

BAR REPORTER

Chirls to Outline Agenda for 2005 as He Becomes Bar's 78th Chancellor

by Daniel A. Cirucci

You might say that Andrew A. Chirls, the Philadelphia Bar Association's 78th Chancellor, is a person of two different worlds.

One part of him seems to seek order and structure. Another actively embraces the dynamics of change, growth and even upheaval. One part is comfortable in the world of those who have "made it": partners, leaders, insiders. But another reaches out to those who struggle for acceptance and a real seat at the table.

For some, these two traits might appear to be at odds with one another. But in Chirls they achieve harmony.

Born in Newark, N.J., and educated in public schools, Chirls came to Philadelphia to attend the University of Pennsylvania where he majored in architecture and environmental design. Long fascinated by the 1960 film "Inherit the Wind," Chirls saw his true calling was not architecture and he turned to the law. In so doing, he still set out to pursue a profession that nonetheless combined structure and creativity, change and stability. At the University of California's Boalt Hall School of Law at Berkeley, Chirls met

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fellow student Larry Frankel and gained a life-partner along with his law degree. Andy and Larry have been together ever since, celebrating their 25th anniversary just last year.

After law school, Chirls returned to the Philadelphia area to serve as a law clerk to Judge Stanley Brotman of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey. In 1982 he joined Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen LLP as an associate in the litigation department. In 1989, Chirls became a partner in WolfBlock's business litigation practice group. Mentored by the likes of noted business litigation partners Frank Poul and Barry Schwartz, Chirls is today accomplished as both a commercial and a torts trial lawyer. He has been class counsel in securities litigation and has had a leading role in personal injury class actions. He has also

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Andrew A. Chirls

Four to Be Honored at Annual Meeting Dec. 7

by Jeff Lyons

Former Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Frank J. Montemuro Jr. will receive the Association's Wachovia Fidelity Award at the Association's Annual Meeting on Dec. 7. The Association will also present the Bar Medal to J. Clayton

Undercofler, former Chancellor Joseph H. Foster and posthumously to Judge William M. Marutani at the same event.

Justice Montemuro is a senior judge with the Pennsylvania Superior Court. He was appointed to the Court of Common Pleas in 1964 and was elected to a second 10-year term in 1975. In

1980, he was sworn in as a judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania by then-Gov. Dick Thornburgh. In 1983, he was elected to a 10-year term to the Superior Court. He was appointed to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court by Gov. Robert Casey in 1992. Justice

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New Web Site Won't Replace Personal Touch

by Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua

It's new. It's vivid. It's attractive and helpful and easy to use. It's the Philadelphia Bar Association's new Web site and, after more than a year in planning and design, it's coming in the spring of 2005.

Sophisticated new Web sites are not created overnight. It is a difficult and time-consuming endeavor. Numerous stakeholders have to be brought into the process and every aspect of the site has to be thoroughly considered and thought through. But if all of the right elements are included from the beginning the site usually gets off to a good start, proves to be useful and winds up having a reasonably long and effective life.

We're making sure that once our new Web site is up and operating there will be a lot of things you'll be able to do just by logging onto philadelphiabar.org. In many ways the new site will be a virtual bar association.

But there are some things we will never be able to do on a Web site. You can't shake someone's hand on a Web site. You can't have a real, live face-to-face conversation with someone on a Web site. You can't share the pride in a parent's eye in the success of a child nor the pain of an illness on a Web site. Yes, you can "meet" on the Web, but it's just not the same as meeting in

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real life.

That's one of the reasons why the Philadelphia Bar Association still has a Chancellor's Reception every January and why I know that my very able successor Andy Chirls will have a great time greeting a huge throng of friends and colleagues on Jan. 6. Imagine a virtual Chancellor's Reception conducted over the Internet. Efficient perhaps, but cold and heartless. Surely, it wouldn't work and isn't something we would want to try. And by the way, the food and drink wouldn't be nearly as good.

This year we've made a special effort to bring as many people together, live and in person, as often as we can. So, on any given day, our conference rooms at Bar headquarters are filled with members and meetings and camaraderie. And countless Bar Association and Bar-related meetings

Pennsylvania arising from discrimination based on AIDS or HIV status.

At the Philadelphia Bar Association, Chirls has served as chair of the Board of Governors in 2000 and on the Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention. He was elected Vice Chancellor of the Association in 2002. He served in that role in 2003 and is now completing his term as Chancellor-Elect.

Looking forward to his term as Chancellor in 2005, Chirls has tapped outreach to immigrant and non-English-speaking communities as a top priority. He's determined to use the law and the justice system to reach across language and other barriers to empower those who may feel marginalized. He's motivated not just to do the "right

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are held at other sites throughout the city. As Chancellor I've taken a special interest this year in our meetings and events. I wanted them not only to be well attended but also to be a reflection of the diversity of our Association. I wanted participants to come away from Bar meetings or sessions feeling connected to colleagues, to the profession and to the Association.

I think you can make a big difference when you meet with people face-to-face.

Dialogue is important but human contact is even more important. It helps to increase understanding among individuals and groups.

So, I've made it a point to invite people from outside our usual circle of colleagues to our quarterly meetings and other Bar events. They have included our local and statewide political leaders and the leaders of the many constituent groups that support the Bar Association. It's important that we hear from many different sectors and points of view. In addition, this year your Bar Association leaders have

conducted countless in-person meetings with local, regional, state and even national officials. Some of these sessions have been informal and more social in nature. Some have been more formal and business related. Some have been a combination of both. But all have been important. Certainly, one of the major issues that we have tackled in this manner has been city tax policy and the region's economic vitality. I hope that those who are in a position to develop and alter public policy now have a better understanding of our views in this area. But just as critical is the fact that they now know who we are and why we feel the way we do. They have a better sense of us as real, live citizens, employers, pro-

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tried a wide array of commercial cases including those involving acquisition of land for major public projects, employment issues and disputes over religious property.

Dating back to law school at Berkeley, Chirls worked on gay rights cases and encouraged Boalt to ferret out discrimination against sexual minorities. In 1990 he became the first openly gay member of the Philadelphia Human Relations Commission.

Later, after becoming involved in the Philadelphia Bar Association, he was instrumental in establishing the Association's Committee on the Legal Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men and he led an effort to get the 25 largest firms to endorse a model non-discrimination policy that includes lesbians and gay men.

He has also served on the national board of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund for six years and has considerable experience in Pennsylvania and New Jersey in age and gender discrimination claims.

He successfully tried, for the plaintiff, the first case presented to a jury in

thing" and make a practical, positive difference in the lives of others, but also to help the city to grow and prosper.

In a shrinking world he sees a Philadelphia that is more international and connected to every corner of the globe.

A resident of Center City, Chirls has also served as general counsel and a member of the board of the Prince Music Theater and is a world traveler, avid bird watcher, jazz aficionado, baseball fan, voracious reader and pianist.

Come hear Andrew Chirls as he outlines his plans for 2005 at our Annual Meeting and Luncheon on Dec. 7 at noon at the Park Hyatt at the Bellevue. Tickets can be purchased online at www.philadelphiabar.org.

Legal Community Invited to Chancellor's Reception Jan. 6

All members of the Philadelphia legal community are cordially invited to attend a free reception in honor of Andrew A. Chirls, 78th Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association. The event will be held on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets. RSVP is not required.

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United Way's Martinez Talks of New Challenges

by Joseph A. Sullivan

Alba Martinez, named this summer as the new president and CEO of United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania, spoke at the November meeting of the Delivery of Legal Services Committee (DLSC) about her first 100 days at the helm of the largest health and human services organization in the Delaware Valley.

Martinez talked not only about United Way's plans to develop more effective strategies to fight problems such as domestic violence, abuse and neglect and the plight of the disabled and elderly, but also of the need to build stronger partnerships for change.

Martinez ascended to United Way's top post in June, after nearly three-and-a-half years of service as commissioner of the city's Department of Human Services (DHS). Martinez noted that one of her proudest accomplishments at DHS was her focus on achieving greater permanency for children. As commissioner, she spearheaded SPLC, a new subsidized permanent legal custodian project through which 240 children (most of whom had been

in foster care for many years) achieved a permanent home. In that same period, DHS also facilitated a record number of adoptions.

To many DLSC members, Martinez's arrival seemed like a homecoming. Martinez, who was born and raised in Puerto Rico and attended law school at Georgetown University, first came to Philadelphia in 1985, where she began a career of public service as a lawyer at Community Legal Services. In 1991, she became executive director of Congreso de Latinos Unidos, and helped to build it into a multi-level social services agency and forceful voice for Latinos in Philadelphia. In 2000, she was named by Mayor John F. Street as DHS commissioner and was quickly recognized as a reformer.

At the meeting, DLSC leaders noted that there were many parallels between the work of United Way and DLSC-member public interest and legal services organizations. These include a commitment to the poorest and most vulnerable of our neighbors, the regular use of partnerships, a holistic approach to complex problems, and efforts to develop long-term strategies to ad-



Photo by Jeff Lyons

Before taking over as president and CEO of United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Alba Martinez was Philadelphia Commissioner of the Department of Human Services. In the background is Delivery of Legal Services Committee Co-Chair Joseph A. Sullivan.

dress them. Louis Rulli, clinical professor at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, noted that one key focus of United Way is strengthening communities - a natural fit for many DLSC organizations. Robert Schwartz of the Juvenile Law Center and Janet Stotland of the Education Law Center raised issues about how to better measure outcomes of the work of nonprofits, and how United Way and DLSC can work more collaboratively on policy issues of common concern.

Other critical issues that were discussed include use of United Way's Donor Choice option and membership by DLSC agencies in United Way. At Martinez' suggestion, DLSC will invite a member of United Way's Public Policy Committee to a meeting in the near future to address common priorities and potential collaborations.

Joseph A. Sullivan, a partner at Pepper Hamilton LLP, is co-chair of the Public Interest Section's Delivery of Legal Services Committee. He is counsel to the Association, and a member of its Board of Governors.



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Montemuro was appointed as a Superior Court senior judge in 1994.

Foster was Chancellor of the Association in 1981. A partner at White and Williams LLP, he is former president of the Pennsylvania Defense Institute, a frequent lecturer in trial tactics, and is the present vice chair of the Supreme Court Rules Committee. He is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Undercofler, a partner at Saul Ewing LLP, was an assistant United States attorney, a position he held from 1969 to 1976. He has also served as a visiting professor at Villanova University Law School and was Chairman of the Board of Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority from 1988 to 1993.

As an attorney, Judge Marutani participated in the civil rights drives in the South and helped organize the 1963 Civil Rights March on Washington for the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL). From 1960 to 1970, he served as national legal counsel to the JACL, during which time he also served as a volunteer civil rights lawyer in cases desegregating Louisiana schools and promoting voter registration drives in Mississippi. In 1967, Judge Marutani appeared on behalf of the JACL before the

U.S. Supreme Court to present oral argument in *Loving v. Virginia*, a seminal case that struck down anti-miscegenation laws in 17 states.

In 1975, Judge Marutani was appointed to the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, making him the first Asian American outside of the West Coast to preside as judge of a court of general jurisdiction. He was elected for a full 10-year term in 1977.

