner in the law firm of Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen LLP, has been confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve on the board of governors of the United States Postal Service. He had

been nominated to the post by President Clinton.



Jeffrey M. Lindy, sole practitioner, has been elected to serve on the board of directors of the Neighborhood Club of Bala Cynwyd, the civic association of Bala Cynwyd. He also will serve as the organization's secretary in 2001.

Shira J. Goodman, associate in the law firm of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll LLP, has been appointed to serve as co-chair of the Harassment Subcommittee of the Employment and Labor Relations Committee of the American Bar Association's Section on Litigation.



Scott Fields, partner in the law firm of Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell &

Hippel LLP, will serve an honorary position as intellectual property law editor for PatentCafe.com Inc.'s Internet intellectual property magazine.



Jonathan L. Levin, partner in the law firm of Reed Smith LLP, and his wife, Sharon, recently were honored by the Israel Bonds Program for their "commitment to the continuity of Jewish life and concern for strengthening Israel's economy through the Israel Bonds Program."



Robert T. Veon, partner in the law firm of Sweeney & Sheehan P.C., has been elected to serve as chair of the Young Lawyers Committee of the Defense Research Institute, a national association of civil litigation defense lawyers.

Allan M. Dabrow, partner in the law firm of Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, has been appointed to serve on the President's Commission on Drug-Free Communities. The committee which advises the President and the Office of National Drug Control Policy about the activities of the Drug-Free Communities Support Program.

Names Are News

"People" highlights news of members' awards, honors or appointments of a civic or community nature.

Send information to Managing Editor, *Philadelphia Bar Reporter*, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19107-2911. Fax: (215) 238-1267. E-mail: reporter@philabar.org. Photos are welcome.

John P. Quinn, partner in the law firm of Schubert, Bellwoar, Cahill and Quinn, has received this year's Honorable Francis X. McClanaghan Award, presented by the Law Alumni Chapter of St. Joseph's University. The annual award is given to an alum in recognition of past accomplishments and for distinction in the law.



Charles C. Shainberg, partner in the law firm of Shainberg & Viola, has been elected president of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Michael B. Schaedle, partner in the law firm of Blank Rome Comisky & McCauley LLP, has been selected by Philadelphia Mayor John F. Street to serve on the city's Airport Advisory Board.

Thanks For Cell Phones!

The Bar's Women in the Profession Committee wishes to thank all Bar members who donated hundreds of cell phones and accessories during the committee's recent cell phone donation drive to help women at risk in abusive situations. The phones and other equipment has been shipped to Call to Protect, a nonprofit agency that will repair or refurbish the phones and reprogram them to dial 911 in an emergency. The phones are expected to be distributed to local facilities that help battered women.

IN BRIEF

Bar members **Peter J. Hoffman**, founding shareholder in the law firm of McKissock & Hoffman P.C., **Philip G. Kircher**, partner in the law firm of Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP and **Roberta D. Pichini**, shareholder in the law firm of Litvin, Blumberg, Matusow & Young were inducted as fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers during an Oct. 25 ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Tell Us!

How do you think the Supreme Court of the United States will be viewed historically, given its decision in *Bush v. Gore*?

That's the question posed to readers for the next edition of the Association's quarterly magazine, *The Philadelphia Lawyer*. Please respond in 50 words or less by Feb. 2 to Managing Editor, *The Philadelphia Lawyer*, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., 11th floor, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107-2911. Fax: (215) 238-1267. E-mail: kmaxwell@philabar.org.

Public Interest Section

Juan Williams Recalls Justice Marshall at Dinner

During his keynote address at the Public Interest Section's Eighth Annual Dinner, Juan Williams, host of National Public Radio's "Talk of the Nation," recalled meeting the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall and the lessons the justice imparted to him.

Williams recently wrote the authorized biography of Justice Marshall.

Also at the event on Nov. 28 at the Warwick Hotel, Disabilities Law Project Director Ilene W. Shane received the ninth annual Andrew Hamilton Award for Outstanding Public Interest Advocacy for her significant contributions to public service.

In his remarks, Williams saluted the work done by career public-interest lawyers and those in the private bar that helps make life better for everyone in society. In that vein, Williams added that, to him, Justice Marshall "stands as an example of what all lawyers do to make life better."

Williams told of meeting Justice Marshall for the first time and realizing that the justice, then an old man, was "a storyteller with stories to tell." Some of the stories, he said, were Marshall's recollections of the difficulties he had in getting into the University of Maryland Law School because he was black.