The Wachovia Fidelity Award is presented annually by the Association to an individual who has made significant accomplishments in improving the administration of justice. Previous recipients include Gerald A. McHugh Jr., Joseph A. Torregrossa, Andre L. Dennis, William H. Ewing, David Sykes, Robert C. Heim, Barbara Sicalides and Lawrence J. Fox.

The Bar Medal is given at the discretion of the Chancellor and only when it is felt that someone has contributed to the justice system and/or the community in a manner that is sustained, extraordinary and worthy of emulation.

Previous Bar Medal recipients have included U.S. District Court Judge Charles R. Weiner, former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge, former mayor and current Pennsylvania Gov. Edward G. Rendell, the late Judge A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. and former Chancellor Harold Cramer.

Real Property Section Annual Meeting



Mark Schwartz, executive director of Regional Housing Legal Services, (above) accepts the Real Property Section's Good Deed Award at the Section's Nov. 17 annual meeting from Section Chair Laura A. Fox. Paul C. Levy (right), executive director of the Center City District, delivers the keynote address at the meeting, held at Loews Philadelphia Hotel. More than 300 people attended the event.



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Dalton Unopposed for Vice Chancellor

Jane Leslie Dalton, a partner at Duane Morris LLP and chair of the Board of Governors in 2003, is the lone candidate for Vice Chancellor in this year's Bar elections.

Dalton will serve as Chancellor in 2007 after serving as Chancellor-Elect in 2006 and Vice Chancellor in 2005.

Dalton, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, has served in a variety of leadership positions within the Association. She was elected to the Board of Governors in 2001 and served through this year. She was chair of the 2003 Thanksgiving Breakfast and was chair of the 2003 Personnel Committee. Dalton was co-chair of the Human Resource Committee of the Business Law Section from 2001 to 2003 and received the Business Law Section's Committee Chair of the Year Award in 2001. She was co-chair of the Strategic Planning Committee in 2002 and was co-chair of the Committee on Women in the Profession from 1999 to 2000. She also has served on the Pro

Bono Awards Committee.

Dalton has also been active with the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, where she has been a member since 1994. She is the current chair of the Foundation's Fund-raising Committee. She is a member of the Foundation's Finance and Grants Committees as well as the Andrew Hamilton Circle.

She was chair of the city's Police Advisory Commission from 1994 to 2000 and has been a Board member with the Support Center for Child Advocates (1980-1992) and served as a volunteer from 1976 to 1980. Dalton also has served as a judge pro tem for the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas and as a mediator for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Dalton was commissioned by Pennsylvania Gov. Edward G. Rendell as a member of the Judicial Council of Pennsylvania in 2003. She also received a citation from Philadelphia Mayor John F. Street for accomplishments as

chair of the Police Advisory Commission in 2000.

"As Vice Chancellor, I welcome the opportunity to serve the 12,000 diverse members with my leadership skills and my experience. I will vigorously defend against attacks on our profession and endeavor to convince the attackers that their arrows are directed at the wrong target. I will also steadfastly support and defend the independence of the judiciary," Dalton said.

She also plans to strengthen the relationships between the Association and the Philadelphia business community to improve the business climate in Philadelphia and continue the efforts to reduce the city wage tax and eliminate the business privilege tax.

In the area of pro bono legal services, Dalton said "Philadelphia's programs for legal services for the indigent are exemplary, but more remains to be done to assure access to justice for all."

Dalton said she will develop a program to reduce interest on educational



Jane Leslie Dalton

loans for lawyers in public service and will "expand and facilitate the provision of services to all our members, especially through technology."

Line Offices Uncontested in Association Election

This year, all candidates for Bar line offices are unopposed. The candidates are John E. Savoth, secretary; Kathleen D. Wilkinson, assistant secretary; Mary F. Platt, treasurer; and Scott F. Cooper, assistant treasurer.

John E. Savoth is a partner in the Law Firm of Fedullo & Savoth and a graduate of Widener University School of Law. He was chair of the Board of Governors in 1997 and vice chair in 1996. He served on the Board of Governors from 1995 to 1998 and chaired the Association's Professional Responsibility Committee in 1999. Savoth was a Philadelphia Bar Foundation trustee



Savoth

from 1994 to 1996 and was chair of the Young Lawyers Division in 1993.

He was on the board of directors of the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association (from 1991 to 1996) and the Homeless Advocacy Project (from 1991



Wilkinson



Platt

to 1996). Savoth is a member of the Pennsylvania and American Trial Lawyers Associations as well as the American Bar Association. He was a hearing committee member of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme



Cooper

Court of Pennsylvania from 1991 to 1997. He was chair of the Hearing Committee 1.10 from 1996 to 1997.

Kathleen D. Wilkinson, a partner with Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker, LLP, is a graduate of Villanova University School of Law and president of the J. Willard O'Brien Inn of Court.

She has served as a member of the Board of Governors (from 2000 to 2003). She was co-chair of the Women in the Profession Committee in 1998 and 1999. She is currently co-chair of the State Civil Litigation Committee.

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Philadelphia Bar Association Annual Meeting Luncheon

Tuesday, December 7 at Noon at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue, Broad and Walnut Streets

- Featuring Chancellor-Elect Andrew A. Chirls' address to Bar membership
- Presentation of the Wachovia Fidelity Award to Justice Frank J. Montemuro

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Judy F. Berkman

Professional Background:

Managing Attorney, Regional Housing Legal Services; Boston University Law School.

Association Activities:

Member, Board of Governors (Public Interest Section representative, 2004); Chair, Women's Rights Committee (2004); Public Interest Section Executive Committee; Delivery of Legal Services Committee; Committee to Promote Fairness in the Justice System; Special Committee Regarding the Supreme Court Racial and Gender Bias Report; Real Property Section; Business Law Section; Women in the Profession Committee.

Other Activities:

Chair, Tangled Title Advisory Committee (HomeSMART vacancy prevention and Tangled Title projects); Member, Steering Committee (Philadelphia LawWorks); Member, Pennsylvania Bar Association/PCSTJ Joint Task Force to Ensure Gender Fairness in the Courts (1993-2001); Member, Pennsylvania Bar Association, Commission on Women in the Profession; Civil and Equal Rights Committee (Co-Vice Chair 1995); American Bar Association: Affordable Housing Forum; Member, Board of Directors, Living Beyond Breast Cancer.

Candidate's Statement:

I will be a strong proponent for Board resolutions to protect all civil rights. I will also advocate efforts to promote fairness in the justice system, as well as to preserve and expand legal services for persons in need, with the help of volunteer attorneys. The Bar should also focus on new resources for attorneys pressured by the increasing demands of the "law business," including balancing work and life.

Since 1973, I have worked actively on several Association committees, and currently serve as the Public Interest Section representative to the Board of Governors and as chair of the Women's Rights Committee. My experience in the Association, legal services organizations and the private bar has honed my ability to identify problems and create innovative solutions. My success includes the formation of task forces to eliminate bias in the courts, the "Tangled Title" program, Philadelphia

LawWorks and trainings on domestic violence victims facing eviction.

Gregory F. Cirillo

Professional Background:

Partner, Dilworth Paxson LLP; Villanova Law School, J.D. 1986.

Association Activities:

Former Executive Committee Member of the Young Lawyers Division; member, Professional Responsibility, State Civil Committees.

Other Activities:

Member, Board of Governors of The Justinian Society; Member, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and American Trial Lawyers Associations; Co-Chair of the Finance Committee of the Lower Merion and Narberth Republicans.

Candidate's Statement:

I have practiced law at Dilworth Paxson LLP since 1986 as a civil and commercial litigator. I am serving on Dilworth's executive committee where I have gained valuable management experience. At this stage of my career, I believe that I am in a position to offer the Bar Association keen leadership and dedicated service. I have a strong sense of commitment to the legal profession's development and the community we ultimately serve.

I believe there must be a stronger commitment among lawyers to foster a cooperative, congenial, and professional culture. If elected, I will address the issues facing younger attorneys, minorities, women, and all of those with different viewpoints in order to work toward a greater social justice. I will support the Bar Association's service-oriented programs to advance the profession as well as the perception of the profession.

I ask you to elect me to serve on the Board of Governors so that I may contribute my ideas, energy, and hard work to the advancement of our profession.

Jeffrey L. Dashevsky

Professional Background:

Associate, Dashevsky, Horwitz, DiSandro, Kuhn & Novello, P.C.; Widener University School of Law.

Association Activities:

Chair, Compulsory Arbitration Committee; Chair, Caucus Five of the

Standing Committees for the Nominating Committee; of the Executive Board and Board of Governors; Team Investigator, Judicial Selection and Retention Committee; Charter Member, YLD Hamilton Circle; Member, Professional Responsibility Committee, State Civil Rules Committee; Legislative Liaison Committee.

Other Activities:

Member, Pennsylvania Bar Association House of Delegates; Member, Philadelphia VIP Resource Development Committee; Volunteer, Philadelphia VIP's Annual Family Fun Festival; Member, Justice Lodge of B'Nai Brith, Golden Slipper Charity Organization and Joshua Kahan Pediatric Leukemia Organization.

Candidate's Statement:

Throughout my career, I have strived to uphold the great tradition of the Philadelphia lawyer by remaining steadfast in my goal to serve our profession and the public by promoting justice, professional excellence and respect for the rule of law. My commitment to leadership in our Bar Association should already be evident from the confidence our Chancellors have had in my above-listed Committee appointments. I was recently humbled by American Lawyer Media's recognition of my professional and civic accomplishments with their coveted "Lawyers on the Fast Track" award. I recently accepted the Chancellor's Award for leadership in my firm in routinely accepting appointments of pro bono matters and supporting legal services and public interest organizations in our community. In governing our Association, I will commit the same energy that has consistently distinguished my career achievements to contribute to its legacy with progress to strengthen our community and to contribute to our City's greatness.

Jeffrey B. McCarron

Professional Background:

Partner, Swartz Campbell LLC; Temple University Beasley School of Law.

Association Activities:

Co-Chair, Professional Responsibility Committee (2004); Member, State Civil Committee.

Other Activities:

Member, Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel; Brehon Law Society, Louis Brandeis Law Society; Co-Vice Chair, Pennsylvania Bar Association Professional Liability Committee.

Candidate's Statement:

We are facing an era of new regulations and rules governing and affecting legal practice. My experience and involvement with professional liability litigation, professional responsibility issues, committee work and law firm management qualify me to address the issues and challenges the Association will face. I know and understand the issues that confront lawyers in their professional settings. My work as co-chair of the Professional Responsibility Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association, co-vice chair of the Professional Liability Committee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, partner and manager of a multi-state law firm, and chair of the Professional Liability Group of the firm all include meaningful experience from which I will draw to serve the Association and influence events important to its members. I will advance the interests of lawyers, and work to minimize constraints that impair the business of law, access to justice and legal practice.

Matthew Perks

Professional Background:

Assistant District Attorney, Philadelphia District Attorney's Office; Villanova University School of Law.

Association Activities:

Member, Board of Governors (2004); Chair, Criminal Justice Section (2003).

Other Activities:

Member, Pennsylvania and National District Attorneys Associations; President, Dorchester Building Council; Treasurer, First Baptist Church of Philadelphia.

Candidate's Statement:

The Bar Association provides an opportunity for lawyers to set aside the adversary system and work together to improve the justice system and the delivery of legal services. I have had experience in the criminal justice system of working cooperatively with other agencies on problems that affect everyone: the courts, Defender Assoc-

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iation, the Police Department and the Criminal Justice Section.

The Board of Governors is composed of individuals of diverse backgrounds and areas of practice. As a prosecutor and member of a government agency, I can bring a perspective that will add balance to the composition of the Board. I have consistently participated in the Criminal Justice Section's activities and can bring that commitment to the Bar Association as a whole.

Joseph A. Prim Jr.

Professional Background:

Partner, Duca and Prim; Boston University School of Law.

Association Activities:

Member, Board of Governors (Workers' Compensation Section Representative 2003); Co-Chair, Solo and Small Firm Committee (2001, 2002 and 2004); Co-Chair: Workers' Compensation Committee (1994); Treasurer, Workers' Compensation Section (1996 to present); Member, State Civil Committee (1980 to present); Workers' Compensation Section (1980 to present); Member, Strategic Planning Committee (2002); Member, Long Range Planning/Finance Committee (2003).

Other Activities:

Member, Pennsylvania Bar Association Civil Litigation Section, Workers' Compensation Section, Solo and Small Firm Practice Section; Member, House of Delegates; Member, American Bar Association, General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section, Law Practice Management Section, Litigation Section; Member, Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Associations; Charter Member, Friends of The Justinian Society; Supporter, Boston University School of Law Public Interest Project; Brehon Law Society; The Lawyers Club of Philadelphia; Charter Member, John Peter Zenger Law Society; The Union League, Member, House Committee; Chairman of Fitness Center; Member, Lincoln Table Management Committee; The Stagecrafters, Director, Producer, Actor, Past Member, Board of Directors; The Pennsylvania Society; The Philadelphia Zoo; Philadelphia Museum of Art; The Millay Club, Bishop Neumann High School Alumni Association; Volunteer, Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program; Smithsonian Associate; Patron, Riverbend; Lower Merion Conservancy; Bridlewild Trails; The Penn Club; The St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia.

Candidate's Statement:

I have been active with Bar Association and civic activities throughout my career. This year as co-chair of the Solo and Small Firm Com-

mittee and treasurer of the Workers' Compensation Section, I coordinated and moderated two CLE programs to bring the level of programming to committee members as is available to large-firm practitioners: the latter, a joint effort by that Section, the Social Security and Legal Rights of Persons with Disabilities Committees, Disability Law Project and Legal Clinic for the Disabled.

I believe that the public's understanding of the Code of Professional Conduct within which we operate will improve our image as attorneys. I will promote the interests of the membership to the Board, diversity training, and mentorship. I believe I have developed a reputation for integrity and fair dealing during my years at the Bar. I promise to feature those values in my work for the Bar Association.

Melissa A. Schwartz

Professional Background:

Associate, Naulty, Scaricamazza & McDevitt, Ltd., Widener University School of Law.

Association Activities:

Member, Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee (Chair, 2003); Charter Member, YLD Hamilton Circle; Member, Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention.

Other Activities:

Member, Congregation Or Ami Nursery School Fundraising Committee.

Candidate's Statement:

After serving on the Executive Committee and as chair of the YLD, I now wish to serve on the Board of Governors. During my tenure with the YLD, I have learned a great deal about the causes and concerns of both members of the organization and of the community as a whole.

As chair of the YLD, I championed the cause of pro-bono work. As an attorney I feel it is important to provide proper legal counsel to those people and organizations who cannot afford quality representation. It's important for firms and individuals to realize the power and responsibility with which we are entrusted. I take this trust very seriously.

I will bring a fresh perspective and vibrancy to the Philadelphia Bar and would be honored to serve on the Board of Governors of this prestigious organization.

Deborah Weinstein

Professional Background:

Founder and President, The Weinstein Firm; Temple University Beasley School of Law.

Association Activities:

Member, Board of Governors (2000-02); Member, Business Law Section Executive Committee (2002 to present);

The Philadelphia Lawyer Magazine Editorial Board Member and contributor (2002 to present); Founder and Chair, Business Law Section's Human Resources Committee (with Jane Dalton, 2000-02); Chair, Diversity Committee (2001); Chair, Labor and Employment Law Committee (1999); Chair, Committee on Women in the Profession (1996 to 1997). Numerous committee memberships over 13 years in the Association.

Other Activities:

Part-time lecturer, Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, Legal Studies Department (teaching employment law and legal studies courses) (1999 to 2004); Board Member, Anti-Defamation League (1995 to present); Chair, No Place for Hate Committee (2002 to 2003); Chair, World of Difference Committee (2003 to present); Board Member, AIDS Law Project (1993 to 1996); Member, Pennsylvania Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession (1996-present); Pennsylvania "Super Lawyer" (2004); Pennsylvania's "Best 50 Women in Business" (1999). More than 35 CLE presentations for PBI including developing first courses on the Diversity for Law Firms and Legal Departments, the FMLA, Mental Disabilities and the ADA and Managing Your Legal Workforce.

Candidate's Statement:

In the years ahead, the Association will face many challenges. Excellent leadership, integrity and vision will be critical to our ability to meet these challenges successfully. The Association must safeguard our integrity and professionalism in the face of pressing business imperatives. It must use technology to facilitate our virtual participation through its Web site, list serves and related means. We must reach out to other bar associations to collaborate and partner in our efforts. We must continue to lead efforts to promote advancement and full participation in our profession of minority and women attorneys. We must be ever mindful of our responsibility to keep the doors of justice open to all through pro bono

legal services, and to mentor young lawyers to achieve success. I have proven my ability as an Association leader, have the vision and integrity the Association needs to meet these challenges and the willingness and desire to serve the profession.

Eric G. Zajac

Professional Background:

Partner, Eisenberg, Rothweiler, Schleifer, Weinstein & Winkler, P.C.; Villanova University School of Law.

Association Activities:

Former member, Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee; Member, Federal Courts Committee; Active Participant, Teen Court.

Other Activities:

Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program; Co-Chairperson, Old First U.C.C. Stewardship and Finance Committee; Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association; Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association.

Candidate's Statement:

I am excited about the possibility of joining the Board of Governors, where I would continue to work hard advocating issues important to all lawyers.

My firm has been very active in pro bono work and has received the Justice Brennan Award several times. I have been personally committed to Philadelphia VIP for more than 10 years.

I recently completed a term with the YLD Executive Committee, where I was active with the Lawyer in the Classroom Program and the Teen Court Program, among others. I have continued to support the YLD's programs and events. I also remain involved in the Communities in Schools Program, for which I recently received recognition for outstanding service.

If I have the honor of being elected, I will not only speak to the issues already facing the Association, but will also work hard to address other important issues challenging our profession and its members.

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Ryan

Jeremy-Evan Alva

Professional Background:

Assistant Public Defender, Defender Association of Philadelphia; Temple University Beasley School of Law.

Candidate's Statement:

I will bring a voice to the YLD that has not been heard before. My diverse experiences as a race relations major and a public defender will enhance the YLD. I represent people who have a silent voice in our judicial system. It is imperative that someone speaks for them. As a member of the YLD's Executive Committee I would represent the legal community and also help to ensure that a silent voice will be heard.

Harper J. Dimmerman

Professional Background:

Principal, Law Offices of Harper J. Dimmerman; University of Miami Law School.

Activities:

Member, Japanese-American Society of Philadelphia, International Visitors Council of Philadelphia.

Candidate's Statement:

As a plaintiff's lawyer and member of a small firm and real estate company, I believe that my professional experience will enhance my contribution to the Committee. Additionally, as I have been active with the Bar Association over the past year, I have gained insight into the goals and aims of that organization.

Claudine Homolash

Professional Background:

Associate, Anderson Kill & Olick, P.C.; Villanova University School of Law.

Activities:

Member, Pennsylvania Bar Association, Saint Joseph's University Law Alumni Association. Volunteer, Alzheimer's Association.

Candidate's Statement:

As an alum of St. Joseph's University and Villanova University School of Law, and a Philadelphia resident, I have a vested interest in working to strengthen the relationship between the Philadelphia community and the young lawyers who practice in it. Practicing insurance recovery, I uti-

lize my efforts to assist local business with corporate and insurance matters. If elected, I intend to use my Philadelphia ties and legal experience to better serve the members of the YLD and the citizens, groups and business in the community in which we work. I look forward to working with my fellow members of the bar to accomplish our goals.

Scott R. Jones

Professional Background:

Associate, Pepper Hamilton LLP; New York University School of Law.

Activities:

Member, Young Friends of LaSalle, American and Pennsylvania Bar Associations.

Candidate's Statement:

My practice concentrates on mergers and acquisitions, securities matters and general corporate representation. As a corporate attorney, I believe that I would bring a different perspective to the Executive Committee that would help us attract and retain the support of the many corporate and other non-litigation-focused attorneys in the city.

Personally, I have volunteered for many community-based activities including Habitat for the Homeless, Young Friends of LaSalle Academy and the American Red Cross. I intend to continue my participation in community-based activities while a member of the YLD Executive Committee.

Kristin Kenny

Professional Background:

Associate, Eizen Fineburg & McCarthy, P.C.; Temple University Beasley School of Law.

Activities:

Member, American Association of Attorney-Certified Public Accountants Foundation.

Candidate's Statement:

I have held several positions over the past several years evidencing my commitment to the city and the legal community. I was managing editor of Temple Political and Civil Rights Law Review and I was a member of the Admissions Committee and the SBA. Before attending law school, I worked at PriceWaterhouseCoopers where I participated in Junior Achievement and

assisted with recruiting. Additionally, I chaired the reunion committee for the St. Joseph's University Class of 1998. As an Executive Committee member, I will continue to serve the community and work to bring the YLD members closer with the community and each other.

Pauline J. Manos

Professional Background:

Associate, Feldman & Pinto; Penn State Dickinson School of Law.

Activities:

Board of Directors, American Hellenic Lawyers Association; Member, Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association.

Candidate's Statement:

I have been a member of the Philadelphia Bar Association since I passed the Bar. I would very much appreciate the opportunity to make a contribution of my work and time to my profession as a member of the YLD Executive Committee. I am supportive

of programs that teach young lawyers the practical side of being a lawyer, encourage the ethics in practice and foster treating adversaries (and of course, the court) with fairness and professional respect. I have been on the Board of Directors of the American Hellenic Lawyers Association for more than two years where I assist in organizing events honoring accomplished Greek-American professionals and educating Greek-American lawyers on a variety of topics. I have also been a member of the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association for two years and have participated in telephone drives, fund-raising and the organizational efforts to protect victims' rights in Pennsylvania.