Williams added that as he got to know the justice, he began to view him as a "true contributor to history," because through Marshall's efforts, he helped to change many Americans' views on race and gender, as well as what constituted the public interest.

Williams recalled Justice Marshall passing on to him the advice the justice himself received from his University of Maryland Law School dean, namely, that "a lawyer who is not a social engineer is a social parasite."

Also at the event, Disabilities Law Project Director Ilene W. Shane received the Public Interest Section's ninth annual Andrew Hamilton Award for Outstanding Public Interest Advocacy for her significant contributions to public service.

For Justice Marshall, Williams said, "the opportunity to make a difference presented itself again and again." He also urged attendees not to miss their own opportunities to make a difference:

"You have to understand that each and every one of us is in a fight against indifference," he said, "but also against the reality of poverty, of people being marginalized and being treated as less than human, in Philadelphia and across America."

Williams, considered by critics to be one of America's leading political writers and thinkers, makes regular appearances on "Fox News Sunday" and is a frequent guest on CNN's "Crossfire," "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer" and ABC's "Nightline."

In a 21-year career at The Washington Post, Williams served as an editorial writer, columnist and White House correspondent. He has won an Emmy award for TV documentary writing, and his documentaries, including "Politics: The New Black Power," have been critically acclaimed.

He also wrote the nonfiction best-seller, "Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years 1954-1965," a companion volume to the PBS television series of the same name.



During the Public Interest Section's Eighth Annual Dinner, Andrew Hamilton Award recipient Ilene W. Shane (center), director of the Disabilities Law Project, is greeted by Annual Dinner Committee members (L to R) Section Co-Chair Marilyn Heffley, Delivery of Legal Services Committee Co-Chair Joseph A. Sullivan, Section Co-Chair Michael J. Carroll and Mandana Shahvari.



National Public Radio's Juan Williams addresses attendees of the Public Interest Section's Annual Dinner.

Photos by Robert Nigro

Success Briefs for Lawyers

Edited by Amiram Elwork and Mark R. Siwick

(Vorkell, Gwynedd, Pa., 2001, 204 pp., \$26.95)

Reviewed by David I. Grunfeld

Subtitled "Inspirational Insights on How to Succeed at Law and Life," this small-sized book is a self-help stocking-stuffer, a "chicken soup" tome for lawyers.

BOOKS

Comprised of autobiographic stories gathered from lawyers and judges, it offers honest, practical and humorous advice for lawyers who are burned out and bashed.

Making it clear that success at law does not mean only financial success, and does not exclude family life, these stories demonstrate how some lawyers

achieve balance, overcome addictions, are mentored, become community activists, achieve leadership and get happy.

Dr. Elwork is director of the Law-Psychology Graduate Program at Widener University, and Siwick is an attorney and risk management consultant.

The authors have put together a light but enlightening group of prose, poetry and quotation pieces destined to uplift and make lawyers feel better about their profession.

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Philadelphia Bar Foundation

Grants of More Than \$350,000 Made for Legal Aid

The Philadelphia Bar Foundation, the Bar Association's charitable arm, recently awarded grants totaling \$355,000 to 34 area law-related public service agencies that help the poor, the disabled, abused women and children, the aged and others who need but cannot afford legal help.

Presented by 2000 Bar Foundation President Carol G. Huff, the agencies receiving grants are: AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania, American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Pennsylvania, Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of the Elderly, Center City District Foundation, Center

for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights, Committee of 70, Community Legal Services, Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project, Defender Association of Philadelphia, Federal Court Division, Disabilities Law Project, Education Law Center of Pennsylvania, Friends of Farmworkers, HIAS and

Council Migration Service of Philadelphia, Homeless Advocacy Project, Juvenile Justice Center of Pennsylvania, Juvenile Law Center, Legal Clinic for the Disabled, Nationalities Service Center, Para-Professional Law Clinic Inc., Pennsylvania Health Law Project, Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project, Pennsylvanians for Modern Courts, Philadelphia High School Academies Inc., Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program, Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, Police-Barrio Relations Project, Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia, Senior Citizen Judicare Project, Support Center for Child Advocates, Temple LEAP, Tenants' Action Group of Philadelphia, Women Against Abuse Legal Center, Women's Law Project and Women Organized Against Rape.

More information about the Philadelphia Bar Foundation may be obtained by calling (215) 238-6334.

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representative Mary T. Vidas, Probate and Trust Law Section representative Bruce A. Rosenfeld, Real Property Section Chair Robert A. Prentice, Tax Section representative Stanley J. Kull, Public Interest Section representative Robert W. Meek and Philadelphia Association of Paralegals representative Mary Creekmore.