Daniel T.J. McKenna

Professional Background:

Associate, Haines & Associates;

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About the Candidates

These nine candidates seek election to seven seats on the Young Lawyers Division (YLD) Executive Committee in the Association's Annual Election on Dec. 7. Committee members serve three-year terms. Those candidates who receive the seven highest vote totals in the election will fill the positions. Published here is information submitted by the candidates, who were invited to outline their professional background and provide a short statement. All candidates are members in good standing of the Philadelphia Bar Association and the YLD.

Election Notice

Candidates For YLD Executive Committee

Balloting for members of the Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Ballroom Level of the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets. The YLD election will be held concurrent with the Association's Annual Election of officers and members of the Board of Governors.

This year, nine candidates are seeking election to seven seats available on the Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee. Committee members serve three-year terms.

Candidates for Office

Jeremy-Evan Alva	Scott R. Jones	Daniel T.J. McKenna
Harper J. Dimmerman	Kristin Kenny	John G. Papianou
Claudine Homolash	Pauline J. Manos	Matthew M. Ryan

Note: Only members in good standing of the Association's Young Lawyers Division may cast votes in this election. Attorneys are members of the Division if (1) they have not yet reached or reached in 2004 the age of 37, or (2) they have not yet reached or reached in 2004 the third anniversary of their first admission to the bar of any state.

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Temple University Beasley School of Law.

Activities:

Member, Temple Law Alumni Association, Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Candidate's Statement:

As a board member of the Temple Law Alumni Association, former president of Temple's SBA and a Big Brother for TNT, I have developed relationships with people throughout Philadelphia who have demonstrated an interest in strengthening bonds with our city's young lawyers. As an Executive Committee member of the YLD, I intend to foster those relationships and assist my fellow committee members in

providing our community with the caliber of events, programs and community service opportunities that we have to come to expect from the YLD. Thank you for your consideration.

John G. Papianou

Professional Background:

Associate, Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP; University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Activities:

Member, American Hellenic Lawyers Association, American Bar Association Section of Litigation.

My candidacy for a position on the Executive Committee of the Young Lawyers Division is keyed to my strong interest in serving the legal and local communities in Philadelphia. As a

member of the bar, I believe that we have a responsibility to help those in need, and toward that end I have represented numerous pro bono clients. Beyond the legal arena, I am an active participant in an effort to revitalize the South of South Street neighborhood as a member of SOSNA, and I have worked diligently to foster relationships between local politicians and Philadelphia's young lawyers.

Matthew M. Ryan

Professional Background:

Associate, Duane Morris LLP; University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Activities:

Associate, American Inns of Court (University of Pennsylvania Chapter); Member, American, Pennsylvania Bar

Associations.

Candidate's Statement:

As a clerk and through the American Inns of Court, I have learned the importance of scholarship and fellowship in the legal community. I would welcome the opportunity to participate in the development of the city's young lawyers through educational and service programs, empowering YLD members to become better advocates and counselors. Also, I would continue to instill that same sense of scholarship and fellowship in the neighborhood at large, whether through the People's Law School, the mock trial or the law school outreach programs, expanding the YLD's outreach community involvement wherever possible, empowering each YLD member to become a better neighbor as well.

Bar to Elect Officers, Board Members

The Philadelphia Bar Association's Annual Election of officers and members of the Board of Governors will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Ballroom Level of the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets. Officers to be elected are Vice Chancellor, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer and five members of the Board of Governors for three-year terms.

According to Article IV, Section 406, Paragraph B, "The election shall be by (1) secret mailed ballot and (2) paper ballot or voting machine. In addition, Members may vote electronically over the Internet to the extent permitted by law pursuant to procedures established by the Board to preserve the confidentiality of the Member's vote and the integrity of the voting process. Voting machines, if available, shall be preferred for in-person voting, unless there is an election at which there is no contest. The position of the nominee on the ballot shall be determined by lot. The drawing of lots shall be conducted by the Judge of Elections not less than 25 days before the Annual Meeting in the presence of the nominees and/or their representatives. The form of the ballot shall be prescribed by the Board. A ballot shall be sent by the Association by mail to every Association member eligible to vote at least two weeks prior to the date set for the Annual Meeting. A mailed ballot shall not be counted unless it has been received at the office of the Association no later than 10:00 a.m. three business days prior to the date set for the Annual Meeting and in such manner as to preserve the confidentiality of the Member's vote. The Judge of Elections shall count the mailed ballots after the polls have been closed."

Candidates for Office

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Wilkinson also participated in forming, and then presenting on behalf of the Association, the first Ruth Bader Ginsburg Legal Writing Competition Award in the presence of Justices Ginsburg and O'Connor in October 2003.

Wilkinson is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, The Defense Research Institute, NAFE/"The Council," The Insurance Women of the Main Line/Legislation Committee and the Forum of Executive Women.

Mary F. Platt is a partner and vice chair of the Litigation Department at Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP and is treasurer of the Association. She received her J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center in 1979.

She has been a member of the Board of Governors since 1999 and chaired the Federal Courts Committee in 2000. She was co-chair of the Women in the Profession Committee in 1997 and 1998 and has been a member of the Nominating Committee, Brennan Award Committee and Sandra Day O'Connor Award Committee. She has been a member of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation's Andrew Hamilton Circle since 1999.

Platt served as a volunteer with the Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program from 1998 to 1999 and

again in 2001. She has been a trustee with the Women's Law Project since 1997 and was co-chair of Womens Way Corporate Campaign from 1995 to 1997.

She is also a judge pro tem, Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia, a mediator for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and a member of the Forum of Executive Women.

Scott F. Cooper is a partner in the Labor and Employment Department at Blank Rome LLP and is a 1992 graduate of the Temple University Beasley School of Law.

Within the Bar Association, he is currently co-chair of the Chancellor's Task Force on Legal Education and the Labor and Employment Law Committee. He was a member of the Board of Governors from 1998 to 2001 and was a member of the Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee from 1996 to 1998. He was the YLD's treasurer from 1997 to 1998 and financial secretary from 1996 to 1998. He was a member of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation Golf Committee in 1998 and 2001.

Outside the Association, Cooper is a member of the American Bar Association, Pyramid Club Board of Governors, Temple Inn of Court (1995 to 1996) and the Multiple Sclerosis Leadership Class of 1996.

Cooper is also a court-certified arbitrator for the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas and is a member of the Temple University Beasley School of Law Alumni/ae Executive Committee.

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Minorities in the Profession Committee

Judges Offer Practice Tips, Discuss Paths to Bench

by Stacey Z. Jumper

The one thing attorneys must do before entering any courtroom is "be prepared," a panel of judges told members of the Minorities in the Profession Committee at a recent meeting.

Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judges Nitza I. Quinones Alejandro, Elizabeth Jackson and Lillian Harris Ransom also discussed what led to their careers on the bench.

Judge Ransom, who was elected to the Philadelphia Court of Common

Pleas in 1995, spoke about what a "rare privilege" it is to be able to make an impact on people's lives through her position as a judge in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. She has been driven by her mission to "do whatever I could to make people's lives better." In following this mission, Judge Ransom directed a model court program for seven years in the family court division that implemented complete system changes for dependency cases, a model which has been followed throughout the country.



Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judges Nitza I. Quinones Alejandro, Elizabeth Jackson and Lillian Harris Ransom discuss their experiences as judges.

Judge Jackson, who was appointed to her position on the Court of Common Pleas in 2001 and was elected to the position later that year, gave insight into her 30 years with the Family Court system in Philadelphia. Judge Jackson began her career in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Family Division working in the probation department during the day while she went to law school at night. Upon graduation, she spent time as a master in the juvenile branch reviewing DHS matters before moving to the support master's unit where she eventually became chief support master. Judge Jackson now sits on the bench of the Family Division, where she utilizes the technology available to her to formulate questions regarding prior records of a party in order to make the best decisions in her cases.

Judge Quinones Alejandro, who, in 1991, was the first Hispanic woman elected as a judge to the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, spoke about her transition from a federal government position to an elected position on the Court of Common Pleas. Judge

Quinones Alejandro moved to Philadelphia from Puerto Rico upon graduation from law school, and eventually became an attorney for the Veterans Administration where she worked for 12 years prior to becoming a judge. In order to run for a position on the Court of Common Pleas, Judge Quinones Alejandro resigned her position with the federal government to lead a full-time campaign. Despite words of discouragement and the fact that she was not sponsored by any party or ward leader, she was able to obtain the position, which she has held for the past 13 years. It was during her campaign that she developed the "thick skin" necessary in the judicial profession, she said.

During this discussion, these three women encouraged attorneys to become active in their communities and share their skills and interests with others, especially if an attorney is interested in running for a judicial position some day.

Stacey Z. Jumper, an associate with Post & Schell, P.C., is an associate editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.

Philadelphia Bar Association Budget for 2005

Sources of Funds

Membership Dues	\$1,967,681
Lawyer Referral Service	371,450
Committee Programs	13,000
Publications	325,000
Interest and Dividends	12,250
Royalty Income	453,333
Management Fee	10,000
Special Events	221,500
YLD Program	8,000
Outside Groups	100,000
Other Income (including catering and reproduction costs)	113,000
Total Funds	\$3,595,214

Application of Funds

Program Services

Lawyer Referral	373,118
Committee Activities	35,000
Meeting Services and Special Events	344,000
Communications	88,034
Contributions	131,000
Legal Services	7,150
Publications	35,807
Member Services	105,772
Executive	208,658
Finance and Administration	194,685
YLD Program	58,000
Overhead	236,255
Total Program Services	\$1,817,479

Support Services

Salaries	1,277,433
Benefits	413,941
Stationery, Postage and Office Expense	85,850
Total Support Services	\$1,777,224

Total Application of Funds **\$3,594,703**
Net of All Activities **\$511**

Board OKs \$3.59M Budget

The Board of Governors has approved the Association's \$3,595,214 budget for 2005. The budget, approved at the Board's Oct. 29 meeting, represents a 1.2 percent increase over the 2004 spending plan.

The budget includes a 5 percent increase in Association dues.

"The budget reflects our devotion to effective use of our dues through efficiencies in the way we communicate with our members and the public," said Chancellor-Elect Andrew A. Chirls.

"We will have a lot of interesting

new projects to unveil as the new year approaches, and one of the positive features of them is that they will not cost a lot of money. So we are basically prepared to spend what we have spent in recent years, but to do even more for our members," he said.

The 2005 budget also includes funds for the five-year survey of Bar members and the bi-annual survey of the Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention. Funding for a 2005 Bench-Bar Conference has also been included in the spending plan.

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Hundreds Gather at Borgata for Bench-Bar



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Chancellor Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua greets Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham (left) and Supreme Court Justice Sandra Schultz Newman at the Closing Luncheon.

by Jeff Lyons and Mark A. Tarasiewicz

Nearly 500 attorneys and judges gathered for a weekend of education and camaraderie as the Association held its 40th Bench-Bar Conference at the Borgata Casino Hotel & Spa in Atlantic City on Nov. 5 and 6.

It was the first Bench-Bar Conference in Atlantic City in 17 years and featured more than 100 state and city judges, many of whom served as speakers and panelists on CLE programs. Pennsylvania Supreme Court Chief Justice Ralph J. Cappy and other judicial leaders addressed the Conference at the Opening Luncheon, while Supreme Court Justice Sandra Schultz Newman and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham offered remarks at the Closing Luncheon.

"It was tremendously satisfying and enjoyable to see the 100-plus members of the judiciary in an informal and col-

legial atmosphere with so many of my colleagues from the bar," said Jeffrey M. Lindy, chair of the Bench-Bar Conference.

"We've talked about civility in the Bar Association for as long as I can remember, but civility doesn't happen through executive fiat or well-meaning platitudes. Civility comes about through constant interaction of all the different participants in our legal system, which includes lawyers from both sides and judges. It's very hard to be unprofessional with someone when you've broken bread with them," he said. "That's one of the things that the Bench-Bar is all about."

There were 18 CLE courses available and attendees could receive as many as 6.5 CLE credits from the conference. "I made sure that I stopped in and spent 10 or 15 minutes in each CLE and the courses were just fantastic. I was riveted, learning from the experts in their



Photo by Mark A. Tarasiewicz

Pennsylvania Supreme Court Chief Justice Ralph J. Cappy listens to a question from the audience during the Opening Luncheon as Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas President Judge Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson looks on.

respective fields," Lindy said.

In his remarks at the Opening Luncheon, Justice Cappy called the Bench-Bar "an opportunity for the judges to come out of the reclusive nature of the job and mingle with the ranks. We can learn from you on how to make things better," he said.

Justice Cappy also lauded the turnaround of the First Judicial District over the past 10 years. "The First Judicial District has gone from one of the most troubled in the country to one of the best courts in the country. It is a truly unprecedented and remarkable turnaround," he said. "Everyone deserves credit for this."

President Judge Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas followed Justice Cappy's comments, adding that "our courts are on a roll for justice. Our commitment in the Court of Common Pleas is to uphold and advance the cause of justice. We are interested in breaking down the barriers to justice."

Judge Massiah-Jackson said the judges of the First Judicial District reach out to the community and speak on both national and international forums. "Our judges are moving forward. We are dynamic members of the community," she said.

Philadelphia Municipal Court President Judge Louis A. Presentza said Municipal Court is the only court with which 90 percent of the people in Philadelphia will ever come into contact.

"We deal with between 200,000 and 225,000 cases each year," Judge Presentza said, making it among the five largest court systems in the nation.

He said he expects electronic case filing to be up and running by February 2005. "We will do whatever we have to do to make our court as effective as possible."

At the Closing Luncheon, Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham detailed many of the public

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Amended Professional Conduct Rules Explained by Expert Panel

By Jeff Lyons

The Pennsylvania Rules of Professional Conduct were amended to establish greater uniformity, Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Russell M. Nigro told a panel on Nov. 5 at the Association's Bench-Bar Conference.

Justice Nigro was joined on the panel by moderator Abraham C. Reich, former Chancellor of the Association; Thomas J. Elliott; Roberta D. Pichini; and Thomas G. Wilkinson.

"These rules are something we need to have. We want to send the right message to the public about the way we conduct business," Justice Nigro said.

Wilkinson said Pennsylvania has adopted the American Bar Association's model rules amendments. Forty-four states have now adopted the amendments, he said.

Reich and the panel presented a "Top 10" list, highlighting changes to the rules. Among the highlights:



Photo by Jeff Lyons

Panelists (from left) Abraham C. Reich, Thomas G. Wilkinson, Roberta D. Pichini, Thomas J. Elliott and Justice Russell M. Nigro discussed the amended Rules of Professional Conduct during the first day of the Bench-Bar Conference.

The definitions in Rule 1.0 have now become part of the rules. Among the definitions is informed consent, which is used in the rules (particularly in the

conflict of interest area) to ensure that clients are given meaningful disclosures before they are asked to waive

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service programs in which the District Attorney's Office has been involved.

"I decided that, when I [became] district attorney, I would kind of look around and see how a modern prosecutor addresses issues, which for me became matters of public help," Abraham said.

The programs include Urban Genesis, a nonprofit crime prevention program. For two years, the program has partnered with PECO Energy to speak with 7th and 8th graders in the Philadelphia school system about crime prevention, job training and job readiness.

The program also includes the Spirit Awards, in which Urban Genesis funds college scholarships for deserving students, and Tools for Schools, which raises money for school supplies through a partnership with Cigna Foundation.

Another program, Kids Building Bridges, provided a substantial donation to the North Philadelphia YMCA for computers to allow kids to communicate with their suburban counterparts in order to help bridge the culture gap. The D.A.'s Office also recently launched its 12th annual food drive for a variety of nonprofit organizations.

Other recent programs backed by corporate donations include: a booklet helping children get through the often-traumatic experience of going to court; posters and bilingual booklets discussing domestic violence; and a classroom poster promoting multiculturalism.

Abraham also discussed the successes of the Institute for Leadership Education, Advancement, and Development, Inc. (I-LEAD), a Pennsylvania nonprofit leadership training program that she chairs. David Castro is the program's president and chief executive officer.

Additionally, Abraham discussed her office's partner program for Latino families with limited access to medical care, as well as a program created with the help of the Bar Association in which senior lawyer volunteers help elder victims navigate the court system.

Also at the Closing Luncheon, Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Sandra Schultz Newman, the liaison justice to the First Judicial District, discussed the need for a centralized location for Family Court that would be user-friendly for all.

"My goal is to have a Family Court building that will be a new building that will house all areas of Family Court," Justice Newman said. "We have these problems, and it's because of the facility."

Although one prospective building was sold by the city, other locations are under consideration, she said.

Association Chancellor-Elect Andrew



Photo by Jeff Lyons

Bench-Bar Conference Chair Jeffrey M. Lindy (right) meets with Ronald A. Kovler (left), Chair of the Board of Governors, and Chancellor Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua prior to the Saturday morning seminars.



Photo by Mark A. Tarasiewicz

Philadelphia Municipal Court President Judge Louis J. Presentza addresses the Conference.



Photo by Jeff Lyons

Michelle Skalsky and Michael Simon first met at the 1977 Bench-Bar Conference at Atlantic City's Deauville Hotel. The couple was celebrating their 26th wedding anniversary at the Grand Reception at the Bench-Bar on Nov. 5



Photo by Jeff Lyons

Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Administrative Judge James J. Fitzgerald III and his wife Carol meet with Philadelphia Phillies Vice President Michael Stiles (right), the former U.S. Attorney, at the Grand Reception.

A. Chirls has appointed Family Law Section Chair Carolyn M. Zack as the Association's liaison to the Court on the new Family Court location project.

Justice Newman also acknowledged Chancellor Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua's hard work over the past year to establish a separate Commerce Court division of the First Judicial District. If Commerce Court became a separate division, the law mandates that three full-time judges be permanently assigned to it, Justice Newman said. Further research is needed to see if

there would be enough Commerce Court cases to sustain it as "always a working division," she added.

Justice Newman said the First Judicial District has successfully introduced digital recording technology as a means of creating a court record in selected courtrooms in the Criminal Justice Center, and at Family Court locations at 34 S. 11th St. and 1801 Vine St. The District is also engaged in disaster planning initiatives, with Justice Newman serving as chair of the statewide Security Committee.

Technology's Advantages are Explored

by Genna Viozzi

"You can fear it. Or you can embrace it." That's Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice J. Michael Eakin's take on technology and its place in the courtroom. He chooses to embrace it, and encourages other legal professionals to do the same.

The Bench-Bar Conference seminar "Using Trial Technology in a Jury Trial: Learn the Art of PowerPoint, DVD, and Much, Much More!" explored a lawyer's options for bringing evidence to life through the use of modern technology. The CLE program was moderated by course planner Scott P. Sigman, an assistant district attorney for Philadelphia. Panelists included Justice Eakin, Daniel J. Mann, Stephen N. Najarian, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Peter F. Rogers and Daniel S. Weinstock.

Sigman encouraged course attendees who have not yet done so, to check out Courtroom 625 in City Hall, which is considered the model for high-tech courtrooms in Philadelphia; and to begin incorporating the best in cutting-edge technology into their cases.

Judge Rogers said he views understanding technology on the Bench as a prerequisite to being efficient and saving time. In 1999, he developed a database program through which he and his colleagues are able to call up the details of any case, at any time.

While Judge Rogers admits that the program is limited, in that it is a flat program that only collects information, it suits his needs. Through this database, he is able to access all information needed to report to the Sentencing Committee.

He said the program is a way to get many judges away from the days of "writing trial notes on the inside of a manila legal size folder."

There are also countless benefits to technology in front of the bench, the panel stressed.

"The most effective thing you can do with technology in a case is during the cross examination," said Weinstock, who briefly touched on the importance of video testimonials in trial. "When the witness changes his answer on the stand, you can show the jury his video deposition."

All panelists advised attendees to be confident with their ability to properly operate any technology that they are using. The courtroom is not the place for trial and error. Many lawyers hire technology services to ensure the smooth presentation of evidence.

Injury CLE Reviews Changes in Worker's Comp Law

by Genna Viozzi

Panelists at the Bench-Bar seminar "Handling the Personal Injury Case Involving Workers' Compensation Implications" reviewed changes in workers' compensation laws and details of Section rules.

The panelists included experts from every aspect of the legal process.

Sitting on the panel were Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Bureau Judges Martin B. Burman and Pamela Santoro; attorneys Joseph DeRita, Robert J. Mongeluzzi and Andrew K. Touchstone; and insurance adjuster Darren Craine, who represented the insurance companies' view on personal injury claims.

The hot topic of the day was the

relationship between the claimant's attorney and the insurance company. Much was said on the benefit of picking up the phone and calling the insurance contact.

"Communication is key," Craine explained, encouraging cooperation between attorneys and adjusters. "You can get what you need by calling the insurance adjuster and giving them the

information they need."

In the workers' compensation arena, there are judges who will mediate for free, eliminating the need to hire an arbitrator. Many lawyers are unaware of this service and Judge Santoro encouraged them to use this valuable service. More information on the service can be found on the Internet at www.dli.state.pa.us.

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conflicts.

Rule 4.4 says a lawyer must inform a sender that he or she has received an unintentional fax. Reich said the attorney who received the fax is allowed to read the fax or use the information within it.

Wilkinson said Rule 7.3 has been amended so that attorneys are no longer permitted to provide advice or solicit clients using Internet "instant messaging" programs or in Internet chat rooms. Reich said the change was made because clients would be "vulnerable to a powerful lawyer."

Elliott said Rule 2.4 now clearly defines the roles of lawyers as third-party neutrals. Lawyers who serve as mediators and arbitrators must make it clear to unrepresented parties that they are not representing them.

Pichini said clients must now be involved in discussions about fee splitting between attorneys. She said any referral fee must bear a proportion of work done for that fee.

The pro bono service rule has been amended to facilitate pro bono service to a greater degree without mandating that it be done (Rule 6.1).

The panel also indicated that Rule 1.18, dealing with a lawyer's duty to prospective clients, has been published for comment (the comment period has ended). The rule is expected to be adopted soon by the Supreme Court.