Other departing Board members are Yung W. Lee, Ralph S. Pinkus, Debora M. Russo, Gerald W. Spivack and John S. Summers.

Davis also thanked departing Board Chair Andrew A. Chirls for chairing the Board "with great aplomb through many difficult moments. He always did so with great dignity and healthy order of the group at all times. He was a great right hand to me during this year, he helped me in everything that I did and I thank him for his service."



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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.

Jan 2

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

Jan. 4

Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee - meeting, 12:15 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: \$7.

Environmental Law Committee - meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Speakers: Joshua Reichert, director of the Environmental Division of the Pew Charitable Trusts, and John Hanger, director of PennFuture. Lunch: \$7.

Philadelphia Bar Association - Chancellor's reception, 5 p.m., Grand Ballroom, Park Hyatt at the Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets. Free of charge and open to all Bar members.

Jan. 9

Delivery of Legal Services Committee - meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Professional Responsibility Committee - meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: \$7.

Jan. 10

Federal Courts Committee - meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: \$7.
Board of Governors Diversity Committee - meeting, noon, 11th floor Committee Room.

Jan. 11

Elder Law Committee - meeting, noon, 10th floor Cabinet Room.

Jan. 13

Board of Governors - annual retreat, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Hyatt Penn's Landing Hotel.

Jan. 15

Martin Luther King Day. Bar Headquarters closed.

Jan. 17

Workers' Compensation Section - meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: \$7.
Federal Courts Committee - 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Conference Center. Speaker: U.S. District Chief Judge James T. Giles. Lunch: \$7.

Jan. 18

Women in the Profession Committee - meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: \$7.
Legislative Liaison Committee - meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: \$7.

Jan. 20

Young Lawyers Division - winter retreat, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., location to be announced.

Jan. 23

Criminal Justice Section - meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: \$7.

Jan. 24

Philadelphia Bar Foundation - trustees meeting, 4 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.

Jan. 25

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

Unless otherwise specified, all checks for luncheons and programs should be made payable to the Philadelphia Bar Association and mailed to Bar Headquarters, 1101 Market St., 11th fl., Philadelphia, Pa. 19107-2911. Send Bar Association-related calendar items 30 days in advance to Managing Editor, Philadelphia Bar Reporter, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19107-2911. Fax: (215) 238-1267. e-mail: reporter@philabar.org.

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future leaders and staffers of CBAP as well as his co-founders.

Sykes also thanked his wife, Lainie, for her support and also expressed gratitude to his law firm, which, he said, "has supported initiatives such as CBAP over the years and doesn't ask for anything in return except that their

might be plays for attention from the media, "today we are honoring a lawyer for the actions he took when the cameras weren't on, whose sole motivation was his faithfulness to our profession's highest standards."

In his career, Sykes has garnered several other honors, including being named as the first recipient of the Business Law Section's Dennis H. Replansky Award for professional skill, civic activities and mentoring. He also

Fidelity Award Committee Chair Paul A. Tufano said that while some lawyers' actions might be plays for attention from the media, the committee honored Sykes "for the actions he took when the cameras weren't on" and his "faithfulness to our profession's highest standards."

lawyers deal with the public pro bono and do it effectively."

In addition, Sykes acknowledged his firm partners as his role models and Bar Association Secretary Carl "Tobey" Oxholm III, whom he called "a role model for all of us in the public service community."

In presenting the award, Fidelity Award Committee Chair Paul A. Tufano said that while some lawyers' actions

has been given the American Bar Association Business Law Section's National Public Service Award, as well as Community Legal Services' Champion of Justice Award.

Sykes has been named in *The Best Lawyers In America* for more than a decade, and has been honored by *Philadelphia Magazine* in its two most recent polls of fellow attorneys as one of the best lawyers in Philadelphia.

Letters Welcome!

The *Philadelphia Bar Reporter* welcomes letters to the editors for publication. There is no word limit, but editors reserve the right to condense for clarity, style and space considerations. Letters must be signed to verify authorship, but names will be withheld upon request. Letters may be sent to: Managing Editor, *Philadelphia Bar Reporter*, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., 11th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107-2911. Phone: (215) 238-6345. Fax: (215) 238-1267. E-mail: reporter@philabar.org.



David T. Sykes (left) displays the 2000 First Union Fidelity Award he received during the Bar's Dec. 5 Annual Meeting with Noel Turner of First Union Bank, one of the presenters of the award.

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