Rule 1.8(j) has been revised to prohibit attorneys from having sexual relationships with clients. Reich joked that since the new rule doesn't take effect until 2005, "you can have sex with clients until January. After that, forget it." The only way a sexual relationship is permitted, Reich said, is if it existed prior to representation.

Committee on the Legal Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men

Diversity in the Workplace Stressed

by Lawrence S. Felzer

The importance of diversity in the workplace was the topic of Doug Coblenz, executive vice president of Discovery Communications Inc., as he addressed a recent meeting of the Association's Committee on the Legal Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men.

He also discussed encouraging other law firms to implement practices that encourage hiring and retention of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) employees. Coblenz explained the way to get other law firms your company does business with is through financial pressure. Generally, when shopping for outside counsel, most companies look at fee structure and expertise. He recommended also looking at how law firms value diversity in their workplace. Coblenz said you can get better work out of law firms that value diversity in their workplaces. At his company, he said it is very useful to have people from different backgrounds when the company is working on international projects. A general cultural sensitivity helps a great deal when viewing international content.

When shopping for a law firm, the firm can be asked for their firm profile, including hiring and recruitment practices, publications used for

advertising, domestic partner benefits, the number of LGBT staff and firm sponsorships of nonprofit fundraising events. By asking these questions, the customer is sending the message these factors are important. Coblenz said if the firm doesn't understand the importance of these factors, the process of explaining the importance can be educational.

When retaining a firm, it is important for the customer to enforce what the firm has agreed to do. Coblenz said this can be done by including language with goals in independent contractor agreements and retainer agreements, including audit provisions. He said it is critical to include a written timeline of when the customer wants to see

certain goals met by the law firm. After this agreement is signed, it is important to let the firm know you, as the customer, are checking in with the timeline. It can also be helpful to suggest looking at another law firm as a model of what you are asking. Coblenz also relayed his background and discussed his first jobs after graduation from law school 15 years ago, both in a large firm in New York where he was the only lawyer "out" at the firm, and at a smaller firm where anti-gay jokes were told all the time. Coblenz contrasted this with today's more accepting attitudes.

Lawrence S. Felzer, development coordinator of the SeniorLAW Center, is an associate editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter.

Funding Sought for Halpin Scholarship

Donations are being sought to fund the Sean Halpin Memorial Scholarship, established by the Philadelphia Foundation in memory of the late Reed Smith LLP partner.

This scholarship will be awarded to a student in Philadelphia, with specifics to be announced at a later date. Donations are tax deductible and may be made by mailing a contribution to Philadelphia Foundation, 1234 Market St., Suite 1800, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107. Checks should be made payable to Philadelphia Foundation and indicate on the check memo line "Sean Halpin Scholarship Fund."

Halpin, who died in July, served on the boards of the Center for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights and the AIDS Law Project, and did pro bono work for clients of both of these agencies as well as Philadelphia VIP. He had also been active in the Association's Young Lawyers Division.

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Were You a Part of This Success?

by Edward F. Chacker

Thank you.

It's only two words, but it's strange how difficult it can be for many people to say.

From my vantage point, it seems harder for men than women. Ever see two guys arguing over the check for lunch or dinner as if either one could not afford to pay? I will admit for a long time that was me, but as usual my better half explained to me that sometimes it's not only easier to accept the gesture, but simply the right thing

to do. It does not make me better or more important than the other person. It is simply an acknowledgement that someone wanted to do something for you. It's a nice feeling.

In previous columns I have reported to you the words of appreciation from many of the individuals we have been able to help this year.

Remember Donna, the young girl who was moved from house to house until one of our grantees was able to step in and find her a stable and loving home? Or Rasheed, the grandfather who wanted the right to make

parenting decisions for his grandson?

None of these people had even a moment's hesitation in saying thank-you. Did that make them weaker or less worthy as a person than the individual or organization providing the help?

We have all experienced the feeling of someone offering their gratitude for a job well done. But you will agree that this thank-you – for affecting the future quality of someone's life – is so special it is almost overwhelming. It lights up your body, the joy goes into the brain and just does not stop. It's

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the joy that, on a bad day at the office, you pull up from your memory and remind yourself of why you wanted to be a lawyer.

Deep down we all want to make a

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Bar Foundation's Andrew Hamilton Circle Members

The following is a list of Andrew Hamilton Circle members who are current in their commitment. Members of the circle pledge \$10,000 each, payable over 10 years, to the Foundation's endowment. The Foundation distributes grants annually to more than 30 law-related public interest organizations that assist those in need in Philadelphia.

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Andrew Hamilton Ball: "An Evening in Camelot"



Above left, Andrew Hamilton Ball Co-Chairs Marnie and Alexander Kerr (center) are joined by Leon W. Tucker and Judge Petrese B. Tucker (left) and Jane L. Dalton and Thomas Holly at the Ball on Nov. 13 at the Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue. Above right, Vice Chancellor Alan M. Feldman (left) meets with Morris M. Shuster, Margaret Moy and Chancellor Gabriel L.I. Bevilacqua. At right, Ball Co-Chairs Theresa Italiano and Alexander Giacobetti pose for the camera. At left, Philadelphia Bar Foundation President Edward F. Chacker and his wife, Sheila, take a break from the dance floor to mingle with guests at the Ball. The event raised \$260,000 to help reach the Bar Foundation's goal of funding equal justice for all.

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difference in the lives of others – not just our families but also those who did not get the same breaks we did, or did not do as well with the same opportunities. No matter how you cast it, we are in a position to help.

Unfortunately, no matter how many lawyers provide pro bono services, and how much credit for hours worked our generous law firms give, we always need the professional staffs of the legal services community. These are the 30 providers of direct legal services that we support financially.

At sometime in all my articles you expect me to talk about giving money to the Foundation. Some have argued that I am too concerned about raising money, and I will admit to a passion about the goal of your Bar Foundation: EQUAL JUSTICE FOR ALL.

Maybe it's growing up in the Sixties, seeing the water hoses used on Americans by other Americans simply because of their color. Or seeing hard-working men and women living paycheck to paycheck, preyed upon by

predatory lenders that jeopardize the home these people are trying to preserve for their children.

I can list story after story, many with happy endings, because of your generosity of both time and money. But when all is said and done, the professional legal service worker can do more than any of us, simply because they do it day-in and day-out.

If I gave each of our grantees an opportunity to tell their stories, they would make you cry, and hopefully smile because of a happy resolution by a lawyer. If there is another answer, such as a magic wand held by the politicians, I wish this holiday they would waive it.

On Saturday, Nov. 13, we held the Andrew Hamilton Ball celebrating "An Evening in Camelot." Some 450 people came to celebrate, but not until we held what has become an important part of the Ball: a 15-minute program where we said thank-you to Peggy McCausland for her Herculean work on behalf of children, and a thank-you to the law firm of Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis for its institutional approach to pro bono legal service.

We also had the honor of awarding three Morris M. Shuster fellowships to Sofia Memon of Community Legal Services, Laval Miller-Wilson of the Juvenile Law Center and Margaret Moy of the Defender Association of Philadelphia.

The fellowships assist public interest lawyers who have completed five or more years of service, but continue to face large student loan obligations that threaten their ongoing service as public interest lawyers. It's Morrie's way of saying thank-you for the life he has been able to live because of his profession. The full-page ad in this newspaper reflects the support for the Andrew Hamilton Ball, where we raised \$260,000 net. I have already thanked these firms and individuals, but again I'd like to say THANK YOU. It makes me feel good and I know the grantees want to say thank-you as well.

On the previous page there is a list of those who have committed and lived up to the commitment of being members of the Andrew Hamilton Circle. These men and women pledged \$10,000 over 10 years. This money goes

directly to our endowment, which is currently \$3.8 million. The endowment in turn allows us, under a strict spending policy, to subsidize the money we raise yearly to make grants.

Some two years ago then-president of the Foundation Gerald McHugh came up with a plan to double this fund. We would ask for individual pledges of \$25,000, payable over three years, to build the endowment. It took nine months just to come up with a name for the group: ADVOCATES FOR JUSTICE. This list of those generous and committed lawyers appears above.

Needless to say, membership opportunities are available in both groups. You can wait for my telephone call or simply step forward on your own. You will receive a big thank-you.

Finally, I'd like to extend my thank-you to the Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, Foundation Executive Director Maureen Minge, and to all of you, who support your Bar Foundation in its goal to fund equal justice for all.

Edward F. Chacker, a partner at Gay, Chacker & Mittin, P.C., is president of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation.

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The Public Interest Section will present a free panel program, "Accessing the Media: How to Get Your Message Out," on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at noon at the Association's headquarters, 1101 Market St., in the 11th floor Conference Center. The program is co-sponsored by the Association's Bar-News Media Committee.

Trains on Display at Reading Terminal

Do you have a few minutes before or after a meeting at the Bar Association?

The Reading Terminal Holiday Railroad has been unveiled in the lobby of Reading Terminal Headhouse at 12th and Market Streets.

The huge new railroad display features five train lines running through miniature scenes, including a baseball diamond, circus, mountain ski village and more. The tracks are more than 400 feet in length and are mounted on a waist-high platform that measures 18 by 25 feet.

The display is free and will be open until Jan. 8 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

Panelists will include Harriet Lessy, principal of BuzzCommunications LLC and former *Philadelphia Daily News* reporter; Susan Greenbaum, producer for WHYY 91 FM's "Radio Times"; Yvonne Dennis, city desk editor at the *Philadelphia Daily News*; Jill Chernenkoff, CEO of Chernenkoff Communications and former Fox "Ten O'Clock News" anchor; and Julie Stoiber of *The Philadelphia Inquirer* city desk.

The Public Interest Section is chaired by Karen L. Detamore. The Bar-News Media Committee is chaired by Arline Jolles Lotman.

Though the program is designed for law-related public interest agencies and similar nonprofit groups, all members of the Association are invited to attend.

The event is free. Lunch will be provided for those who have made a reservation in advance. To reserve, send name, firm/company, address and phone number, along with a check for \$7.50 made payable to the Philadelphia Bar Association, to: "Public Interest Section Dec. 14 Media Panel," Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., Philadelphia, PA 19107-2911. For more information, call 215-238-6300.



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Think Classics for Holiday Gifts This Year

by Marc W. Reuben

Recorded entertainment and the Christmas season have undergone the ravages of modernity in large measure. The actual Christmas holiday, as renovated by the Victorians, changed from a day of togetherness to a day of well-presented togetherness in which abundance rejoices and the poorer folk take comfort in religion. The holiday has become a commercialized mess that no amount of faux bonhomie can undo. It is the time of year when those healthy people who normally park in the handicapped spaces feel the need to fake a limp as they walk into the store.

Among those who celebrate this holiday are the retreating few who try to give it some meaning. One look at the populace of the Great Democracy, who think that so long as their leaders repeat the name of the savior with each paragraph it is OK to start questionable wars and sign death warrants, might suggest that the actual import of Christmas is missing in action. Among those who realized the industrialized contamination of the Christmas season was the most notable Victorian writer of them all. In his novella *A Christmas Carol*, Charles Dickens sought to stir the ashes of Christmases past by raking-up

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the tale of old Scrooge, a man warped by greed. The book is still widely available for those parents who actually would read it to their children. In 1951 the British director Brian Desmond Hurst created a film version of the story in which the immortal Alastair Sim played Scrooge. In the United States, the film was renamed "A Christmas Carol" (it was called "Scrooge" in Britain) and this primitive looking black-and-white film is the definitive Christmas movie. It captures perfectly the spirit of Dickens' novella, and the archaic look of everything in the film recreates the early Victorian era in which the story is set.

One of the innovations of the 1951 film was the term "vested interests,"



which was used to describe corporate ownership of individual businesses, as they slipped from the scene in the middle of the 1800s. The term was Dickensian, but was given a larger play in the film to represent the increasingly corporate nature of Christmas in modern times. The notion seems quaint 50 years on, until you look out at the people fighting over parking spaces at Wal-Mart. The eventual reclamation of Scrooge, after the ghosts have convinced him that human comfort is worth more than gold, is handled with the kind of glee that cannot be enhanced by special effects and seems most genuine in old time black and white. The movie is available under numerous labels, including a "colorized" version. Do not buy a color version of this immortal 1951 black-and-white film. There are also other versions of the same story, notably a modern treatment with Bill Murray. There are also lesser quality-films from 1934 (with the English thespian Sir Seymour Hicks recreating a stage play) and 1938 with Reginald Owen and Gene Lockhart in an early Hollywood version, not to mention Mr. Magoo and the Muppets. But it is the primitive nature of the presentation that harkens to earlier times, no special effects, no

Wal-Mart.

Briefly, other Christmas treats can be found in the 1942 film "Holiday Inn," with Crosby and Astaire doing the honors. The film is very light indeed and the score is by Irving Berlin, who thought the big song would be "Be Careful, It's My Heart" Berlin had a throwaway number that Crosby sang in front of a crackling fireplace to Marjorie Reynolds called "White Christmas," in a performance minus the annoying crooning from later versions. The song became an anthem to the boys at war and it has never lost its touching message.

Likewise the film "Meet Me In Saint Louis," the finest of the Judy Garland musicals and one of the best musicals of them all, contains the wonderful "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," in addition to every song that Garland immortalized in that film. An added bonus to the DVD is the soundtrack to a number called "Boys and Girls Like You And Me," which was optioned from Rogers and Hammerstein after they cut it from "Oklahoma." The number was also cut from the film, but the sound of Garland singing, so ravishingly, should make youngsters understand why she was the prime

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A Year of Successful Connections for YLD

by Kim R. Jessum

This is my farewell column as my term as chair of the Young Lawyers Division has come to a close and I am moving onto other pursuits. In looking back at what has been accomplished over the past year, I can only thank the members of the YLD Executive Committee and the many volunteers we have had at our events. I also owe my deepest gratitude to Stephanie Krzywanski and Genna Viozzi of the Philadelphia Bar Association for making all of the programs and events run so flawlessly.

At the beginning of this year, I set forth the idea that I believe the role of the YLD is to take all of its energy and connect it with the broader world so that we might help ourselves and help others. My message for the year was simply: "Get connected."

Throughout my term, I am pleased to say that I have seen so many young



lawyers get connected to other people, larger goals and greater causes. I received many new ideas and new approaches and helped to implement them over the course of the year. I was also excited to meet so many new people interested in the YLD's endeavors. These newly involved lawyers will help shape the future of the YLD and continue to make it successful.

In looking back, our great successes

included new events/programs as well as the many activities that we carry out from year to year. This year, we brought back a formal event for young lawyers to enjoy that also helped raise funds for the Philadelphia Bar Foundation. The black-tie YLD Gala was held in April, and thanks to the extraordinary efforts of Fran Fattah and Kim Chainey, the event was a tremendous success both in terms of attendance and fund-raising. In fact, the event was such a success that the American Bar Association YLD awarded us a second-place Award of Achievement.

We also implemented several programs borrowed from other bar associations across the country. In following the footsteps of the South Carolina young lawyers and with the help of Nicole Gerson, Matt Rosin and VIP, the Wills for Heroes program was established. More than 60 lawyers attended a CLE session in October and now those attendees will help create wills

for foster parents and grandparents. Also in October, Michael Hayes and Matt Rosin implemented a program designed by the ABA for the ABA's National Health Care Decisions Week. This program was used to educate the public about planning for end-of-life health care decisions.

Our annual events and programs included Legal Line PM, Law Week, Mock Trial, Harvest for the Homeless, ZooBooLee and much more. Our People's Law School program is being adopted by the Pennsylvania Bar Association to implement across the state.

In addition, the Board of Governors adopted a resolution presented by the YLD on July 29. This significant resolution encourages new lawyers to become involved in the Association. It waives the first-year membership dues to those lawyers who have been admitted less than one full year.

At the end of December, I will not

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professionals and significant players in the life of the city. We've made vital progress on this and other issues this year. And these are priorities that we will not abandon.

The recent successful Bench-Bar Conference in Atlantic City also pointed out the need to come together, interact in-person, exchange views and, where possible, find common ground. As I planned a year at the helm of this great Association I got the sense that people were thirsting for this type of program where they could learn, grow, and enjoy themselves in a relaxed atmosphere over a somewhat extended period of time. Those who remembered the earlier Bench-Bar Conferences "down the shore" were nostalgic for the event. Younger colleagues who never had a chance to attend were curious about the Conf-

erence. We managed to attract a healthy mix of both groups in a Conference that exceeded all of its targeted goals. Nearly 500 people (including 100 judges) turned out for a new type of Bench-Bar Conference that proved once again just how much we need one another.

And we've also sponsored special free programs (like the Thanksgiving Breakfast and the recent professional responsibility seminar) that also provided CLE credits. We did it in part to get you out of your office so that you could meet old friends and make new ones. If I've helped to bring people together to make the Bar Association relevant to a broader constituency this year, then I can't imagine anything more worthwhile.

And I hope that even with the new Web site we will always remember that this Association started in 1802 with a group of real, live lawyers sitting around a table exchanging views,

ideas, experiences and law books - helping one another personally and professionally.

I will never forget this year, not because of the enormous privilege of speaking on your behalf, but because

of the warmth of your many kind smiles and greetings we exchanged.

Thank you.

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Nominations Sought for YLD Awards

The Young Lawyers Division is seeking nominees for its annual Craig M. Perry Service Award and F. Sean Peretta Service Award. The deadline for nominations is Thursday, Dec. 30.

The Craig M. Perry Service Award is presented to a young lawyer who has devoted substantial time and energy to community-oriented activities, including, but not limited to, pro bono and charity work. Perry was a member of the YLD Executive Committee who suffered an untimely death. He was very involved in community service and was active in working on student-related and other YLD programs.

The F. Sean Peretta Service Award is presented to an individual who has devoted substantial time to an innovative or nontraditional program that serves the community. Peretta, a private practitioner who died suddenly at age 31, was a very involved community activist and a mentor to kids in his home neighborhood. He was regarded by many as an outstanding role model for African-American youth.

Nominations, including a detailed letter explaining the reason for the nomination, should be sent to YLD Awards, c/o Stephanie Krzywanski, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., 11th floor, Philadelphia, PA, 19107.

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be the only one who will be leaving the YLD. Although several Committee members' terms will be ending, seven new members will be elected on Dec. 7. Leaving at the end of December will be Regina Foley, Lisa Getson, Heather Holloway, Mariam Koohdary, and Peter Rozenzweig. These hard-working individuals will be missed.

Although my term on the YLD Executive Committee is now over, I cannot stress how valuable it is to get involved in the YLD. Getting connected to one another, the profession and the world will only benefit you. It is important for young lawyers to bring new energy and new ideas to the Association. For those who are no longer considered young lawyers, young lawyers need your support, encouragement and help in continuing to promote justice, professional excellence and respect for the rule of law.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered over the past year and helped us achieve such success.

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singer of songs in the nation for decades, and well-deserved was her fame. Her voice, so sincere and expressive, understood by all Americans in an age when people were simpler and a lot more decent, reminds us of virtues that did not survive to today.

Among musician offerings it is also not a bad idea to look back to singular voices that carry the memories of Christmases a lot less complicated. The

old RCA company had issued a budget-label recording called "A Golden Age Christmas" in the late 1960s that featured the recording of operatic stars of the early recording-machine era. When records were a new sensation there was an effort to put the greatest performers before the new audiences, and the Victor Company (which was bought by RCA in the 1920s) had the greatest singers yelling into the horns.

Christmas, which has become a secular holiday as much as a religious one, lives as much in memory as it

shrinks in reality. Hearing the scratches on a marvelous old recording that was produced in an era when hearing the reproduced human voice was considered more thrilling than the ownership of yet another compact disc, is a way of reminding us this season that angels should sing and people should rejoice whenever any child is born in this world.

Mark W. Reuben, a sole practitioner, is an advisory editor of the Philadelphia Bar Reporter. He has been writing about the arts and media since 1973.

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Dec. 1	Mergers and Acquisitions in Europe • The CLE Conference Center Employee Discipline & Discharge: Practical Solutions for Effectively Handling Problem Employees • The CLE Conference Center
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Dec. 6	Consumer Protection Law • The CLE Conference Center
Dec. 7	Preparation of Annual Disclosure Documents • The CLE Conference Center
Dec. 7 & 8	8 th Annual Real Estate Institute • Pennsylvania Convention Center
Dec. 8	Proving Damages in Personal Injury & Death Cases • The CLE Conference Center Microsoft Word for the Law Office with Leigh Webber • The CLE Conf. Center Recent Developments in Pa. State and Local Taxes • Four Seasons Hotel
Dec. 9	An Afternoon on Criminal Law • The CLE Conference Center The Business of Representing Physician Group Practices • The CLE Conf. Center Pennsylvania's Rules of Professional Conduct, 2005 — Live via Satellite Franklin Institute Science Museum
Dec. 9 & 10	11 th Annual Estate Law Institute • Pennsylvania Convention Center
Dec. 10	8 Keys to the Art of Persuasion • The CLE Conference Center The Explosion and Evolution of Class Action Law • The CLE Conference Center Setting and Determining Fees • The CLE Conference Center
Dec. 13	Trial Tactics Tips & Techniques 2004 • The CLE Conference Center
Dec. 14	Negotiation: Reaching Agreement on Your Terms • The CLE Conference Center Advising the Elderly in Crisis • The CLE Conference Center
Dec. 15	Entertainers, Athletes & Broadcasters: It's Not All Lights, Camera & Action The CLE Conference Center Who's on First? Lien Priority in Pennsylvania • The CLE Conference Center Employment Law Update — Live via Satellite • Franklin Institute Science Museum
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Dec. 17	Arbitration Practice in Philadelphia County: A Survivor's Guide The CLE Conference Center Police Misconduct and the Defense of Criminal Cases • The CLE Conf. Center
Dec. 21	Ethics Potpourri (choose from): A Man for All Seasons and the Art of Discerning Integrity; Professionalism; PA's Rules of Professional Conduct; Threats and Terror: The Daily Practice of Law; Law Firm Web Sites & Online Marketing Ethical Issues Update; "When Luck Runs Out" • The CLE Conf. Center
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Judge: Nader Petition Fight a Monumental Legal Effort

by Jeff Lyons

Calling it the "nadir of his judicial existence," Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court President Judge James Gardner Colins recalled his court's experiences with the nomination petitions of presidential candidate Ralph Nader at the Nov. 10 meeting of the Bar's Appellate Courts Committee.

"It's amazing how a legal controversy can start as a pebble and turn into an avalanche," Judge Colins said.

Since no political party endorsed him for president, Nader and his running mate, Peter Camejo, filed papers to enter the presidential race as independents. Judge Colins said nearly 26,000 petition signatures were needed

for them to be placed on ballots in the commonwealth.

Judge Colins said the *Silcox* decision requires that names, both signed and printed, appear on the petition exactly the way they do on the voter rolls. The petitions must also include the person's address and county of residence.

"For example, I can't be registered as James Gardner Colins and sign my name as James G. Colins," he said.

The judge said Independents have from February until July to get their petitions signed. Attorneys sympathetic to the campaign of Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry challenged 48,000 signatures on a line-by-line basis, alleging forgeries. Judge Colins said he authorized 11 judges in five



Photo by Jeff Lyons

Appellate Court Committee Co-Chairs Howard J. Bashman (left) and Charles Becker flank Commonwealth Court President Judge James Gardner Colins before their Nov. 11 meeting.

different venues to review the petitions and hold hearings on the challenges.

"The judges worked very long hours because of ballot printing deadlines. We divided the challenges by county and wards within counties," he said.

"Some of the forgers were very good. They picked names out of the phone book and listed addresses on actual streets," Judge Colins said, adding there were a few signatures for

Fred Flintstone and Mickey Mouse.

"If you have the ability to dedicate all the resources of a court, you can accomplish amazing things," he said. "We worked long hours with a court administrator, clerk and administrative assistant. Nothing was more of a team effort than this," he said.

In the end, fewer than 19,000 were deemed valid, well short of the 26,000 needed to get onto the ballot.

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.

Wednesday, Dec. 1

Delivery of Legal Services Committee – meeting, 8:30 a.m., 10th floor Board Room.
State Civil Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: \$7.50.
Minorities in the Profession Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: \$7.50.
Criminal Justice Section Annual Reception – 5 p.m., Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market St. Tickets: \$35 www.philadelphiabar.org.

Thursday, Dec. 2

Environmental Law Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: \$7.50.
Civil Rights Committee – meeting, 12:15 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: \$7.50.
Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee – meeting, 12:15 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: \$7.50.
Philadelphia Bar Reporter Editorial Board – meeting, 12:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 6

Public Interest Section Executive Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.
Family Law Section – meeting, 4 p.m., 10th floor Board Room.
Public Interest Section Annual Reception – 5:30 p.m., Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market St. Tickets: \$20-\$50 www.philadelphiabar.org.

Tuesday, Dec. 7

Annual Meeting Luncheon and Election – 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue, Broad and Walnut streets. Luncheon tickets: \$50. www.philadelphiabar.org.

Wednesday, Dec. 8

Philadelphia Bar Foundation Board of Trustees – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.
Medical Legal Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: \$7.50.
Appellate Courts Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: \$7.50.
Tax Section – Annual Meeting and Dinner, 3 p.m., Four Seasons Hotel, One Logan Square. Tickets: www.philadelphiabar.org.

Thursday, Dec. 9

Lawyer Referral and Information Service Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.
Legislative Liaison Committee – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room South. Lunch: \$7.50.
Committee on the Legal Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room.
Philadelphia Lawyer magazine Editorial Board – Holiday Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Maggiano's.

Friday, Dec. 10

Women's Rights Committee – meeting, 12:15 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: \$7.50.

Tuesday, Dec. 14

Cabinet – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.
Criminal Justice Section Executive Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Committee Room South.
Bar-News Media Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: \$7.50.

Wednesday, Dec. 15

Workers' Compensation Section Executive Committee – meeting, 10:30 a.m., 11th floor Committee Room.
Workers' Compensation Section – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: \$7.50.
Adoption Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Cabinet Room.
Federal Courts Committee – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 10th floor Board Room. Lunch: \$7.50.
Committee on Racial and Gender Bias in the Justice System – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room. Lunch: \$7.50.
LegalLine – 5 p.m., 11th floor LRIS offices.

Thursday, Dec. 16

Family Law Section Executive Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Committee Room South.
Women in the Profession Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: \$7.50.

Friday, Dec. 17

Social Security and Disability Benefits Committee – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: \$7.50.

Monday, Dec. 20

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

Tuesday, Dec. 21

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

Thursday, Dec. 23

Christmas Holiday – Bar Association offices close at 12 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve – Bar Association offices closed.

Tuesday, Dec. 28

Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee – meeting, noon, 10th floor Board Room.
Criminal Justice Section – meeting, noon, 11th floor Conference Center. Lunch: \$7.50.

Wednesday, Dec. 29

Committee on the Legal Rights of Persons with Disabilities – meeting, 12:30 p.m., 11th floor Committee Room.

Friday, Dec. 31

New Year's Eve – Bar Association offices closed.

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PEOPLE



Charisse R. Lillie, a partner at Ballard, Spahr, Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, was honored as a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania on

Oct. 20 at a luncheon at the governor's residence in Harrisburg.



Charles S. Marion, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP, was a speaker at the Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program's First-Year Associates

Day on Oct. 25. He spoke on evictions and other landlord-tenant issues.



Lary I. Zucker, a shareholder with Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, participated in the International Association for the Leisure & Entertainment Industry 2004 Rookies & Newcomers Workshop during its annual conference in Las Vegas in September. He gave a presentation titled "Legal Matters That Matter".



H. Ronald Klasko, managing partner of Klasko, Rulon, Stock & Seltzer, LLP, recently spoke at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute Immigration Law Seminar. His

subject was, "Immigrant Visa Petitions Based on Employment." He also recently addressed the Upstate New York American Immigration Lawyers Association Conference on "Myths of H, L & E Visas."

Charles J. Meyer, a partner with Fox Rothschild LLP, was a panelist for a PBI program titled "Finding Hidden Assets." The program, presented in conjunction with a forensic accountant, explored ways during domestic relations cases to find hidden assets and income using financial documents.

Scott Alan George, an associate with Sheller, Ludwig & Badey, gave a lecture to a Temple University graduate communications class dealing with "Legal Strategies in Communication Management" on Oct. 25.



Lynn R. Axelroth, managing partner of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, spoke at the Fall Meeting of the ABA Forum on the Construction Industry

in Tampa, Fla., on Oct. 21 and 22. Axelroth discussed "Financial Performance Agreements."

Margaret M. Underwood, a shareholder with Jacoby Donner, P.C., presented the seminar "Collections - A Legal Perspective" to the Sheet Metal Contractors Association of Northern New Jersey.

Lynn A. Malinoski and Dianne B. Elderkin, partners at Woodcock Washburn LLP, gave a presentation on "The Claim Construction Conundrum: What's Now and What's to Come After Phillips?" at the Philadelphia Intellectual Property Law Association breakfast meeting on Oct. 12 at the Union League. Malinoski also participated in a panel discussion concerning "Intellectual Property and Regulatory Matters in Biomedical Technology R&D" at the Biomedical Engineering Society Annual Fall Meeting in Philadelphia on Oct. 15.

Lisa R. Jacobs, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP, has been appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Newtown Township, Delaware County, to the Newtown Township Planning Commission for a four-year term.



Christopher Scott D'Angelo, a partner with Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads, LLP, has been appointed to a second term as chairman of the

International Law Committee of the Defense Research Institute.



Barry M. Abelson, chairman of Pepper Hamilton LLP's executive committee, moderated a keynote presentation on initial public offerings at the

2004 Mid-Atlantic Venture Conference on Oct. 27.

Vincent R. McGuinness and Robert M. Caplan, members of Cozen O'Connor, were featured panelists at the 18th Annual Vermont Claims Association Seminar. McGuinness discussed "Comparing and Contrasting Subrogation Claims in the

States and Canada" and Caplan presented on "Joint and Several Liability in New England States."



Stephanie Resnick, a partner with Fox Rothschild LLP, has been elected to membership in the American Law Institute. Members are selected on the basis

of professional achievement and demonstrated interest in the improvement of the law. Resnick has also been selected as one of 25 Women of Distinction by the *Philadelphia Business Journal* and the National Association of Women Business Owners. She was selected based on her commitment to professional excellence and community involvement.



Hope A. Comisky, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP, has been elected vice president of the board of trustees of the Center for Literacy, one of the

nation's largest community-based, nonprofit adult literacy organizations.

Gregory B. Williams, a partner with Fox Rothschild LLP, was recently appointed president of the Villanova University School of Law Minority Alumni Society.

Leon S. Forman, senior counsel with Blank Rome LLP, was awarded the 2004 Excellence in Education Award at the 78th Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges held in October in Nashville, Tenn.

Marc Neff, a sole practitioner, discussed the defense of Internet and computer-based crimes at the Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers' yearly seminar on Oct. 30.



Richard C. DeMarco, an associate with Klehr, Harrison, Harvey, Branzburg & Ellers LLP, was a faculty member at the National Business Institute seminar "Land Use Law in Pennsylvania."

Denis J. Lawler, a partner at Blank Rome LLP, was presented with the Francis X. McClanaghan Award by the Saint Joseph's University Law Alumni Association. The award is presented annually in recognition of past accomplishments and for distinction in the law.

Edward Blumstein, a partner in Mediation Works, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Greater Delaware Valley Section of the Association for Conflict Resolution.

Sunah Park, an associate at Thorp Reed & Armstrong, LLP, appeared on ABC's "Good Morning America" on Nov. 1 on a segment addressing single women and the vote.

Mary S. Kohnke Wagner, an associate with Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin, gave a presentation on recent developments in workers' compensation law at the Pennsylvania Bar Association's Workers' Compensation Law Section annual Fall Section Meeting in September.

Aaron J. Freiwald and Derek R. Layser, founding shareholders of Layser & Freiwald, P.C., have been elected into membership of the American Board of Trial Advocates.



M. Joel Bolstein, a partner with Fox Rothschild LLP, recently was appointed by Pennsylvania Gov. Edward G. Rendell and unanimously

confirmed by the Pennsylvania State Senate to serve a second five-year term on Pennsylvania's Human Relations Commission.

Enid H. Adler, a sole practitioner, spoke about the International Criminal Court (ICC) at the UN Day Forum at the Medford Leas Community in Medford, N.J. She also recently represented the Philadelphia Bar Association at the Third Session of the ICC's Assembly of States Parties held in The Hague, Netherlands.

Michael L. Lovitz, an associate with Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz, LLP, gave a presentation on "Copyrights: The Cinderella Factor" at the 2004 DuPont Intellectual Property Seminar in Wilmington, Del., on Oct. 12.

Names Are News

"People" highlights news of members' awards, honors or appointments of a civic or community nature. Information may be sent to Jeff Lyons, Managing Editor, *Philadelphia Bar Reporter*, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1101 Market St., 11th floor, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107-2911. Fax: (215) 238-1267. E-mail: reporter@philabar.org.

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